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**Overhead Sewer Reimbursement Program
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In order to minimize the likelihood of basement backups the City of Springfield has implemented an Overhead Sewer Program to assist city residents with the cost of plumbing modifications to their homes. This program applies to buildings constructed prior to May 1, 1975.

If you have a gravity service sewer from your basement to the city's sewer and have experienced a backup of water in your basement through a floor drain or other fixtures as a result of capacity issues in the city sewer main, this Overhead Sewer Program may be able to help protect your residence from damage.

The Overhead Sewer Plumbing Modification process involves the disconnection of all drains and fixtures in your basement from your gravity service sewer. This can typically be done by removing a section of your basement floor near the wall where your service sewer exits the basement. If the existing plumbing stack (soil pipe) is not along your basement wall, your first floor plumbing will have to be plumbed over to the basement wall and connected to the service sewer. In this same area, an excavation is made, a section of your house service is removed and a pit with a grinder pump is installed to take water from your basement floor drains and fixtures. A typical plumbing modification detail drawing is included. If you are not sure how your drains and fixtures are connected to your house service, there are several plumbing contractors in the City who have TV equipment that will be able to identify connections.

The City's plumbing modification reimbursement program will reimburse you up to 75% of the cost of the plumbing modification, excluding the cost of any carpentry work that may be required, up to a maximum amount of \$5000.00. An application form is included. Complete Section 1 of the application and submit it to the City Engineer for approval. You will be notified when your application is approved. Approval is dependent upon program funding. Once approved, your plumber can obtain a plumbing permit from the Building and Zoning Department for the pre-construction plumbing inspection. An inspector will review the proposed work with you and your plumber. All work must be completed by a plumber licensed by the State of Illinois. The City will not be able to reimburse you if someone other than a licensed plumber completes the work.

Once you have the work completed, contact the Department of Building and Zoning to make an appointment to have the City plumbing inspector come to your building to make a final inspection of the work to see that it was completed satisfactorily. If the work is approved you can then submit your paid invoice to the City for the reimbursement. The plumbing modification reimbursement program is applicable only for this type of modification. The installation of floor drain plugs, standpipes, or the installation of a backflow preventer are not included in this program.

The City Engineer can be contacted at (217) 789-2255.
Office of Public Works
Room 201, Municipal Center West
Springfield, Illinois 62701

The City Plumbing Inspector can be contacted at (217) 789-2171.
Department of Building and Zoning
Room 304, Municipal Center West
Springfield, Illinois 62701.

Send Applications To:

Mail:

Office of Public Works
Room 201, Municipal Center West
Springfield, Illinois 62701

Email:

public.works@springfield.il.us

Fax:

217-789-2366

**City of Springfield
Overhead Sewer Plumbing Modification Reimbursement
Application Form**

SECTION 1 – Resident to complete and submit to City Engineer prior to performing work.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

Date of Application: _____

Was the building constructed prior to May 1, 1975? Yes No (circle one)

Is the subject building within the City of Springfield? Yes No (circle one)

Are sewer service fees paid to the City for this building? Yes No (circle one)

Have you scheduled a pre-construction plumbing review? Yes No (circle one)

- a) *Call 217-789-2171 to schedule a pre-construction inspection and obtain a plumbing permit before work is started.*
- b) *Call 217-789-2171 to schedule a final inspection after work is completed.*
- c) *Submit paid invoice to the city engineer at the above address.*

SECTION 2 – City to complete

1) Pre-Construction Basement Plumbing Review.

Inspector: _____ Date: _____

Permit Number: _____

Plumbing Contractor: _____

2) Overhead Sewer Plumbing Modification Final Inspection.

