

**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

An ordinance adding Article 4.5 to Chapter VI of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to establish a sewer repair financial assistance program.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES  
DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. Article 4.5 is added to Chapter VI of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to read as follows:

**ARTICLE 4.5**

**SEWER REPAIR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

**SEC. 64.80. TITLE.**

This article shall be known as the Sewer Repair Financial Assistance Program (SRFAP).

**SEC. 64.80.01. DEFINITIONS.**

**A. Definitions.** For purposes of this article, the following definitions shall apply:

1. **"Board"** shall mean the Board of Public Works of the City of Los Angeles.

2. **"Closed Circuit Television" or "CCTV"** shall mean the practice of inserting a video camera into a section of sewer pipe or structures to determine the structural condition of a sewer pipe, including Sewer Lateral.

3. **"Director"** shall mean the Director of the Bureau of Sanitation of the Department of Public Works of the City of Los Angeles or the duly authorized representative thereof.

4. **"Owner"** shall mean the legal owner(s) of a premises, except when the legal owner is the holder of a mortgage, note or other such security, in which case the **"owner"** shall be deemed to be the beneficial owner of the premises with the responsibility for paying property taxes.

5. **"Premises"** shall mean one or more contiguous parcels of real property under one ownership.

6. **"Public Sewer System"** shall mean, collectively, all of the facilities involved in the operation of the sewage collection, treatment, and disposal system of the City of Los Angeles or any other public agencies, including land, sewers and appurtenances, pumping stations, treatment works, and equipment.

7. **"Sewer Lateral"** shall mean any sewer pipe line, or portion thereof, connecting, or proposed to connect, any Premises or part of a Premises with any Public Sewer System.

8. **"Sewer Service Charge"** shall mean the charge for the receiving, transportation, pumping treatment, and/or disposal of sewage through the sewer system set forth in Article 4.1.

#### **SEC. 64.80.02. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.**

A. The Sewer Repair Financial Assistance Program (SRFAP) is hereby allocated one half of 1 percent (0.5%) of the Sewer Service Charge rate adjustments for a period from April 6, 2012, to June 30, 2016. SRFAP is a rebate program offered to property owners for CCTV inspection to determine Sewer Lateral condition and for Sewer Lateral repair/replacement.

B. The Board of Public Works shall provide such rules and regulations to administer the SRFAP as are consistent with the provisions of this article and as may be necessary to aid in the administration of the SRFAP.

#### **SEC. 64.80.03. APPLICATION.**

A. The SRFAP will be available for Premises that are billed Sewer Service Charges and provided with wastewater service by the Bureau of Sanitation.

B. The SRFAP will not be available for:

1. Sewer connections associated with the new construction of buildings.

2. Premises that are not within the jurisdiction of the City of Los Angeles, except for those premises that are billed Sewer Service Charges by and receive wastewater service from the Bureau of Sanitation.

3. Premises connected to a sewer maintained by another jurisdiction, such as the Los Angeles County Sanitation District.

4. Owners whose accounts for any Bureau of Sanitation charges are more than 60 days in arrears.

C. The Owner (not the tenant) must submit an application for participating in the SRFAP and remain the responsible party.

D. An application for financial assistance shall comply with rules and regulations and contain sufficient information for the Bureau of Sanitation to determine the eligibility of the Owner to participate in the program.

E. The Bureau of Sanitation shall be authorized to examine all records necessary for the purpose of evaluating the Owners' eligibility for the SRFAP.

F. Pursuant to the process specified in the rules and regulations, an Owner may make an appeal if determined to be ineligible for SRFAP.

#### **SEC. 64.80.04. TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS.**

A. The City shall reimburse up to 100% of the amount, defined in the rules and regulations, for CCTV inspection and for Sewer Lateral repair/replacement up to established SRFAP limits at the end of satisfactory completion of work.

B. The City shall be authorized to review any documents related to Sewer Lateral repair and perform inspections to determine the satisfactory completion of work.

C. Payments shall be issued by the City to the Owner.

#### **SEC. 64.80.05. DISPOSITION OF FUNDS.**

A. The SRFAP will continue until all funds allocated for the program are exhausted or the SRFAP is discontinued.

B. If the SRFAP is discontinued, all funds associated with the SRFAP shall remain in the Sewer Construction and Maintenance Fund and be subject to the provisions of Section 64.19.2.

Sec. 2. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance and have it published in accordance with Council policy, either in a daily newspaper circulated in the City of Los Angeles or by posting for ten days in three public places in the City of Los Angeles: one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall; one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall East; and one copy on the bulletin board located at the Temple Street entrance to the Los Angeles County Hall of Records.

Approved as to Form and Legality

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The Clerk of the City of Los Angeles hereby certifies that the foregoing ordinance was passed by the Council of the City of Los Angeles.

CITY CLERK

MAYOR

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Ordinance Passed \_\_\_\_\_

Approved \_\_\_\_\_