



**FOOTING DRAIN DISCONNECTION
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GRANT POLICY**

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GRANT FOR REMOVAL. Any sanitary sewer system customer completing the disconnection of a footing drain from the sanitary sewer system shall be entitled to a financial assistance grant from the City by means of a tiered reimbursement system according to availability of public storm sewer system, public footing drain collection system, and funding.

1. Tier One is a grant amount not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) of actual costs incurred for said removal for the sanitary sewer customer under the following conditions:
 - A. The sanitary sewer customer installs the sump pump system and discharges the system onto the yard within the property. This financial assistance grant tier is available to sanitary sewer customers upon application to the City and availability of funding.
 - B. At which time the City completes a public footing drain collection system and provides a discharge service stub to the property, the sanitary sewer customer is required to install the sump pump system and connect into the public footing drain collection system.
2. Tier Two is a grant amount not to exceed one thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00) of actual costs incurred for said removal if the sanitary sewer customer installs a sump pump system and connection into an approved public storm sewer system that is located adjacent to the property and on the same side of a paved street as said property.
3. Tier Three is a grant amount not to exceed one thousand eight hundred dollars (\$2,800.00) of actual costs incurred for said removal if the sanitary sewer customer installs a sump pump system and connects into an approved public storm sewer system that is adjacent to the property but is located on the opposite side of a paved street as said property requiring directional boring of the discharge line under the street.

Financial assistance grant shall be subject to compliance with an approved removal procedure. Such payment shall be subject to the submittal of invoices with proof of payment, vouchers and documentation clearly establishing the costs incurred. In some cases, the City will accept an unpaid invoice if a Footing Drain Disconnection Program Grant Fund Release Form is signed to allow the City to directly send the grant amount to the contractor that performed the work. If the property owner undertakes some portion of the labor for the approved removal procedure, the property owner may request reimbursement of not more than ten (10) hours labor at a rate of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per hour as a portion of the financial assistance grant previously described. To qualify for the financial assistance grant, the approved removal procedure must be

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completed after August 1, 2010 and the sanitary sewer system customer must make written application to the City for the financial assistance within one-hundred and eighty (180) days after the date of notification to install the sump pump.

REMOVAL OF PROPERTIES NOT NOTIFIED. Based upon available funding, any sanitary sewer customer not notified to install a sump pump shall be entitled to the financial assistance grant for removal if the customer applies for removal and completes approved removal procedure.

APPROVED REMOVAL PROCEDURE. The approved removal procedure of a direct or indirect footing drain connection to the sanitary sewer system for purposes of the financial assistance grant must fully comply with the following:

1. **Prior Inspection.** Prior to any work on the removal or disconnection of the footing drain connection, the existing connection must be inspected by the City. The sanitary sewer system customer shall be responsible to obtain a plumbing permit and schedule the inspection.
2. **Approved System.** An approved system for the removal of footing drain connections must be used. The approved system shall meet the provisions as outlined in Chapter 157 of the Altoona Municipal Code and discharge to an approved storm sewer connection, footing drain collection connection, or yard location.
3. **Plugging of Existing Connection.** Any direct or indirect connection between the footing drain and the sanitary sewer system of the building shall be permanently plugged in accordance with the adopted Plumbing Code.
4. **Construction Inspection.** Upon installation of the sump pump pit, sump pump, and plumbing connections; and prior to installation of the concrete floor, the sanitary sewer customer shall be responsible to schedule a City inspection of the completed work.
5. **Floor Drain Connection Prohibited.** The new system shall be installed in such a manner that direct or indirect flow from the footing drain to a floor drain shall not be possible.
6. **Post-Construction Inspection.** The installation of the sump pump and associated facilities work shall be inspected by the City. The sanitary sewer customer shall be responsible to schedule the post-construction inspection.

CONDITIONS OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GRANT. Any sanitary sewer customer requesting the financial assistance grant must be the owner of the property and as a condition of the grant must agree in writing to the following:

1. **Inspection.** The City, on reasonable notice, may inspect the footing drain connection at any time.
2. **Maintenance and Repair.** The property owner shall maintain the sump pump system and timely complete any repairs or replacement of the sump pump system.

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3. Discharge Modifications Prohibited. The property owner shall agree not to modify the sump pump discharge in any manner that would directly or indirectly contribute footing drain flow to the sanitary sewer system.

4. Non-Compliance Charge for Footing Drain Connection. The property owner shall agree to be subject to the non-compliance charge regarding the user fee for footing drain connection in the event the property owner fails to repair or replace the sump pump or to cure any other prohibited modifications of the system within thirty (30) days following notice by the City.

5. Agreement Runs with the Land. The property owner shall agree that the agreement shall run with the land and such agreement may be recorded by the City in the office of the Polk County Recorder.