

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING QUALIFYING CRITERIA AND A GRANT PROGRAM TO FUND BASEMENT FLOODING PROTECTION IMPROVEMENTS

WHEREAS, the City of Albany owns and operates a wastewater utility; and

WHEREAS, the City Council establishes policies for operation and maintenance of the wastewater system; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to protect the public health and welfare by assisting property owners to minimize their risk of basement flooding due to sanitary sewer surcharges; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to establish a basement flooding grant program for properties meeting certain criteria.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a grant may be made available to partially reimburse qualifying property owners for improvements needed to protect their property from future basement flooding. The following conditions must be satisfied to qualify for a basement flooding protection grant:

1. The property owner must demonstrate to the Public Works Director's satisfaction that the property was connected to the public sanitary sewer system prior to January 1, 1999.
2. The property owner must demonstrate to the Public Works Director's satisfaction that a minimum of three instances of flooding damage due to surcharges of the sanitary sewer system have occurred during the ten-year period preceding the date of the grant application.
3. The property must have disconnected all roof, area, and other storm water connections to the sanitary sewer system, installed a backflow prevention valve, and taken any other measures which, in the Public Works Director's judgement, are less expensive than installation of an ejector pump and new service lateral to protect the property from flooding damage.
4. All plumbing work completed to mitigate flooding damage, including service lateral repairs, installation of a backflow prevention valve, and disconnection of storm drain connections shall meet the requirements of the State Plumbing Specialty Code in force at the time of the application.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that subject to prior application and approval, basement flooding protection grants shall not exceed \$4,500.00 per property and that grant funds may be made available in accordance with the following schedule:

<u>Approved Expenses</u>	<u>Grant Participation</u>	<u>Property Owner Participation</u>
Up to \$3,000	75%	25%
\$3,001 to \$6,000	50%	50%
\$6,001 to \$9,000	25%	75%
Greater than \$9,000	None	100%

DATED THIS 13TH DAY OF OCTOBER 1999.

  
 Mayor

ATTEST:

  
 City Clerk Recorder