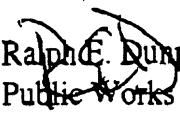




Ralph E. Dunphy
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To: Robert W. Healy
City Manager

From: 
Public Works Commissioner

Date: June 13, 1996

Subject: Council Order # 081, dated 6/3/96
RE: Report on Sewer Back-Up At The
Corner of Brattle and Church
Streets

Three different business establishments are serviced by one 4" sewer lateral coming out of the building. One business had a sewer back-up during a recent rain event. A City crew responded to the service request and determined that sewer mains were flowing.

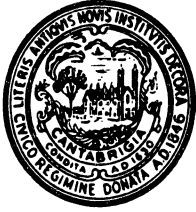
The property does have a backflow preventer on the sewer lateral as required by code and if working properly the sewer main cannot back up into the building. The property manager has indicated he will install a new backflow preventer. He has also indicated that roof drains for the building are not connected to the sewer service lateral. However, they only experience sewer problems when it rains.

Once the new backflow valve is installed, and, if the sewer continues to back up, we will request the following from the property manager/owner:

- Drawings of the building's plumbing to determine if only drains are connected to the sewer.
- A capacity check for the 4" sewer service lateral. Present standards require a 6" sewer lateral (minimum).
- Water use history.
- Documentation for grease trap maintenance.

We anticipate that the property manager will pursue the above on a schedule that meets tenant needs and the problem with sewer back-ups will be resolved.





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June 24, 1996

To: The Honorable, The City Council:

With reference to Awaiting Report Item No. 34, regarding a report on the sewer back-up at the corner of Brattle and Church Streets, please find attached a response from Public Works Commissioner Ralph E. Dunphy.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

RWH/mec

Consent Agenda #9

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Relative to Awaiting Report Item
Number Thirty-four, regarding a
report on the sewer back-up at
the corner of Brattle and
Church Streets.

In City Council June 24, 1996

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