



**ADDENDUM I**

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AGENDA**

**JULY 21, 2013**

**ADDITION TO AGENDA**

Item 4C. Private Sewers. (*Presentation attachment*)

# Where public meets private



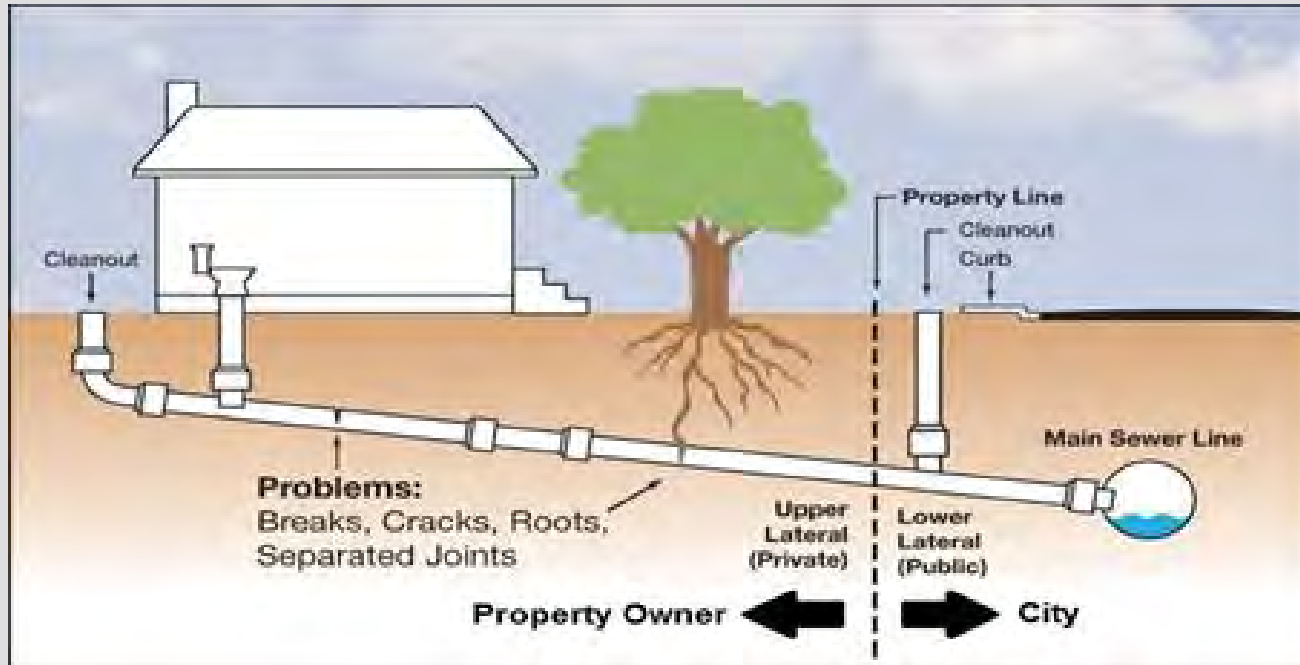
Issues  
regarding  
private  
sewer  
services



## **THE BASIC ISSUE:**

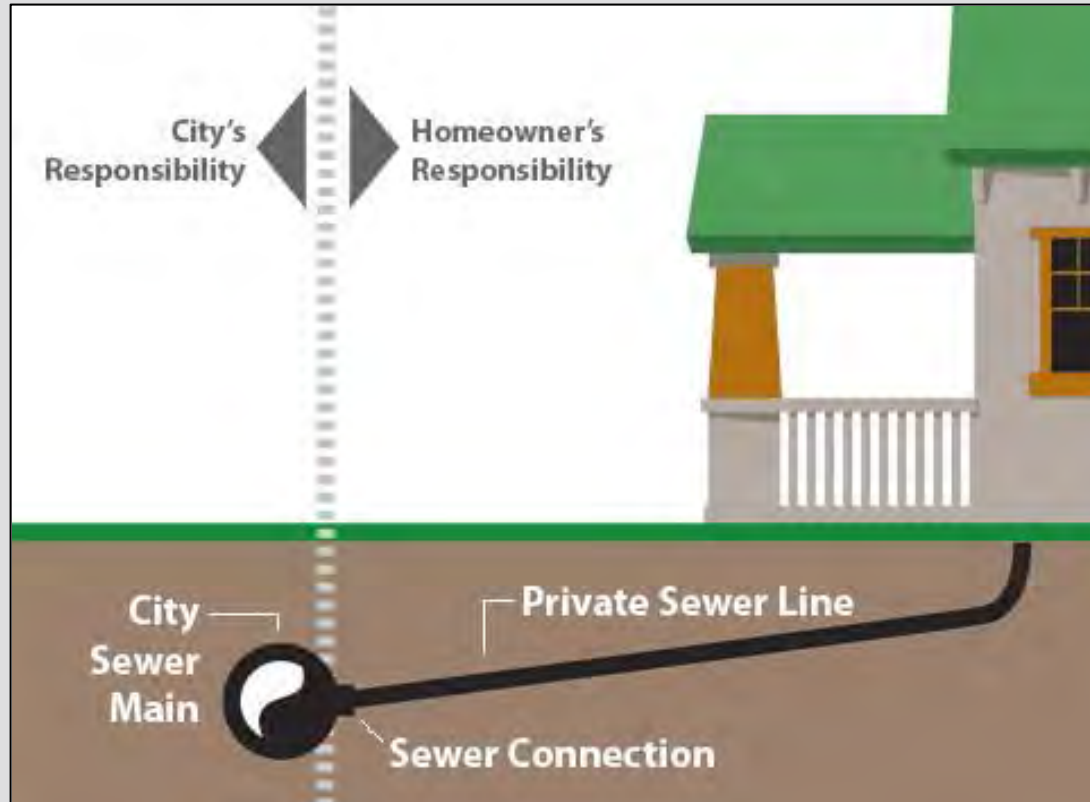
**Sewer pipes that serve homes, businesses and industry eventually connect with the public sewer. Where do private responsibilities end and public responsibilities begin?**

# ONE SCHOOL OF THOUGHT



Public responsibility begins at the City right-of-way

# COMPETING SCHOOL OF THOUGHT



**Private responsibility continues all the way to (and including) the construction to the sewer main**

# RAMIFICATIONS: COSTLY REPAIRS OFTEN TRACE TO BROKEN AND FAULTY CONNECTIONS



# CURRENT PRACTICE

CITY PAYS ABOUT \$200,000 A YEAR FOR PROBLEMS  
TRACED TO PRIVATE SEWER SERVICES



**CURRENTLY: CITY FIXES AND PAYS FOR SEWER FAILURES WHEN THEY IMPACT THE PUBLIC STREET, ALLEY OR SIDEWALK.**





# AMONG ISSUES OUTLINED IN REPORT



Should the property owner pay if his/her sewer service caused the problem?

Is it fair for the community to pay for a problem caused by a private sewer service?  
Is it fair for the City to impose a financial hardship on the property owner?

Does the City “own” the sewer service in the right-of-way?

If the owner pays, does he pick the contractor and, if so, can we be sure of quality and safety?

**The City Code needs to be clarified.**