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Un-inspected Building Sewer Line Connection OR Reuse of an Abandoned Sewer Line Entrance Requirements

Authority:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Revised Municipal Code (RMC) of the City & County of Denver, Chapter 56, Section 56-41, Purpose (Administrative Authority). And “Utilities”, Article III. ✚ Public Works Rules & Regulations Governing Sewerage Charges and Fees & Management of Wastewater. ✚ Department of Public Works, Wastewater Management Division <i>WMD Standard Details</i>.
Purpose:	The purpose of this document is to summarize the key issues related to reuse of an abandoned or uninspected building sewer line and connection.
Document Date:	October 6, 2008
Customer Interface:	Most communications between the Customer and the City will be done through Public Works Permit Operations (PWPO) and the PWPO Inspectors.

It is the intention of the Department of Public Works that all building sewer lines and connections are installed new for new structures, and reuse of existing building sewer lines and connections is highly discouraged. It is also Public Works intention that all sewer line installed, replaced, cut-off, and/or rerouted must be inspected and water tested by the PWPO Inspector. Applicants should understand that very few applications are approved, as it is in the best interest of current and future property owners to install all new facilities.

Considerations:	<p>Applications will only be considered for building sewer lines, and not main lines.</p> <p>All tapes submitted to PWPO become the property of the Department of Public Works.</p> <p>Unless otherwise requested by property owner <u>and</u> approved by Public Works, reuse will ONLY be granted for the portion of the existing sewer from the public mainline sanitary sewer to the property line. All sewer line from property line to the proposed building must be NEW pipe.</p> <p>If a <i>Sewer Use & Drainage Permit</i> has been issued for the specific property, an <i>Application for Reuse of an Abandoned Building Sewer Line</i> will NOT be accepted.</p> <p>The City and County of Denver is NOT obligated to allow the requested reuse.</p> <p>Property owner agrees to hold the City and County of Denver harmless from any and all claims for damages which may arise from the proposed reuse of an abandoned sewer connection.</p> <p>If authorization is not granted by PWPO, or should a future problem arise associated with reuse of the building sewer, the Property Owner will immediately replace the building sewer line and connection solely at property owner’s expense, under the terms of a <i>Sewer Use and Drainage Permit</i> to be issued by PWPO.</p> <p>Additional terms and conditions for this type of SUDP are summarized in the General Guidelines for Sewer Use & Drainage Permits located at www.denvergov.org/PWPermits.</p>
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<p>Permit Requirements:</p>	<p>REUSE AN UNINSPECTED SEWER</p> <p>Approval from DES Plumbing Inspections must be obtained prior to any submissions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Applicant must submit a letter to PWPO detailing the reason(s) for the requested reuse stating why applicant believes reuse is necessary, or why the sewer was buried without the proper inspection. The letter from the pipeline contractor must acknowledge/explain four things: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How the missed inspection occurred. 2. State that the construction met standard and code for bedding, slope and connections. 3. Acknowledge they understand that all the underground sewer piping outside the building to the connection or outfall point needs to be inspected by the Wastewater plumber. 4. Acknowledge they will notify all of their site superintendent/job foreman of the need for this inspection on all projects in the City and County of Denver. ✚ Proof that the bedding was installed is also required. Either a certification from a Professional Engineer stating that his inspector saw the Class B bedding, photos that can be tied to the jobsite or test holes can act as proof. ✚ Video both sides of the two-way clean-out; backwards to the foundation line and then forwards to the connection point at the main. VHS, DVD's or a CD can be accepted. ✚ Submit the letters, videotape, and attachments A and B (attached to this document) to Public Works Permit Operations. <p>REUSE AN ABANDONED BUILDING SEWER LINE</p> <p>At the minimum, this is a two step application process.</p> <p>Initially, submit the Application and Application Fee (\$100), and wait for an initial review by PWPO and/or Public Works, Development Engineering Services (PWDES). If it is determined by the Department of Public Works that the application potentially can be approved, then submit the video tape as detailed below.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Applicant must submit a letter to PWPO outlining the reasons for this requested reuse detailing reason(s) why applicant believes reuse is necessary. ✚ The sewer line must be video taped (sewer line must be jet cleaned prior to video taping) and a letter written by a properly licensed plumber certifying that the portion of the building sewer line and connection is adequate for reuse. Submit both the letter and videotape with the Application to Reuse an Abandoned Sewer Line and Connection to Public Works Permit Operations ✚ All applications to Reuse an Abandoned Building Sewer Line and Connection must be submitted directly by the property owner. ✚ Any facility that is not in compliance with the standards of the Department of Public Works, Wastewater Management Division will not be approved.
<p>Approval Process:</p>	<p>Once determination has been made regarding sewer line, PWPO will contact Applicant/Property Owner.</p>
<p>Fees:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ An inspection fee of \$55.00 will be charged upon submittal for each video tape review. ✚ All applications being logged in for review require a \$100.00 application fee at the time of submittal, checks made payable to Manager of Finance.

