



## **CSRMA Risk Control RECOMMENDED SEWER USE ORDINANCE CONSIDERATIONS**

CSRMA recommends that your Agency review the following and compare against your existing Sewer Use Ordinance requirements:

- A. A Backflow Prevention Device shall be required when:
  - 1. All new construction and side sewer replacements shall be equipped with a cleanout riser equipped with a backflow prevention device (BPD)
  - 2. Where existing buildings have plumbing drain outlets at an elevation that is 12" or less above the ground surface of the next upstream manhole, the property owner shall have and maintain a BPD
  - 3. Change of property title
  - 4. Issuance of all building permits, residential building reports, revocable licenses, and other building-related permits
  - 5. On remodels where plumbing fixtures are added to the property, and/or more than twenty-five percent of the structure area is being remodeled
  - 6. When any replacement or repair is made to the sanitary sewer lateral
  - 7. When property has been damaged by the blockage of the city sanitary sewer main or lateral
  - 8. On all structures where a pump is used to lift sewage to the sanitary sewer lateral and city sanitary sewer main. The backflow relief device shall be located to protect the structure from damage in the event the pump is pumping against a closed backflow prevention device
  - 9. Buildings where the elevation of any floor is at or below the invert of the city sanitary sewer main, or where a condition exist where a plug in the city sanitary sewer main will cause the hydraulic grade line to rise above the lowest floor level.
- B. The responsibility for the operation and maintenance of the building side sewer and its fittings/devices is the property owner's
- C. Failure of the owner to install a backflow prevention device for or as a result of any of the above conditions shall relieve the District of any and all responsibilities for any and all subsequent damage caused by sanitary sewer flooding.
- D. Property owners are responsible for proper installation and maintenance of building and lateral sewers and cleanouts, and for obtaining the necessary construction and encroachment permits.
- E. Property owners are responsible for keeping the 3' radius of the cleanout area clear of vegetation or any obstruction for visibility and easy access.

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