

**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A POLICY FOR ALLOWING DISCHARGE OF A SUMP PUMP INTO THE CITY'S SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM AS REQUIRED BY THE RAPID CITY MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 13.16.190.**

WHEREAS, Section 13.16.200 of the Rapid City Municipal Code (RCMC) prohibits discharging water from a sump pump into the City's sanitary sewer system; and

WHEREAS, Section 12.12.080 of the Rapid City Municipal Code prevents dumping of water into streets and alleys during freezing weather.

WHEREAS, sump pumps often discharge over open ground in areas where storm sewer collection systems are not immediately available; and

WHEREAS, discharging water onto open ground during the cold winter months creates a safety hazard for pedestrians and motorists and also contributes to the deterioration of streets; and

WHEREAS, the Public Works Department has determined allowing limited disposal of sump pump waste water into the City's sanitary sewer system is not likely to overload, or cause damage to, the City's sanitary sewer system; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Rapid City finds that it is in the City's best interests to allow disposal of waste water from sump pumps in certain circumstances and to adopt rules regulating such disposal as indicated Section 13.16-190 of the RCMC.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City of Rapid City that the following policy be adopted:

**Storm, cooling or unpolluted process water disposal.**

A. Storm water and all other unpolluted drainage shall be discharged to the sewers as are specifically designated as storm sewers by the Director. Industrial cooling water or unpolluted process water may be discharged on written approval of the Director to a storm sewer or natural outlet.

Whenever possible, the waste water discharged from a sump pump shall be delivered to a subsurface or surface storm water collection system immediately adjacent to the property. Examples of a storm water collection system includes structures such as storm sewer pipes and inlet storm sewer culverts, drainage ditches, sub-drain collection systems or edge drains. Edge drain connections will only be allowed if they are specifically designed to accommodate sump pumps. If the storm water collection system is immediately adjacent to the property, the property owner shall connect the discharge line to the storm water collection system. The sump pump discharge pipe shall be constructed at the property owner's sole expense and be designed and built in accordance with the currently adopted Rapid City Plumbing code.

B. The Director of Public Works or his or her designee may issue seasonal sump pump discharge permits to be effective between November 1<sup>st</sup> and April 1<sup>st</sup> of the next year. This will allow the discharge of waste water from the sump pump into the City's sanitary sewer system, in cases where the waste water discharged from a sump pump cannot be delivered to a subsurface or surface storm water collection system immediately adjacent to the property.

1. Discharge of the sump pump into the City's sanitary sewer system will only be

allowed between November 1<sup>st</sup> of any year and April 1<sup>st</sup> of the following year.

2. All interior work shall be performed by a properly licensed plumber. The sump pump connection to the sanitary sewer shall be constructed at the property owner's sole expense.

3. Diversion valves and permanent piping shall be installed. The City shall be solely responsible for sealing, opening and closing the valves connecting the sump pump discharge pipe to the City's sanitary sewer system.

4. The property owner shall grant the City periodic access to the facility in order to ensure compliance with the requirements of the permit. Failure to provide reasonable access to inspect will result in the cancellation of the permit in addition to any other remedies provided for violation of this Chapter.

5. A \$14 per month fee shall be charged when the permit is submitted. The fee must be paid in full for the months requested, prior to final approval.

6. The City may cancel the permit at any time if the terms of the permit are not complied with.

Dated this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

CITY OF RAPID CITY

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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Finance Officer

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