

ORDINANCE NO. A-342

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE CONSTRUCTION, LAYING AND REPAIR OF SANITARY SEWER SYSTEMS, LINES, MAINS AND DRAINS WITHIN THE CITY OF CONWAY, ARKANSAS; REGULATING CONNECTIONS WITH THE SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM OF SAID CITY; REQUIRING A PERMIT THEREFOR; PROVIDING FOR INSPECTION THEREOF; ESTABLISHING RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR CONTROL OF SUCK WORK; CREATING MINIMUM STANDARDS; PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS a unified sewage collection and disposal system is essential to the health and welfare of the citizens of Conway; and

WHEREAS sanitary sewers have in the past been constructed without proper regard for standard methods and future needs of the City as a whole; and

WHEREAS in the past many sewers have been constructed without plans, without central approval, and in many cases without the knowledge of those responsible for the maintenance of the system, and thereby causing much confusion and unnecessary trouble and expense; and

WHEREAS without regulation, incorporation of additional areas within the city limits will result in more substandard construction and further confusion;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CONWAY, ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. No ^{unauthorized} person, firm, corporation or institution shall ^{uncover, make any connections with or opening into use, alter, or disturb any public sewer or appurtenance} construct, re-construct, lay, re-lay, enlarge, extend or repair or attempt so to do, any sewer line, main, or drain which is tied into or connected with the sanitary sewer system of the City of Conway, Arkansas, whether such connection be made immediately upon completion of such work or at some future time, without having first submitted complete plans and specifications therefor to the Sewer Department of said City, and having obtained its approval thereof. Final approval of said plans and specifications shall be withheld until a correct and complete copy thereof shall have ^{been} furnished to said Sewer Department for its permanent files. provided, however, that in the discretion of said Sewer Department plans and specifications may be dispensed with when the sewer line to be constructed is for the purpose of servicing a single house.

In no instance shall departure or deviation from the approved plans and specifications be permitted until such time as written request therefor, setting forth in detail such departure or deviation, shall have been submitted to and approved by said Sewer Department.

SECTION 2. No person, firm, corporation or institution shall make, attempt to make, or cause to be made any connection whatever with the sanitary sewer system of the City of Conway without first notifying the Sewer Department of said City and obtaining a written permit therefor, provided however that this provision shall not be construed as applying to connections for single houses. It is the intention of said Council in enacting this section that it shall not be construed as obviating the necessity of obtaining a permit from the Plumbing Inspector as provided by other ordinances of said City.

SECTION 3. The said Sewer Department is hereby empowered to inspect any and all work done or materials used in constructing, laying, extending or repairing all sewer lines and may in its discretion have an inspector at the site of construction at any and all times.

SECTION 4. Construction shall not be begun upon any such sewer project until the expiration of at 24 hours following notification of intention to so begin. In the event such construction shall be interrupted it shall not be resumed until the Sewer Department shall have been notified of such intention at least 24 hours before construction is to be resumed.

SECTION 5. The Sewer Department is hereby empowered to halt the construction of any sanitary sewer which is to be tied, directly or indirectly, into, and become, immediately upon completion or at any future time, a part of the sanitary sewer system of the City of Conway, or to refuse to permit connection of such sewer onto the city's sewer system, when in its opinion or in the opinion of its duly authorized representative, the work is being done in such a manner, or under such conditions that the resulting sewer line will be substandard or detrimental to the sewer system of the city.

SECTION 6. The Sewer Department, or its duly authorized representative, is hereby empowered to order the removal of any connection made to the sanitary sewer system when such connection was made in violation of any part of this ordinance or rules and regulations promulgated hereunder, or when in its opinion the construction work so connected is detrimental to the Conway Sewer System. In the event such order for the removal of a sewer connection is not complied with the said Sewer Department is hereby empowered to use its own forces to make the disconnection and to collect a reasonable fee therefor.

SECTION 7. The Sewer Department is hereby empowered, and may at its discretion, prepare specifications for the construction of sewer lines that are to be tied, directly or indirectly, into, and become a part of the sewer system of the City, and any deviation from such specifications shall be allowed only at the discretion of the Sewer Department.

SECTION 8. Service laterals smaller than four inches inside diameter shall not be permitted to be connected with any sewer main.

