



# City of San Antonio

## Agenda Memorandum

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**In Control:** Municipal Utilities Committee

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**DEPARTMENT:** Neighborhood and Housing Services

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Veronica Garcia, Director

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** Citywide

**SUBJECT:**

CCR on Water & Sewer Lateral Improvement Program

**SUMMARY:**

CCR by Councilmember Teri Castillo Proposing a Water & Sewer Lateral Improvement Program

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

On April 2, 2024, Councilmember Teri Castillo submitted a Council Consideration Request (CCR) titled Water & Sewer Lateral Improvement Program.

Sewer laterals move wastewater from homes to the main sewer line. Water laterals move potable water from the water main to the home. Proper water and sewer laterals affect residents' quality of life by preventing backups, preventing groundwater and surface water contamination, and reducing building code violations.

Due to real estate transfers and development over time, some residences do not have proper connections to the water and sewer mains, especially in older areas of San Antonio. Frequently these situations are caused by lots being subdivided and developed, but sharing water and sewer laterals.

The CCR requests

- Development of a pilot program to assist residents with obtaining proper lateral connections, with a focus on low to moderate income families,
- Review of existing code language within Division 2 Article V- Sewage Transportation, Treatment and Disposal related to disclosures of missing laterals for real estate transactions and make recommendations on potential code updates, and
- Creation of a map of residential properties with missing lateral connections.

Existing home rehabilitations programs can address many resident concerns, including minor repairs and plumbing issues. The work, however, is typically focused on improvements to the physical home structure. Creating lateral connections from the home to the main water and sewer lines involves cutting into the right-of-way and more extensive construction and utility coordination.

On May 17, 2024, the CCR was considered by the Governance Committee and referred to the Planning and Community Development Committee (PCDC). On August 22, 2024, PCDC discussed the CCR and referred it to the Municipal Utilities Committee.

**ISSUE:**

Presentation on status of implementing the recommendations in the CCR on Water & Sewer Lateral Improvement Program

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

N/A

**ALTERNATIVES:**

N/A

**RECOMMENDATION:**

N/A