

ORDINANCE NO. 161
City of Moose Lake, Minnesota

**AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING PROPERTY OWNER MAINTENANCE OF WATER
AND SEWER SERVICE PIPES**

**THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOOSE LAKE, CARLTON COUNTY,
MINNESOTA, ORDAINS:**

SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of this Ordinance, the following capitalized terms listed in alphabetical order shall have the following meanings:

Owner. The owner is the fee owner of a property which receives any utility service from the City's waterworks system. Owner includes mortgagees which have foreclosed upon a property.

Sewer Service Pipe or Lateral. The pipe that runs from the sewer curb box of the City's sewer line to the home or building on the property.

Water Service Pipe or Lateral. The pipe that runs from the curb box of the City's water main to the home or building on the property.

Waterworks System. Water and sewer transmission pipes, lines, fixtures, meters and all necessary equipment and appurtenances owned or operated by the City utility system for the purpose of providing water and sewer services for public or private use.

SECTION 2. MAINTENANCE OF WATER OR SEWER SERVICE PIPES.

2.1 It shall be the responsibility of the owner to maintain the water service pipes from the water stop or curb box into the house or building, including the water stop or curb box itself. It shall be the responsibility of the owner to maintain the sewer service pipes from the house or building to the sewer main, including the sewer main connection. In the case of failure upon the part of any owner to repair any leak occurring in the water stop or pipe within twenty-four (24) hours after verbal or written notice by the City thereof, the water will be shut off. When the waste of water is great, or when damage is likely to result from the leak, water may be turned off immediately pending repairs.

2.2 It shall be the responsibility of the owner to remedy and repair a frozen water service line from and including the water stop or curb box into the house. The City does not provide any alternative water service in the event of a frozen water service line. Owners are referred to the City's officially adopted "Frozen Water & Sewer Lines Policy" for further information.

2.3 It is the responsibility of the owner to repair any damage to water and sewer service pipes from tree root damage, even in the case of damage caused by boulevard trees, in accordance with Minnesota law.

SECTION 3. Restates Current Law.

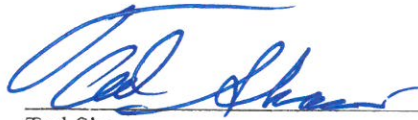
3.1 This Ordinance restates and codifies current law now in effect.

SECTION 4. Effective Date

4.1 This ordinance becomes effective from and after its passage and publication.


Dated: August 10th, 2016.

CITY OF MOOSE LAKE, MINNESOTA



Ted Shaw
Mayor

ATTEST:



Timothy Peterson, City Administrator

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