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SECTION 9. Each residence or business building shall have a separate ~~(service lateral)~~ running to the sewer mains of the sewer system, except in instances where local conditions make it impracticable to run a separate service lateral. Before a new residence or business building shall be tied onto an existing ~~(service lateral)~~ or share a ~~(service lateral)~~ with another residence or business building written permission to do so must be obtained from the City Sewer Department.

SECTION 10. Sewer lines, mains or drains which are to become a part of the Conway Sewer system or which are to be connected therewith, directly or indirectly, shall have manholes at intervals of not to exceed 400 feet unless otherwise specifically approved by the Sewer Department. Manholes shall also be placed in the line at each change of gradient, direction of flow or size of pipe. Manholes shall be of standard design not less than 3'6" in diameter at the bottom, complete with steps and 24" ring and cover of standard design and material.

SECTION 11. The pipe used in mains and laterals other than single house services shall be first class vitrified clay sewer pipe. No seconds, rejects or cracked joints shall be allowed, and each length of pipe must be joined to the adjoining length by tightly caulking with oakum and sealed with a hot poured jointing material so as to be free from infiltration and exfiltration. No material shall be used for caulking or filling pipe joints unless and until same shall have been approved by the sewer department. At the discretion of the Conway Sewer Department the use of sewer tile incorporating other methods of jointing will be permitted.

SECTION 12. A standard test for infiltration or exfiltration may be required and lines found to allow an excessive amount of infiltration or exfiltration may, at the discretion of the Sewer Department, or its duly authorized representative, be required to be uncovered and repaired, or replaced. No sewer lines, mains or laterals shall be covered without the approval of the Conway Sewer Department or its duly authorized representative, and any such sewer line covered without such approval may be uncovered at the expense of the person, firm or corporation covering same.

SECTION 13. No sewer pipe, line or drain shall be laid at a depth less than one foot below the surface of the ground unless local conditions require that it be laid at a lesser depth. In all instances in which it is necessary because of local conditions that sewer pipe be laid at a depth less than one foot below the surface of the ground

cast iron pipe only shall be used, except that in those instances wherein the sewer line is laid upon private property, and not under a driveway, vitrified clay pipe may be used when the line is laid at no less depth than six inches below the ground surface, Measurements of depth as set forth in this section shall be made from the top of the pipe as laid.

SECTION 14. Smaller laterals entering manholes must be slightly above the grade of the main sewer in order that these laterals may flow freely,

SECTION 15. In Addition to the specific provisions of this ordinance the Conway Sewer Department is hereby authorized to promulgate such other reasonable rules and regulations as are necessary to secure the proper construction of sewer lines which are to be tied onto and become a part of the Sewer System, Rules and regulations so made shall have the effect of law, become effective upon the filing of a correct copy for permanent record with the City Clerk and one publication in a daily newspaper published in the City of Conway,

SECTION 16. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to make, or cause to be made, any opening into the sanitary sewer system of the City of Conway whereby surface water is allowed to enter the sanitary sewer system. The penalty for violation of this clause shall be not less than \$100.00.

SECTION 17. Wherever the words "Sewer Department" are used it shall mean the agency which operates and maintains the sanitary sewer system for the City of Conway,

SECTION 18, In the event of the destruction, removal or alteration of any building to the extent that any part of the sewer service line serving the building is rendered inactive it shall be the duty of the property owner to advise the Sewer Department so they may make an inspection of the line and if necessary plug up the line so as to prevent the entrance of surface water into the sanitary sewer,

SECTION 19. It is specifically ordained that the terms of this Ordinance shall apply to any changes in sewer lines mains or drains in existence at the time of passage and approval of this Ordinance

SECTION 20. Any person, firm, corporation or institution violating any provision of this Ordinance or violating any rule or regulation properly promulgated hereunder shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined in any sum not less than \$25.00 nor more than \$100.00, or may be imprisoned for any period not exceeding thirty (30) days, or by both such fine and imprisonment, and each day any such violation shall be permitted to exist shall constitute a separate offense and be punished as such.

SECTION 21, In the event any word, clause, phrase, sentence, paragraph, section or any other portion of this ordinance shall be declared to be unconstitutional or for any other reason invalid, it is the intention in adopting this ordinance that the remaining portions thereof would have been adopted without the portion so invalidated,

SECTION 22, This ordinance being necessary for the preservation of the public health, safety and welfare, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication,

PASSED: April 28, 1959.

APPROVED

Edgar B. Tucker
Mayor

ATTEST:

Walter D. Conway
City Clerk