



City of Fairbank  
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### **IMPORTANT SUMP PUMP INFORMATION NOTICE**

The Iowa DNR requires the city to limit the infiltration of rainwater into the sanitary sewer system.

One of the requirements is to reduce the flow from outside sources such as rainwater infiltration and inflow, sump pump connections, and exterior foundation drains. All eave trough spouts should have extensions which discharge a minimum of six (6) feet from the foundation. The ground around the foundation should also slope away from the house to maximize drainage.

The city personnel have been working to reduce rainwater surface inflow into the sanitary sewer by examining and modifying manhole castings and lids, manhole structures, and diverting storm water at the wastewater treatment plant site. However, we also need the help of Fairbank property owners. Please take a few minutes to check the sump pump to make sure it is working properly and is discharging outside the house.

Listed below are selected portions of Chapter 95 of the City Code of Ordinances pertaining surface water drainage and right of entry:

**\*95.04.2 SURFACE WATER DRAINAGE.** No person shall connect a roof downspout, exterior foundation drain, area drain, sump pump, or other sources of surface water runoff or groundwater to a building sewer or building drain that is connected directly or indirectly to a public sanitary sewer.

**\*95.07 RIGHT OF ENTRY.** The Superintendent and other duly authorized employees of the City bearing proper credentials and identification shall be permitted to enter all properties for the purpose of inspection, observation, measurement, sampling, and testing in accordance with the provisions of these Sanitary Sewer chapters. The Superintendent or representatives shall have no authority to inquire into any processes including metallurgical, chemical, oil, refining, ceramic, paper, or other industries beyond that point having a direct bearing on the kind and source of discharge to the sewers or waterways or facilities for waste treatment.

**\*95.09.1 NOTICE OF VIOLATION.** Any person found to be violating any provision of the chapters except subsections 1, 3, and 4 of Section 95.04, shall be served with written notice stating the nature of the violation and providing a reasonable time limit for satisfactory correction thereof. The offender shall, within the period of time stated, permanently cease all violations.



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**\*95.09.2 CONTINUING VIOLATIONS.** Any person who shall continue any violation beyond the time limit provided for in subsection 1 hereof shall be in violation of the Code of Ordinances. Each day in which any such violation shall be deemed a separate offense.

**\*95.09.3 LIABILITY IMPOSED.** Any person violating any of the provisions of these chapters shall become liable to the City for any expense, loss, or damage occasioned the City by reason of such violation.

If violators are observed in the near future, a fine may be assessed to the property owner. We don't want to have to report a bypass of raw sewage to the Department of Natural Resources, so your cooperation is needed! Direct any questions to Brian Delagardelle at 319-635-2869. Thank you for your help in addressing the problem.