

COMMISSIONERS' ORDER/RESOLUTION NO. O/R-141-15

AN ORDER/RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 1 RESTORE ITS PROGRAM TO ADDRESS THE MAINTENANCE OF PRIVATE SANITARY SEWER LATERALS BETWEEN THE PRIVATE PROPERTY BOUNDARY AND THE CONNECTION TO THE PUBLIC SEWER.

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WHEREAS, prior to July 1, 2013, Sanitation District No. 1 (SD1) maintained the private sanitary sewer laterals between the private property and the connection to the public sewer as a service to its ratepayers as a matter of policy; and

WHEREAS, beginning with its FY 14 annual budget, SD1 eliminated this service to its ratepayers; and

WHEREAS, in the City of Covington alone, there are currently over 40 sanitary sewer lateral that have resulted in the formation of a sinkhole in public streets; and

WHEREAS, these sinkholes create public health and safety issues that continue to get worse the longer they are left unabated; and

WHEREAS, the elimination of this service has placed a burden on SD1 ratepayers, who face repairs in the \$3,000 to \$15,000 range, which also requires the ratepayer to be responsible for replacing sections of public street in order to access the private sewer lateral for repairs; and

WHEREAS, cities have no authority to require owners to repair the lateral issue in a timely manner; and

WHEREAS, the elimination of this service has also negatively impacted public health and safety, as some properties affected by failure of the private sewer lateral are vacant and/or abandoned, and no correction of the sewer lateral failure or the sinkholes in the public street created by it are repaired, creating a hazardous condition for the general public; and

WHEREAS, SD1 has the experience, expertise, and equipment to repair these laterals in a timely, cost effective, and high quality manner that would eliminate the public health and safety concerns these issues create.

NOW, THEREFORE,  
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY  
OF COVINGTON, KENTON COUNTY, KENTUCKY

