



September 25, 2000

RE: Sanitary Sewer Inspection of Customer Service Lines

Beginning October 1, 2000, all sanitary sewer services are required to be inspected by the city of Olathe, Utilities Department. Plumbers MUST have each sewer inspection approved prior to final building permit approved by the city of Olathe, Building Codes Department.

Building permits shall be picked up and paid for at the Building Codes Department prior to the installation of sanitary sewer services. The sewer inspection must be set up through the Utilities Department. The Utilities office is located at 1415 S Robinson or can be reached at (913) 971-9311. Inspection times cannot be guaranteed unless prior day notice is given to the inspection. Inspection times will be provided on a first come, first served basis. Without prior day notice, attempts will be made to inspect the services in a timely manner, but will be completed on an "as available" basis. The sewer inspection permit must be signed by a representative of the plumber present at the site during the inspection and also by the Utilities Inspector.

All work will be required to be performed in accordance to the Olathe Municipal Codes and the city of Olathe Standard Technical Specifications. Inspectors will perform inspections within the safety guidelines in accordance with OSHA safety standards. The plumber is responsible to provide an OSHA safe work zone during the inspection. No partial sewer inspections will be approved. A completed sewer inspection will be required prior to Final Building Inspection Approval. When sewer taps are required, the sewer tap inspection and the sewer service line inspection will be provided at the same time. Sewer services within the city limits of the city of Olathe but within Johnson County Sewer District boundaries must be inspected by the Johnson County Sewer District.

The City of Olathe inspection check list will include the following:

- Gravel bedding
- Slope of service line
- Proper connection at building foundation
- Proper connection at the sewer main
- Pipe jointing
- Earth/clay ditch check(***)
- If main is tapped, proof of round hole cut in main and inspection of saddle assembly. Only holes cut with a hole saw will be approved.

(***)The clay ditch check will be an addition to our past procedures and inspections. The ditch check should be located as close to the foundation as reasonable. Ditch checks should be approximately 2-3 feet wide at their widest point. The purpose of the ditch check is to segregate the french drain effect around the perimeter of the foundation from the sewer service ditch. Only one ditch check will be required per sewer connection to the foundation.