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To whom it may concern:

RE: Point of Sale Ordinance No. 737  
**§ 3.30 RULES AND REGULATIONS RELATING TO SEWER USE AND SERVICE CHARGE.**  
Subd. 14. *Point of sale inflow/infiltration compliance.*

This letter summarizes the City's newly adopted point of sale inflow and infiltration (I/I) Compliance Ordinance for properties that have sewer service lines connected to the public sewer system. The ordinance will become **effective on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026**, and will apply to all home sales thereafter.

The ordinance requires any property being sold, transferred, gifted, or undergoing a title change to obtain a Certificate of I/I Compliance, unless exempt under Minnesota Statute 287.22.

Before a sale, the seller must arrange a sewer service line inspection, submit to the City for review, and disclose any prior City-issued corrective notices. Inspections may be completed by a qualified television or plumber; however, sump pumps must be inspected by a licensed plumber.

To meet ordinance requirements, building sewers must be free of defects such as: misaligned joints, cracks, leaks, holes, collapses and illicit connections.

If a property fails inspection, repairs must be completed within 180 days. Alternatively, the buyer or seller may establish an escrow account equal to 110% of the estimated repair cost to allow the transaction to proceed.

When a property passes inspection, a Certificate of I/I Compliance, valid for 10 years for both the sewer service line and sump pump, will be provided by the City. Newly constructed homes with a new sewer line with a certificate of occupancy constitute a certificate of compliance.

Thank you for helping maintain a reliable sewer system. For questions about inspections, certification, forms, or compliance timelines please contact Joel Rachwitz at 507-437-9950 or [jrachwitz@ci.austin.mn.us](mailto:jrachwitz@ci.austin.mn.us).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Joel Rachwitz'.

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