

## ORDINANCE NO. 2025-5

**AN ORDINANCE** entitled “An Ordinance for house sewers and repealing Ordinance No. 41, Amendment of Section (D), Ordinance 82, Ordinance 121, Ordinance 132, Ordinance 136, Ordinance 149, Ordinance 155, Ordinance No 2022-2, Ordinance No. 2024-2, and Ordinance 2025-1”

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF COLOME, SOUTH DAKOTA**

**(A). SUPERVISION:**

1. SEWER INSPECTOR: The sewer Inspector shall be appointed pursuant to the laws of the city and state and shall -under the direction of the governing elective officers of the city or village, supervise all house sewer connections and excavations for the purpose of Installing or repairing the same.

**(B). DEFINITION OF BUILDING OR HOUSE SEWER:**

1. BUILDING OR HOUSE SEWER: That part of the horizontal pipe which begins outside of the wall of a building and connects the "House Drain" with the main public sewer.

**(C). SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS:**

1. RAINWATER LEADERS: Roof leaders, surface drains, sump pump, or ground water drains shall not be connected to the sanitary sewer.

2. INDEPENDENT SYSTEM: Each house sewer and drainage system shall be Independent of any other building except as provided below:

Where one building stands in the rear of another building located on the interior lot, the house sewer from the front building may be extended to the rear building and the whole considered as one house sewer.

3. CONNECTION TO THE MAIN PUBLIC SEWER: Before any connection is made to the public sewer, an approved permit for such connection must be obtained from the governing body or its designated representative.

Each connection shall be made at the “Y” designated for that property. The only exception shall be where designated “Y” is not, properly located within three feet of the point of measurement furnished by the local governing body, any connection not made at the designated “Y” in the main sewer shall be made under the direct supervision of the Sewer Inspector.

**D) SPECIFICATIONS:** (Specifications pertain to the part of house sewer which begins with the main public sewer and extends beyond the property line.)

1. All house sewers shall be constructed, and joints connected by the standards required and specified by the State Plumbing Code of the South Dakota Department of Health, and further:

2. No house sewer shall be less than four (4”) inches in diameter but this must meet the approval of the Sewer Inspector and if he determines necessary, six (6”) inch in diameter will be used. No building sewer shall be less than four (4”) inches in diameter and in any event the size of the house or building sewer shall meet the standards required by the State Plumbing Code of the South 'Dakota Department of Health.

3. All excavations shall be open trench work unless otherwise authorized by the Sewer Inspector. The foundation in the trench shall be formed to prevent any subsequent settlement of the pipes. If the foundation is good, firm earth, the earth shall be pared or molded to give a full support to the lower quadrant of each pipe, Bell holes shall be dug to provide ample space for pouring of joints. Care must be exercised in the back filling below the center line of the pipe to give it proper support. The back filling shall be placed in layers and solidly tamped or packed up to two feet (2') above the pipes. The back filling shall not be done until the Sewer Inspector makes the final inspection.

4. All excavations made upon the street, alleys, and/or public grounds of the city of Colome for the purpose of connecting with water mains, sewer mains, and/or service pipes shall be made after receiving authorization from the city. The cost of all repairs on service lines, streets, alleys, and/or public grounds of the City of Colome shall be referred to the premises owner or will be invoiced to the property owner.

Property owners are responsible for damage to public utilities connected with the installation of sewers.

**(E). EXCEPTION:**

1. Use of Old House Sewers: Old house sewers or portions thereof may be approved for use by the Sewer Inspector. The Sewer Inspector may request the old sewer be excavated for the purpose of facilitating inspection. No old cesspool or septic tank shall be connected to any part of a house sewer that is also connected to the public sewer.

2. All Atteberry Addition Property Owners are required to install septic tanks for the use of disposal due to unavailability of access to city sewer mains due to elevation. All cost of tanks and installation will be covered by property/homeowner.

**(F). INSPECTION:**

1. Every part of the house sewer shall be inspected and approved by the sewer inspector before being concealed or backfilled.

**(G). CHARGES:**

1. The monthly sewer fee shall be Thirty and no/100 Dollars (\$30.00) per month payable in advance and beginning on June 20th, 2025.

2: All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

3: This Ordinance shall be in effect on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025, but only after twenty (20) days have elapsed after its passage, approval, and publication.

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Kelly Leighton, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Bobbi Harter, Finance Officer

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