Inspector: _____ Date: _____

3) Paid invoice Submitted:

Date: _____ Check No.: _____ Amount: _____

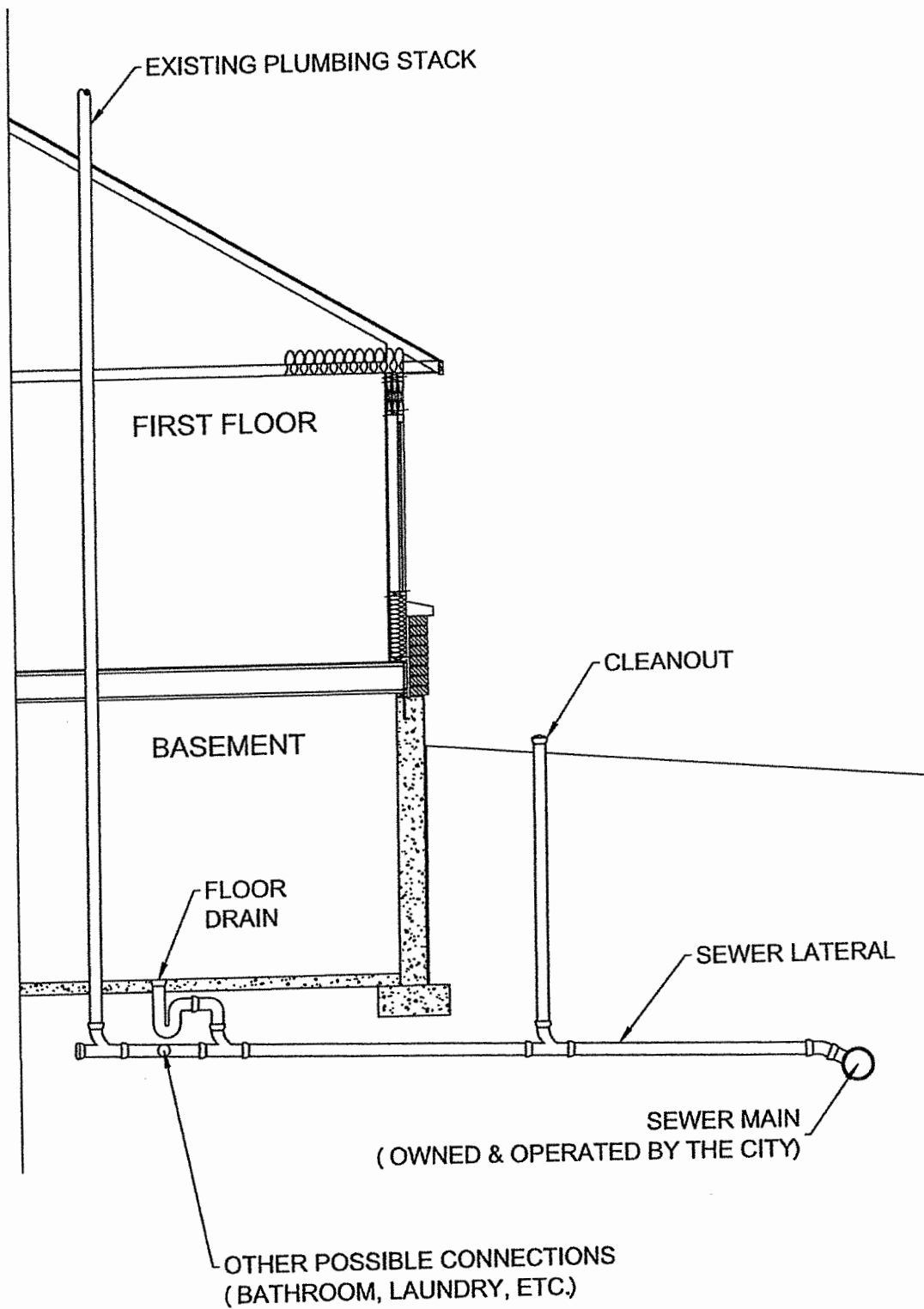
4) City Engineer Approval for Reimbursement.

