

CITY OF STRUTHERS
Ordinance

NO. 21-063

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF STRUTHERS TO
IMPLEMENT A PLAN TO CONTROL WASTEWATER
BACKFLOWS FROM ENTERING STRUCTURES AND
AUTHORIZING PAYMENT, REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 04-078
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

WHEREAS, Waste Water Treatment Plant has reported increasing numbers of structures being impacted by wastewater backflows during the extreme rains and flooding conditions; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Struthers is desirous to have a long term plan for controlling clear water from entering its sanitary system; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Struthers and Mahoning County are trying to eliminate clear water from infiltrating into the sanitary system; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Struthers wants to assist its residents who experience wastewater backflows; and,

WHEREAS, the plan provides a method to control wastewater backflows from entering structures through the installation of plumbing devices; and,

WHEREAS, these plumbing devices are a gate valve or alternative system placed on the sanitary sewer lateral and sump pump installed in the structure, and the removal of the footer drains from the system in accordance with code shall be required and part of the total cost of the project; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Struthers will assist residents in the installation of these devices by providing a portion of the cost of both and not to exceed fifty (50%) percent of the total cost not to exceed \$1,500.00; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the City of Struthers, Ohio $\frac{3}{4}$'s of all members elected thereto concurring:

SECTION 1: The Mahoning Board of Health is hereby requested to implement the plan outlined herein for controlling wastewater backflows into structures in areas located within the City of Struthers, Ohio.

SECTION 2: The Backflow Control Plan, which is an attachment to this Ordinance, will outline the details and responsibilities for the City of Struthers and residents of the City of Struthers who chose to utilize this Program.

SECTION 3: Failure on the part of the resident applicant of this program to follow the requirements and inspection process outlined within the Program itself will disqualify the applicant from being eligible for any type of reimbursement under said program.

SECTION 4: Backflow Control Plan marked "Exhibit A" is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

SECTION 5: That this Ordinance is retroactive to January 1, 2021.

SECTION 6: That Ordinance No. 04-078 and any ordinance inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

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SECTION 7: This ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of public peace, health and safety of the inhabitants of the City of Struthers, Ohio. Said emergency exists by reason of the fact that Backflow Control Plan must be implemented immediately, and, as such, this ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

PASSED IN COUNCIL THIS 24th DAY OF November, 2021.

Megan R. Shorthouse
CLERK OF COUNCIL

Michael S. Patrick
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

FILED WITH THE MAYOR THIS 24th DAY OF November, 2021.

Megan R. Shorthouse
CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR THIS 24th DAY OF November, 2021.

Catherine Cercone Miller
MAYOR

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Megan R. Shorthouse
CLERK OF COUNCIL

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**"CITY OF STRUTHERS"
"BACKFLOW CONTROL PROGRAM"**

Who is eligible to participate in this program?

If you are a resident of the City of Struthers you are eligible to participate in the program. The following information and instructions are provided for eligible residents to participate in the **BACKFLOW CONTROL PROGRAM**.

Residents of the City of Struthers are asked to read the following important information carefully to avoid delays or possible disqualifications in obtaining reimbursement for expenses and to insure the proper equipment is installed. **FAILURE TO FOLLOW THE REQUIREMENTS AND INSPECTION PROCESS DETAILED HEREIN WILL DISQUALIFY THE APPLICANT'S ELIGIBILITY FOR REIMBURSEMENT.**

THE CITY OF STRUTHERS, SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR, AS WELL AS, THE STRUTHERS WASTEWATER PLANT MANAGER MUST BE CONTACTED FIRST PRIOR TO INSTALLATION TO BE CONSIDERED FOR BACKFLOW CONTROL PROGRAM.

1. If you are eligible to qualify for the 50% reimbursement up to a maximum of \$1,500.00, a gate valve or alternative system placed on the sanitary sewer lateral placed on the sanitary sewer lateral and sump pump shall be installed. The removal of the footer drains from the sanitary sewer shall be completed prior to reimbursement. The removal of the footer drains from the system in accordance with code shall be required and part of the total cost of the project. Permit and inspection fees are not reimbursable.

Eligible properties with an existing sump pump will be inspected prior to reimbursement for an installed gate valve by Mahoning County Board of Health.

2. To obtain reimbursement for costs to have the footer drains removed from the sanitary sewer, sump pump installed and gate valve or alternative system placed on the sanitary sewer lateral placed on the sanitary sewer lateral, eligible home/property owner(s) are to obtain at least two (2) proposals from master licensed plumbers (a supplied list of master licensed plumbers must be obtained from the Mahoning County Board of Health) prior to installation of the devices. Residents contacting businesses to do the work should inquire as to experience in performing the work to be done. The home/property owner can select any qualified contractor however, the City will only reimburse 50% up to \$1,500.00 of the lowest proposal submitted and will not participate in any cost beyond that stated in the proposal.
3. When all work is completed, eligible residents shall provide the City of Struthers proof of payment to the contractor for work performed. Proof to include cancelled checks or invoice stamped paid and signed by the contractor before reimbursement of fifty percent (50%) of cost up to a maximum of \$1,500.00 is paid by the City, the resident shall sign a statement releasing the city from all liability in connection with the work or the proper operation of the gate valve and sump pump and future basement flooding
4. The City, through the Wastewater Treatment Plant Manager reserves the right to limit the number of participants in any given year based on the availability of funds for said program. (There will be a limit of 5 per calendar year that shall not exceed \$7,500 and will be expended from the current Budget Category SDO.)

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6. **All** work **must** be performed by a master licensed plumber, who is registered with Mahoning County Board of Health. The work shall be properly performed and meet all requirements of the State Of Ohio Plumbing Code and must be tagged by Mahoning County Board of Health as to proper installation.
7. Permits must be obtained from Mahoning County Board of Health for the sump pump installation, gate valve, and general inspection of work. Residents having work done prior to the effective date of this Ordinance are to contact the Board of Health for a permit if the permit was not originally obtained. Permit and inspection fees are not reimbursable.
8. **The Mahoning County Inspection Department** must inspect the work prior to completion of the work, i.e., the covering of piping. The resident should contact the Mahoning County Board of Health to see if an inspection of the work was done at the time of performance. If the work has not been inspected by the Mahoning County Board of Health, inspection of the existing sump pump and gate valve shall be made prior to any reimbursement.

The Mahoning County Board of Health maintains a list of licensed and registered master plumbers. Please contact the Mahoning County Board of Health for a list of master plumbers to perform the work.

Qualified reimbursements through this program will be made in sixty (60) to ninety (90) days from receipt of all required documents.

Any questions concerning this program may be directed to the Struthers Wastewater Treatment Plant Manager or Assistant Manager.