



**PLUM BOROUGH MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY**

**RESOLUTION NO. 01 of 2022**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE PLUM BOROUGH MUNICIPAL  
AUTHORITY ADOPTING A SEWER LATERAL REPAIR POLICY TO  
REPAIR AND REMEDIATE PRIVATE SEWER LATERALS WITHIN  
THE AUTHORITY'S SERVICE AREA.**

**WHEREAS**, the Plum Borough Municipal Authority (hereinafter "the Authority") seeks to eliminate illegal storm water infiltration within its collection system wherever it exists, and to that end, the Authority is enacting a Sewage Lateral Repair Policy that is attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit A.

**NOW THEREFORE**, this sewer lateral repair policy shall become an enforceable Resolution of the Authority and be uniformly implemented wherever a private sewer lateral shall be determined to be in need of private repair.

**SECTION 1:** Any Resolution or part of any Resolution which may be in conflict with the provisions of this Resolution shall be and the same or hereby repealed insofar as the same may conflict with the provisions of this Resolution.

**SECTION 2:** All Resolutions or parts of Resolutions, which are inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 3:** If any sentence, clause, section, or part of this Resolution is for any reason found to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, such unconstitutionality, illegality, or invalidity shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, sentences, clauses, sections or parts of this Resolution. It is hereby declared as the intent of the Authority

that this Resolution would have been adopted had such unconstitutional, illegal or invalid sentence, clause, section or part thereof not been included herein.

**BE IT RESOLVED** this 28th day of April, 2022 by the Plum Borough Municipal Authority.

**ATTEST:**

PLUM BOROUGH MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

  
Secretary

  
Chairman

**Approved as to form:**

  
Robert A. Zurich, Esquire, Solicitor

Plum Borough Municipal Authority  
Sewage Lateral Repair Policy  
April 25, 2022  
NIRA File No. 35-214-96

In the event, a private sewage lateral is found by the Plum Borough Municipal Authority (PBMA) to have a structural defect which allows clear surface water or groundwater to enter the private sewage lateral at a rate viewed as "runner" (1) or "gusher" (1), the owner of the property will be notified of the potential defect

Upon notice by PBMA, the property owner will arrange to televise the entire sewage lateral with a qualified plumbing professional and the PBMA. A copy of the television footage will be provided to PBMA.

CCTV inspections will typically be completed from the building to the main sewer. During the CCTV inspection, the PBMA may utilize water injection into the ground in the vicinity of the sanitary sewer lateral to determine if leakage is present. If in the event leakage is observed coming from under the foundation, the PBMA reserves the right to inspect the sanitary sewer piping under the building floor.

Inspections will, in most cases, be completed by a qualified plumbing professional utilizing CCTV equipment. During the completion of the test, the NAASCO pipe assessment standards will be used to determine pipe defects. Any defects found to have a Level 3 or higher shall be deemed a failure. Multiple Level 2 defects (greater than 2 in number) in a given lateral may also be deemed a failure.

If a failure exists, it is the requirement of the property owner to replace/reline the Lateral Sanitary Sewer at their own expense. Work shall be in accordance with the Allegheny County Plumbing Code and these Rules and Regulations. Inspection of all work shall be completed by Allegheny County and PBMA personnel. Any fees pertaining to these inspections shall be the responsibility of the homeowner. All work must be completed within thirty (30) days of the deemed failure unless a time extension is granted by the PBMA. After the repairs are complete, a re-inspection must be scheduled.

Any person found to be in violation of this Policy shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$300.00 per day. Each day constitutes a separate violation and separate offense.

- (1) A Runner is defined as a continuous water flow into the pipe through a defect, faulty joint or pipe wall. A Gusher is defined as water entering the pipe under pressure through a defect or faulty joint in a pipe.
- (2) There are five (5) classifications of infiltration by NAASCO including: stain, weeper, dripper, runner and gusher.

