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Sewer Service Companies

Subject: Non-Adherence to City of Sausalito Televised Video Inspection Guidelines

Dear Sewer Service Companies (Contractors):

I am sending my last warning regarding non-adherence to the City of Sausalito Inspection Guidelines.

I have been contacted repeatedly regarding a few of the contractors (who shall remain nameless) that provide sewer lateral inspections. Specifically, please be advised that the attached City of Sausalito Televised Video Inspections Guidelines sections 8 through 12 state:

VERY IMPORTANT:

8. If repairs are evident, the line must be marked and located from the structure foundation to the final termination point at the sanitary sewer in order for repair bids to be secured by the property owner;
9. If comprehensive replacement is a possibility, the lateral should be marked where it leaves the structure foundation then marked and located every 10' or so to the sanitary sewer main.
10. If a spot repair is needed, generally a location 10' upstream, a location at the spot repair and 10' downstream should suffice.
11. When the line is shared in common with other properties, the City will require positive location, and identification of what properties are sharing said line.
12. **Special Note to Property Owners and Sewer Contractors:** Any time a sewer contractor finds roots or an obstruction in the line it would be prudent to proceed (while the contractor is on-site) with the appropriate cleaning application, then finish the televising of said line **before submitting a final sewer video inspection report to the City of Sausalito Sewer System Coordinator (SSC) Patrick A. Guasco.**

Failure to mark and locate sewer laterals in need of repair by the initial sewer service provider will automatically disqualify the associated pipeline repair and/or replacement quote provided by said initial sewer service provider.

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Marking and locating by the initial sewer service provider is a requirement as it enables your clients to retain two more responsive quotes, which in turn, enables your clients to participate in the City of Sausalito Sewer Lateral Grant Reimbursement Program.

I suggest including the cost for taking the time to mark and locate the breaks, step downs, and other sewer infrastructure defects are a best management practice (and required under the City of Sausalito Video Inspection Guidelines) and worthy of reimbursement funds to your client through the City of Sausalito Sewer Lateral Grant Reimbursement Program, if charged to your clients.

As I indicated via electronic mail on August 20th, currently a number of contractors included on the City of Sausalito Sewer Companies List are not following the attached City of Sausalito Video Inspection Guidelines. This will not be tolerated in the immediate future.

Please let me know via email pguasco@ci.sausalito.ca.us or call 415-289-4192 if you have any questions, or if there are problems with the enclosed. Thanks for your cooperation and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
City of Sausalito

Patrick A. Guasco
Sewer System Coordinator