

RESOLUTION 2014-\_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
CHULA VISTA AMENDING COUNCIL POLICY 570-01,  
“SEWER LATERAL MAINTENANCE POLICY,” AND  
COUNCIL POLICY 576-05, “TREES – PRESERVATION,” AS  
IT RELATES TO SEWER LATERALS

WHEREAS, the City has received numerous complaints for circumstances wherein property owners have called licensed sewer cleaning firms in the event of a sewer stoppage and said firms have responded and found that the stoppage causing problems to the property owner was located in the sewer main and not in the sewer lateral; and

WHEREAS, the current Council Policy 570-01 (CP570-01), adopted by Resolution 9556, dated April 10, 1979 and amended by Minute Action on February 21, 1984, established that the property owner is responsible for the maintenance of his or her sewer lateral, it also gave direction as to the responsibility of repairing any damage caused to a sewer lateral by a Street Tree; and

WHEREAS, since the City has assigned all responsibility for cleaning and maintaining sewer laterals to the property owner, it is reasonable that the property owner be responsible for the cost of determining the location of such stoppage; and

WHEREAS, the intent of the original policy to establish the property owner as the responsible party for the sewer lateral has not been changed or modified; and

WHEREAS, this update to CP570-01 seeks to add further clarification by defining the terms used in the policy; and

WHEREAS, this update mandates that the location of blockage be determined by the property owner through Closed Circuit Televising (CCTV), and if stoppage is determined to be in the Public Sewer or in the Connection Point to Public Sewer, the Property Owner shall notify the City within 48 hours; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to align the related Council Policies, CP576-05 “Trees Preservation” needs to be amended to refer to CP570-01 for any sewer lateral issue; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Chula Vista does hereby amend Council Policies 570-01, “Sewer Lateral Maintenance Policy,” and 576-05, “Trees- Preservation,” each in substantially the form submitted, with such minor modifications as may be required or approved by the City Attorney, copies of which are attached to this Resolution and shall be kept on file in the Office of the City Clerk.

Presented by

Approved as to form by

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