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Builders & Plumbers,

It has come to the city's attention that dirt/rock/debris has been entering the sanitary sewer system and has caused sewer backups in the new housing developments. This debris is entering the sewer line when contractors open the sanitary sewer stub for a new home, allowing this debris mixed with ground water to drain out, prior to connecting the building sewer. This is a violation of state adopted Uniform Plumbing Code (Sections: 714.1, 714.2, 1101.3).

When a contractor has called for locates and is cleared to dig, a sump pit may need to be dug to pump this ground water away from the connection area. The contractor will need to have this dug & pumped prior to inspection of this sewer connection. **The city (V&K) MUST BE PRESENT prior to the opening of this sanitary sewer stub.**

This is not something to be taken lightly, as there has been recent damage to other basements in the area due to the debris that has been allowed to enter the sanitary sewer system.

Failure to comply will result in fines or possibly barred from doing work in Bondurant.

Applicable Code Sections:

2021 UPC State of Iowa Plumbing Code

Iowa Code 641-25.2(105) APPLICABILITY. The provisions of the Uniform Plumbing Code, as adopted and amended by this chapter, are applicable to the plumbing in buildings or on premises in Iowa. Local jurisdictions may not adopt other plumbing codes. Local jurisdictions may adopt additional amendments provided they are stricter than the Uniform Plumbing Code as amended by this chapter.

714.1 UNLAWFUL PRACTICES. It shall be unlawful for a person to deposit, by means whatsoever, into a plumbing fixture, floor drain, interceptor, sump, receptor, or device which is connected to a drainage system, public sewer, private sewer, septic tank, or cesspool, ashes; cinders; solids; rags; flammable, poisonous, or explosive liquids or gases; oils; grease; and whatsoever that is capable of causing damage to the public sewer, private sewer, or private sewer disposal system.



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714.2 PROHIBITED WATER DISCHARGE. No rain, surface, or subsurface water shall be connected to or discharged into a drainage system unless first approved by the Authority Having Jurisdiction.

1101.3 STORM WATER DRAINAGE TO SANITARY SEWER PROHIBITED. Storm water shall not be drained into sewers intended for sanitary drainage.

2015 International Residential Code

R113.4 VIOLATION PENALTIES.

Any person who violates a provision of this code or fails to comply with any of the requirements thereof or who erects, constructs, alters or repairs a building or structure in violation of the approved construction documents or directive of the building official, or of a permit or certificate issued under the provisions of this code, shall be subject to penalties as prescribed by law.

If you have any questions regarding this notice, please feel free to call.

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