Attachment A



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TO:	Public Works, Development Engineering Services Public Works Permit Operations 2000 West 3 rd Avenue, Room 107 Denver, Colorado 80223
FROM:	
DATE:	
RE:	Application to Reuse an Abandoned Building Sewer Line & Connection or Uninspected Building Sewer Line & Connection (circle whichever one applies)

I, the undersigned, am the owner of the property listed below, as described under the below referenced *Sewer Use and Drainage Permit Application Number*, and hereby request permission to reuse the existing sewer connection and a portion of abandoned and cut-off building sewer line as described in the aforesaid SUDP Application, pursuant to the terms and conditions of the *Reuse an Abandoned Sewer Line & Connection Entrance Requirements*.

To be completed by Property Owner:

Sewer Use & Drainage Permit Application #: (if applicable)	
PROPERTY ADDRESS:	
Print Property Owners Name and Address:	
Daytime Phone:	
Fax Number:	
Signature of Property Owner:	
Date:	

To be completed by Public Works Permit Operations

NOTE: If the justification for reuse as submitted to PWPO property owner is inadequate and does not state why the reuse is necessary, the application will be denied.

Video tape review & inspection: _____ Approved _____ Denied	<i>Approval by:</i>	<i>Date:</i>
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Attachment B

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Hold Harmless Letter To Use An Un-inspected Sanitary Sewer or Abandoned Building Sewer Line & Connection (circle whichever one applies)

I, the undersigned, am the owner of the property at:

as described under Sewer Use & Drainage Permit Application Number _____, and hereby acknowledge that the sewer and connection serving the above described property was improperly installed, in that no inspection by the Department of Public Works was made, as required in the aforementioned permit, and Chapter 56 of the Denver Revised Municipal Code (DRMC). I request that the Department of Public Works allow me to use the uninspected sewer and connection without having to excavate the entire sewer for inspection, as required by the DRMC.

I agree to hold the City and County of Denver harmless from any and all claims for damages which may arise from the proposed use of the improperly installed (i.e., uninspected) sewer and connection.

I have attached a letter, from a properly licensed plumber or drainlayer, certifying that the sewer line and connection were properly installed in accordance with Public Works' requirements, are adequate for use, and have also included a video tape (in VHS format) of the entire uninspected sewer line. It is understood that the Department of Public Works may require that a portion of the uninspected sewer line be dug up for inspection prior to approval of this request. I further understand that the City is in no way obligated to grant this request. I agree that, should this request not be granted, or should a future problem arise associated with the uninspected sewer and/or connection, I will immediately excavate and repair or replace the sewer line and/or connection, as needed, wholly at my own expense, under the terms of a Sewer Use & Drainage Permit to be issued by Public Works Permit Operations.

The sewer line to be video taped must be cleaned (jetted) prior to taping. All tapes submitted to Public Works Permit Operations become the property of the Department of Public Works and will not be returned. An inspection fee of \$55.00 will be charged for each time a video tape is reviewed, and is payable at the time of submittal of the tape.

Submitted by:

Printed Name of Property Owner Date Address City State Zip Daytime Phone Fax Number Email Address (if available)

Signature of Property Owner: _____

PW Approval by: _____ Date: _____ Uninspected Sewer.doc Rev. 05/04/2005