

Notice of Public Hearing

The Public Utility Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, June 22nd, 2026 at 4:15 p.m. (during the regular Council meeting) to receive comments on making an addition to the Chapter 3 Ordinance, Section 3.04, and adding A which would establish homeowner responsibility for sewer service lines. The full Section A is below.

The public hearing will be held at 4:15 on Monday, June 22nd, 2026 in the Council Chambers of Coleraine City Hall located at 302 Roosevelt Street, Coleraine, MN 55722.

A. ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING HOMEOWNER RESPONSIBILITY FOR SEWER SERVICE LINES

I. Purpose

The purpose of this ordinance is to clearly define the responsibility for the maintenance, repair, and replacement of sewer service lines within the municipality to ensure proper operation of the public sewer system and protect public health.

II. Definitions

- **Sewer Service Line:** The privately-owned pipe that conveys wastewater from a building or structure to the municipal sewer main.
- **Municipal Sewer Main:** The publicly owned sewer pipe located within a public right-of-way or easement that collects wastewater from multiple properties.

III. Responsibility

- a) The property owner shall be solely responsible for the maintenance, repair, and replacement of the sewer service line from the structure on the property to the point of connection with the municipal sewer main, including any portion located within a public right-of-way or easement.
- b) The municipality shall be responsible only for the maintenance, repair, and replacement of the municipal sewer main.

IV. Compliance

All repairs or replacements of sewer service lines shall be performed in accordance with applicable municipal codes, permits, and inspection requirements.

V. Enforcement

Failure to maintain the sewer service line in proper working condition may result in enforcement actions, including but not limited to fines, cost recovery for municipal emergency repairs, and legal action as permitted by law.

VI. Effective Date

This ordinance shall take effect following its adoption and publication as required by law.

Upon request, the City will provide reasonable accommodation for persons with disabilities. Such requests should be submitted via e-mail to:

banderson@colerainemn.gov or by phone at 218.245.2112.

Questions can be answered by calling the City Clerk's office @ 218.245.2112.