



Detroit Water and Sewerage Department
6425 Huber Street
Detroit, MI 48211

SEWER SERVICE STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING

DIRECTION TO INSPECT PUBLIC SEWERS PRIOR TO EXCAVATING IN PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAYS

Contractor is required to read this entire notice. Contractor's signature indicates concurrence with this entire notice.

Due to basement flooding complaints against the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD) resulting from blocked public sewers, all Contractors are herein required to take action as follows:

1. Prior to commencing work in the public right-of-way for the purpose of service connections, the Contractor is herein required to visually inspect the upstream manhole to determine flow conditions in the public sewer system (the public right-of-way is classified as an alley, an easement, or a street).
2. Furthermore, if requested by DWSD, the Contractor is herein required to inspect the condition of the sewer line. CCTV documentation of the sewer condition shall be recorded and submitted to DWSD.
3. If the public sewer is sluggish, not flowing, showing signs of poor flow characteristics, or in any other way damaged, DWSD's Maintenance Division (through the Sewer Permit Inspector) should be notified immediately. Upon proper and timely notification, DWSD will respond to the site as expeditiously as possible and clean and/or repair the public line.

If the Contractor fails to properly carry out the sewer inspection request as directed herein and if the public sewer is found to be blocked after the work has commenced, this non-action by the Contractor will result in total sewer cleaning by DWSD to remove any blockages deemed to be caused by the Contractor's operations.

Please be further informed that all cost related to cleaning the public sewer by DWSD will be billed to the Contractor's company. In addition, the Board of Water Commissioners will recommend and pursue a course of action toward revoking the approved Contractor's City Registration if said charges are not paid to the Department. Further, when an excessive number of such incidences occur (3 to 4 per year) as a result of the Contractor's work, the Board will also recommend that the Contractor's City Registration be revoked. All claims of flooded basements filed against DWSD resulting from the Contractor's work will be passed on to the Contractor and their insurance carrier.

DWSD prohibits the use of heavy construction equipment or the storage of building material directly over or near DWSD assets. DWSD also prohibits the use of cranes and balls or hydraulic rams for pavement removal where DWSD assets are involved. If the water main and/or sewer assets/infrastructure/facilities are broken or damaged as a result of any action as part of this construction activity related to the Contractor's work, the Contractor shall be held liable for any and all costs incidental to the repair of such broken or damaged water main and/or sewer assets/infrastructure.

Contractor's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Contractor's Name: _____

Registration Number: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Service Address: _____