



December 2011

Property Owner

Subject: Borough of Ferndale  
Sanitary Sewer Separation Project

Dear Property Owner:

This letter is written in response to a number of questions that property owners have been asking in regard to the sanitary sewer separation project that is expected to begin construction soon. We have included a list of frequently asked questions and are enclosing two (2) drawings that will help you understand what your responsibilities are in the replacement of your sewer lateral.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. How do I know where my lateral connects to the main sewer?

The Borough does not have any information regarding the location of your sanitary sewer connection to the sewer main. You only need to know where your lateral leaves your home and where you want to connect to the new main. If you don't know where your lateral leaves your house, it is recommended that you contact a plumber with line location equipment to determine the location of your lateral. A marking flag will be delivered to your property approximately two (2) weeks prior to the Contractor beginning work in your area for you to mark the location of where you want to connect to the new main line.

2. Do I have the option of relocating my existing sewer lateral to a new location?

Yes, although you are advised to contact a plumber to determine if an alternate location is feasible.

3. Are basement floor drains required to be connected to the new sanitary sewer?

Yes, your floor drains are required to be connected to the new lateral. The floor drains would typically already be connected to the existing line under your basement floor and therefore no additional work would be required. Your connection of the existing building sewer to the new lateral outside the foundation wall as shown on the enclosed drawing will satisfy this requirement.

Any existing piping that collects rainwater or ground water cannot be connected to your new sewer lateral.

4. Do I have to replace my sewer lateral if it was recently replaced?

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You have the option of having the existing lateral air tested in accordance with approved testing practices for gravity sewers and witnessed by the Borough's engineer. If the line fails the air test, the entire lateral must be replaced.

5. I share a common lateral with an adjoining property. Can we continue to share the same piping arrangement?

Yes, although we would highly recommend that you separate your sewer lines. If you decide that you want to continue sharing a lateral you will be required to construct the shared piping in accordance with the enclosed drawing that provides for inspection ports to be installed at the indicated locations. You will also be required to sign a borough document that permits borough forces access to observe flows at the inspection ports and provides for equal responsibility for maintenance and repair of the portion of the lateral that is common to both properties.

6. I own a duplex property, can I continue to utilize a common lateral for both units?

Yes, however you will be required to follow the same arrangements as in item No. 5.

7. Do I have to replace my entire sewer lateral piping including under the basement floor?

No, not at this time. The Borough's position at the present time is that property owners only have to replace the existing lateral piping from the outside face of the building wall to the point of connection to the new sewer line at the property line or easement line as shown on the enclosed drawing.

If you are anticipating making improvements to your basement such as a new floor covering or constructing a family room, etc, it is recommended that you consider replacing the existing piping under the basement floor.

If it is determined that ground water infiltration continues to enter the new sanitary sewer, the Borough will begin a program of monitoring each new lateral inspection port to determine that source of infiltration. If it is found that your lateral shows evidence of ground water, you will be required to correct it which may require you to replace piping under your basement floor that connects to the sanitary sewer lateral.

8. When do I have to replace my lateral?

You will be notified by the Borough when it is time for you to replace your lateral. This will occur sometime after construction of the main line in the street.

9. What kind of pipe do I have to use for my lateral?

The Borough will require the use of PVC pipe for the new lateral. The pipe can be SCH 40 or SDR 35. The pipe will be required to be bedded in stone and will be tested by the property owner and witnessed by the Borough prior to backfilling the line. Testing will consist of a low pressure air test. More information concerning the lateral installation and testing will be sent to the property owners at the time of notification to connect.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Should you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact Ron Walker at 814-322-7415..

