

ORDINANCE NO. 12999

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE,
PART II, CHAPTER 31, ARTICLE I, SECTION 31-14
RELATIVE TO MULTI-USER PRIVATE SEWER SYSTEMS.

SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE, That Chattanooga City Code, Part II, Chapter 31, Article I, Section 31-14 be and the same is hereby deleted in its entirety and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

Sec. 31-14. Private communal sanitary sewer systems.

(a) Excluding industrial waste facilities issued a permit pursuant to Article III, any owner, operator, or user of a private communal sanitary sewer system such as, but not limited to, multi-tenant buildings, building complexes, or shopping malls shall be responsible for the quality of wastewater discharged at the point of connection to the city's sanitary sewer system, and shall be responsible for any violations of the provisions of this chapter, including liability for the damage or injury caused to the city's system as a result of any discharge through the private system.

(b) In the event that any portion of a private communal sanitary sewer line which is serving single-family residences is shown to be defective, it shall be the responsibility of the owners whose properties are being served by the defective communal line to separate from said line and create their own discrete connection to the city's sewer system. If any property owner of a defective communal line fails or refuses to connect to the city's system, a notice shall be given to the Public Officer of the Department of Economic and Community Development for such action as may be proper under Chapter 21 of this code. The Director or his designee may take such other action to abate the nuisance as may be warranted under the circumstances.

(c) A property owner required to connect directly to the city's sewer system pursuant to subsection (b) who cannot financially afford to make said connection may apply for assistance through the city's Sewer Lateral Assistance Program ("SLAP").

(d) In the event a property owner who is required to connect directly to the city's sewer system pursuant to subsection (b) but is not eligible for SLAP funding and the cost of connection to the city's sewer system is proved to be a hardship for the property owner, the property owner may make application to have the city connect the owner to the city's sewer system. The determination of what is considered a hardship and other eligibility requirements shall be set by the Administrator of Public Works. Upon meeting said requirements, the property owner must submit an authorization to commence work and agreement to repay the City for such work. The City shall bill the property owner monthly at an amount not to exceed \$100 per month. Additionally, the property owner authorizes the City to place a municipal lien on the property for the repair work completed.

(e) Subsections (c) and (d) shall only be applicable to owner-occupied properties.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED That this Ordinance shall become effective immediately from and after its passage.

Passed on second and final reading: October 20, 2015



CHAIRPERSON

APPROVED: DISAPPROVED:


MAYOR