

Resolution approving a Sanitary Sewer Utility Backflow Prevention Assistance Program.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, there were reported sewer backups in the vicinity of Fairchild and 28th/29th street during heavy rain events in 2017 and 2018; and

WHEREAS, in-flow and infiltration into the sanitary sewershed above this area, including parts of Shelby, was the suspected cause; and

WHEREAS, the Utility is addressing in-flow and filtration in the City thru sewer lining and replacement and is addressing in-flow and infiltration issues in Shelby thru on-going sewer contract negotiations; and

WHEREAS, a long-term fix to in-flow and infiltration is expensive and could take many years for Shelby and La Crosse to complete; and

WHEREAS, the Utility applied for a State of Wisconsin Section 404-Hazard Mitigation Grant in November of 2018 to address this problem using backflow prevention at homes in this area and was denied; and

WHEREAS, on January 7, 2019 (File #18-1728); the Board of Public Work directed the Utility to develop a Utility funded program to assist impacted residents by installing backflow prevention devices on private sewer laterals in the areas impacted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of La Crosse that it hereby approves the Backflow Prevention Assistance Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that up to \$90,000 is to be paid out of the Sanitary Sewer Utility General Fund to fund the Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Finance and the Utilities Manager are hereby authorized and directed to take all necessary steps to implement this resolution.

I, Teri Lehrke, certify that this resolution was duly and officially adopted by the Common Council of the City of La Crosse on June 13, 2019.



*Teri Lehrke, City Clerk
City of La Crosse, Wisconsin*