

§ 2-6E-6 SEWER SERVICE CHARGES INSIDE CITY; BILLING

(E) *Capital improvement and replacement account; voluntary improvement.*

(1) There shall be created an account within the Enid Municipal Authority entitled the sanitary sewer system capital improvement and replacement account (hereinafter “account”) wherein the \$1.96 per charging unit minimum, plus \$2.87 per 1,000 gallons after first 1,000 gallons from the sanitary sewer rate segregated for this purpose shall accrue. An amount equal to all revenue derived from this fee shall be monthly computed and transferred to such account, subject to the covenants contained in the Enid Municipal Authority bond indentures, which covenants include the duty to pay the debt service attributable to the Enid Municipal Authority bonds previously issued and any requirement contained in such indentures; provided that such revenue shall first be deposited in certain indentured funds and accounts. All monies contained in the account shall be expended solely for sanitary sewer system capital improvement projects, except as provided hereinbelow.

(2) For the purpose of addressing public health and safety, the monies contained in the account may be used to assist customers who wish to voluntarily install a backflow prevention system on their private property to alleviate the occurrence of sanitary sewer backups.

(3) *Voluntary improvements.* Customers that desire to make improvements by voluntarily installing a backflow prevention system on their private property to alleviate the occurrence of sanitary sewer backups may apply to the City for financial assistance through the account. The following regulations shall apply to such application.

(a) Applications shall be filed as a part of the permit approval process through the City Code department and shall contain all information as required. Systems installed shall include a manual shutoff valve and/or a sump pump. The customer shall provide the invoice for the cost of the installation of the backflow prevention system, and which invoice shall further show that such work has been performed, including that the installation and inspection is complete.

(b) Reimbursement shall be paid to the plumber identified on the invoice at one hundred percent (100%) of the actual cost of installation of a backflow prevention system, but shall not exceed the maximum amount of \$1,000 per installation. Such funds shall be allocated on a first come, first serve basis, and no additional city or authority funds shall be used to make reimbursement under this program and account.

(c) Reimbursement shall only be made when the customer has signed a release and waiver releasing the City and all its employees and officers from any and all liability based on any and all damage that may be occasioned in the future by the backflow prevention system. No home, building or structure fitted with a backflow prevention system with any funds from this account shall be eligible for future funding from the account.

(d) Ongoing and proper maintenance of the installed backflow prevention system shall be the duty of the customer.