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MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Public Works
From: Tina Erickson – Utilities Finance & Compliance Manager
Date: 08/21/2025
Subject: Request for Extension – Separation of Shared Sanitary Lateral
Properties: 1009/1011 King Street and 1003 King Street

The La Crosse Utilities Office identified a non-compliant shared sanitary lateral between 1009/1011 King Street and 1003 King Street during a compliance review triggered by the pending sale of 1003 King Street. The shared sanitary connection, which discharges both properties' flow through 1003 King Street to the sanitary sewer main in 10th Street South, is prohibited under the Policy for Replacement of Private Sanitary Laterals.

Background

The existing condition involves the sanitary lateral for 1009/1011 King Street connecting to 1003 King Street's lateral, then both discharging to the main in 10th Street South.

Pursuant to policy, this condition must be corrected when any affected property is sold, a sewer lateral fails, or a street project is planned.

Because only 1009/1011 King Street requires a new connection, a sewer main extension is not warranted. The required correction is for a new long sanitary lateral along the public right-of-way to be installed and connect directly to the stubbed sanitary sewer in 10th Street South to serve 1009/1011 King Street, fully independent of 1003 King Street. Once the new lateral is installed, the Sewer Utility will cover the cost of pavement replacement within the street right-of-way.

Notifications

Both property owners were notified by phone on May 12, 2025.

Written notice was sent on May 19, 2025, providing notice of the need to separate and requested compliance plan.

Though there has been continuous correspondence, there was still no plan submitted 60 days after the initial notice. Therefore, a second notice was sent on July 18, 2025, giving 20 additional days.

The next step would be a 10-day enforcement notice.

Extension Request

On August 5, 2025, Attorney Darla Krzoska, on behalf of the owners of 1009/1011 King Street, submitted a request for a 60-day extension to allow additional time for the parties to negotiate an agreement regarding the separation and associated financial responsibilities.

I notified the owner of 1003 King Street regarding this extension request on August 18, 2025.

If the Board approves the request, failure for the affected properties to provide the timeline for separation by the deadline approved by the Board would result in continuation of the enforcement process.

Map of affected properties