Sincerely,  
CJL Engineering

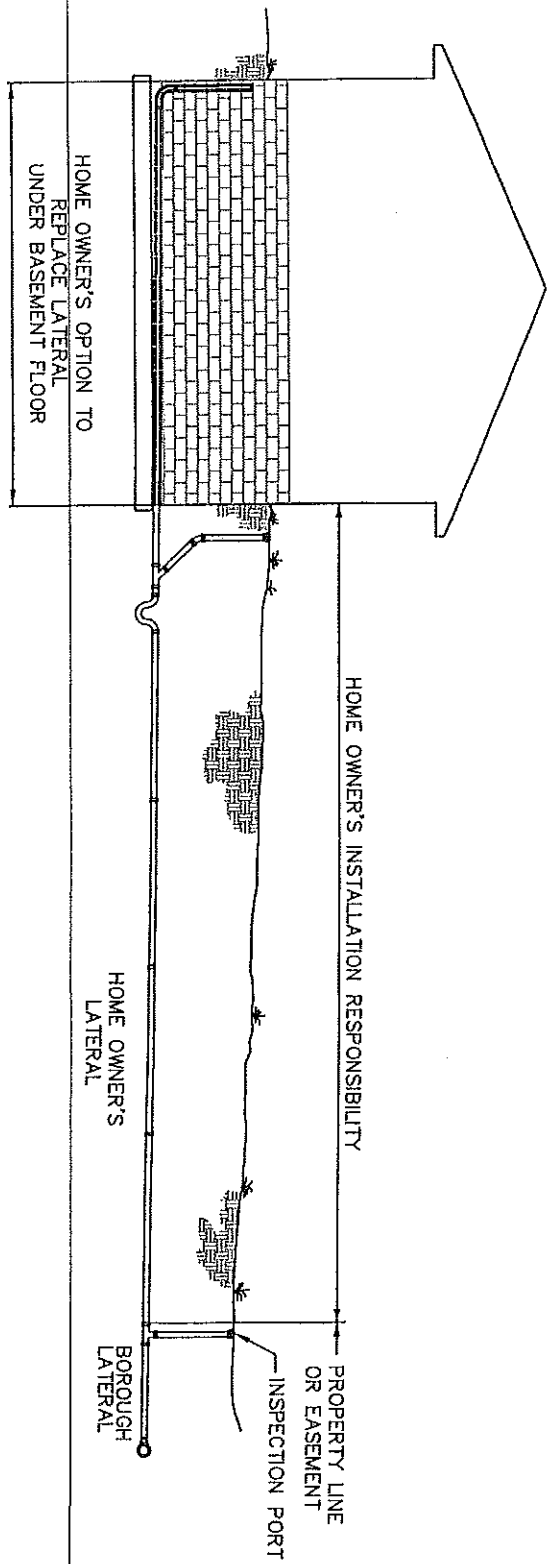


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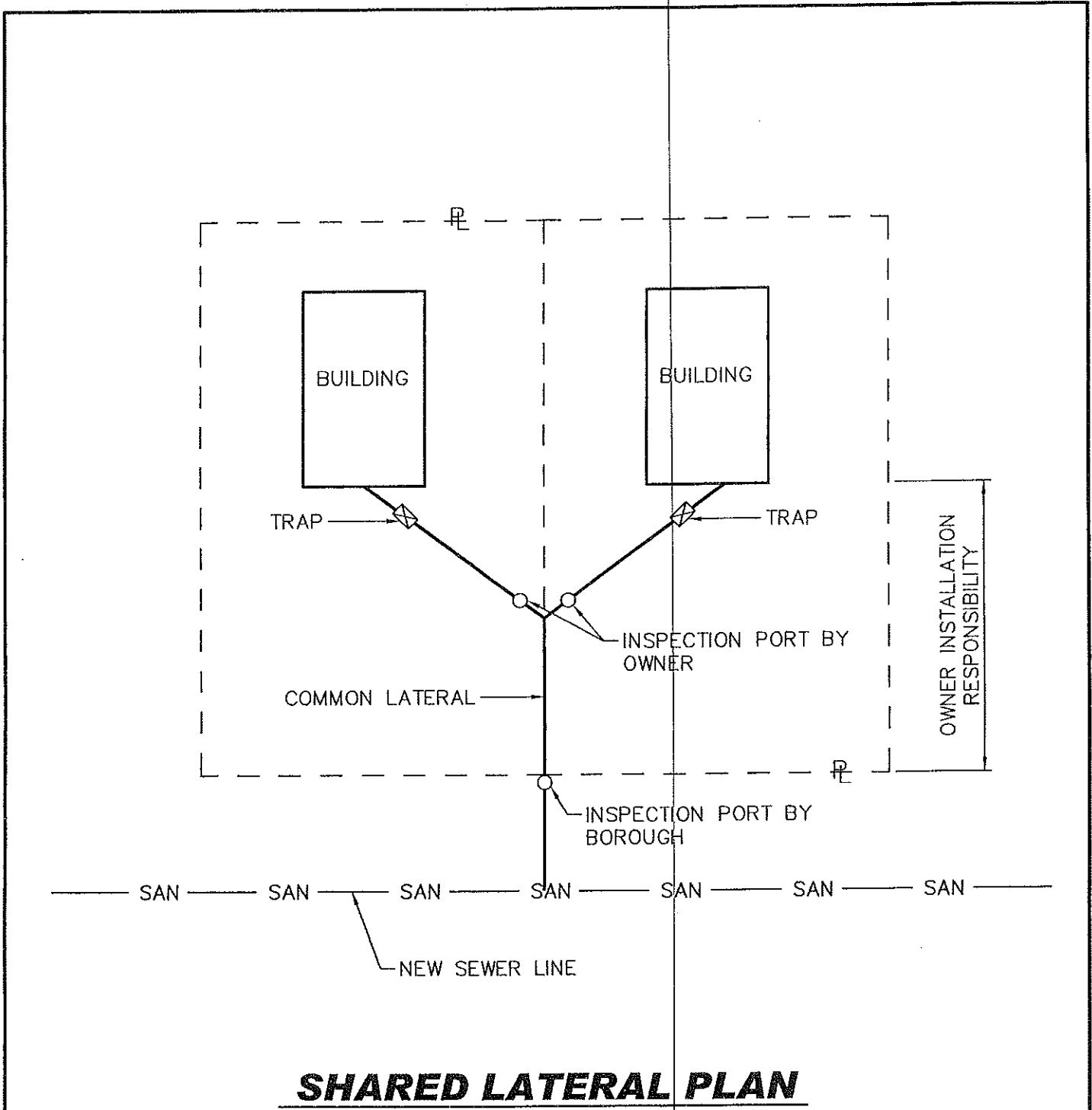
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SEPARATION PROJECT

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# HOME OWNER RESPONSIBILITY



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