City Engineer: _____ Date: _____

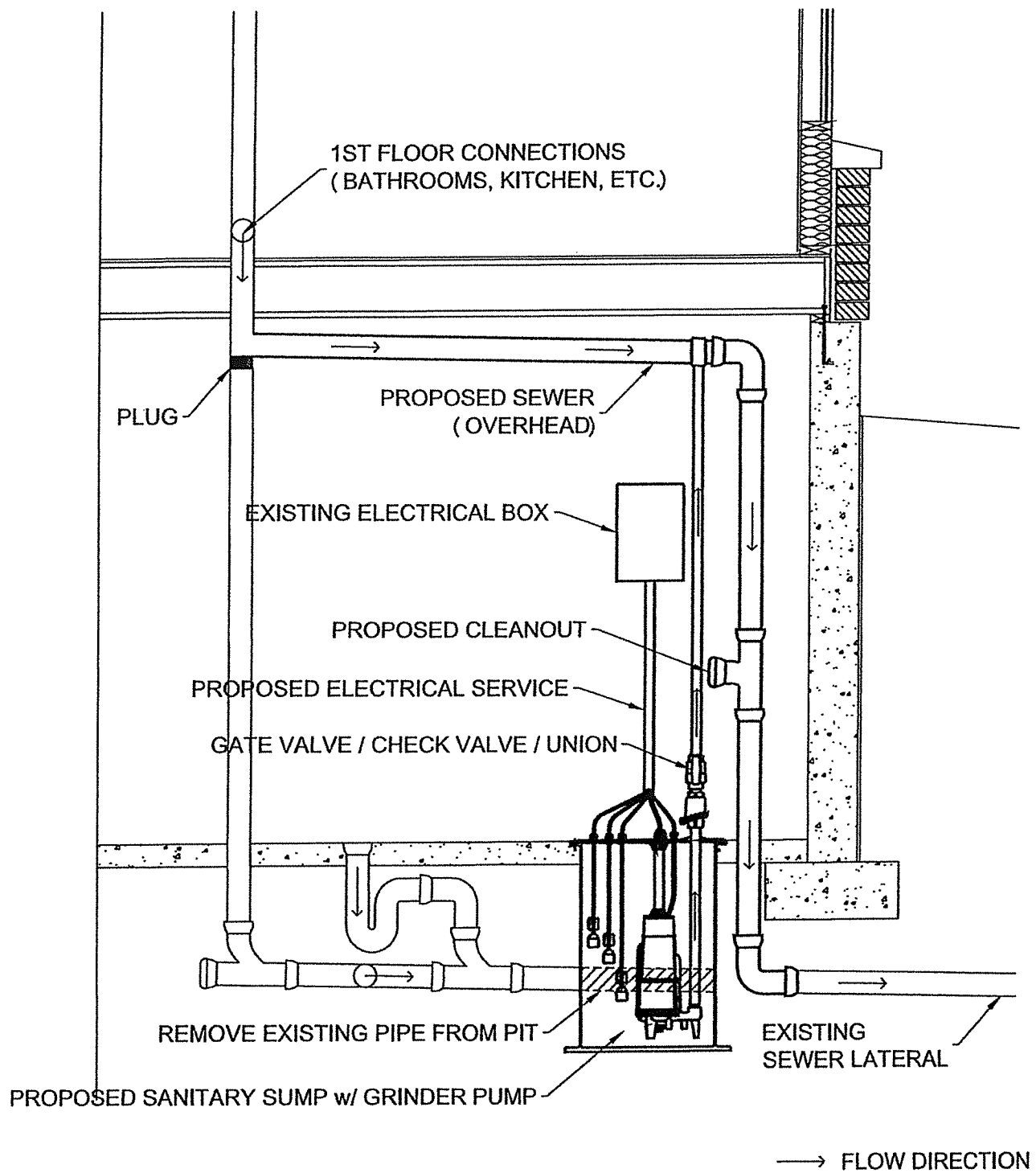
5) Plumbing Modification Reimbursement.

Date: _____ Check No.: _____ Amount: _____

(City to mail completed application form with reimbursement check.)



EXISTING SEWER CONDITION
(TYPICAL DETAIL)



BASEMENT PLUMBING MODIFICATION
(TYPICAL DETAIL)