

Sec. 52.12 – Sewer Responsibilities and Liabilities

(a) Property Owner Responsibility.

All costs and expenses related to the installation, connection, maintenance, cleaning, and repair of the **sewer service lateral** serving a property, extending from the building to the property line, shall be the responsibility of the property owner.

(b) Service Lead Installation.

The city, or a contractor hired or approved by the city, shall install the sanitary sewer **service lead** extending from the sanitary sewer main to the property line. The property owner shall be responsible for the cost of such installation if not already previously installed during original main construction.

(c) Maintenance of Sewer Lateral.

The property owner shall be responsible for maintaining the sewer lateral in a clean, unobstructed, and properly functioning condition from the structure to the City's sewer main, at the homeowner's expense. This responsibility includes all repairs, cleaning and clearing activities, including auguring and videoing if necessary. While the City is responsible for repairing the service lead from the main to the property line, the property owner remains responsible for keeping the entire lateral clear of obstructions, from inside the home to the main trunk.

(d) City Responsibility.

The city shall be responsible for the structural maintenance and repair of sanitary sewer mains and **the repair only of the service lead extending from the sanitary sewer main to the property line**. The city shall **not be responsible for the cleaning or routine maintenance of service leads or sewer laterals**.

The city shall have no responsibility for the maintenance, cleaning/videoing, or repair of the **sewer lateral** located on private property between the building and the property line.

(e) Indemnification.

The property owner or applicant shall indemnify and hold harmless the city from any loss, damage, or liability that may directly or indirectly result from the installation or connection of a sewer lateral.

(f) Disputes Regarding Responsibility.

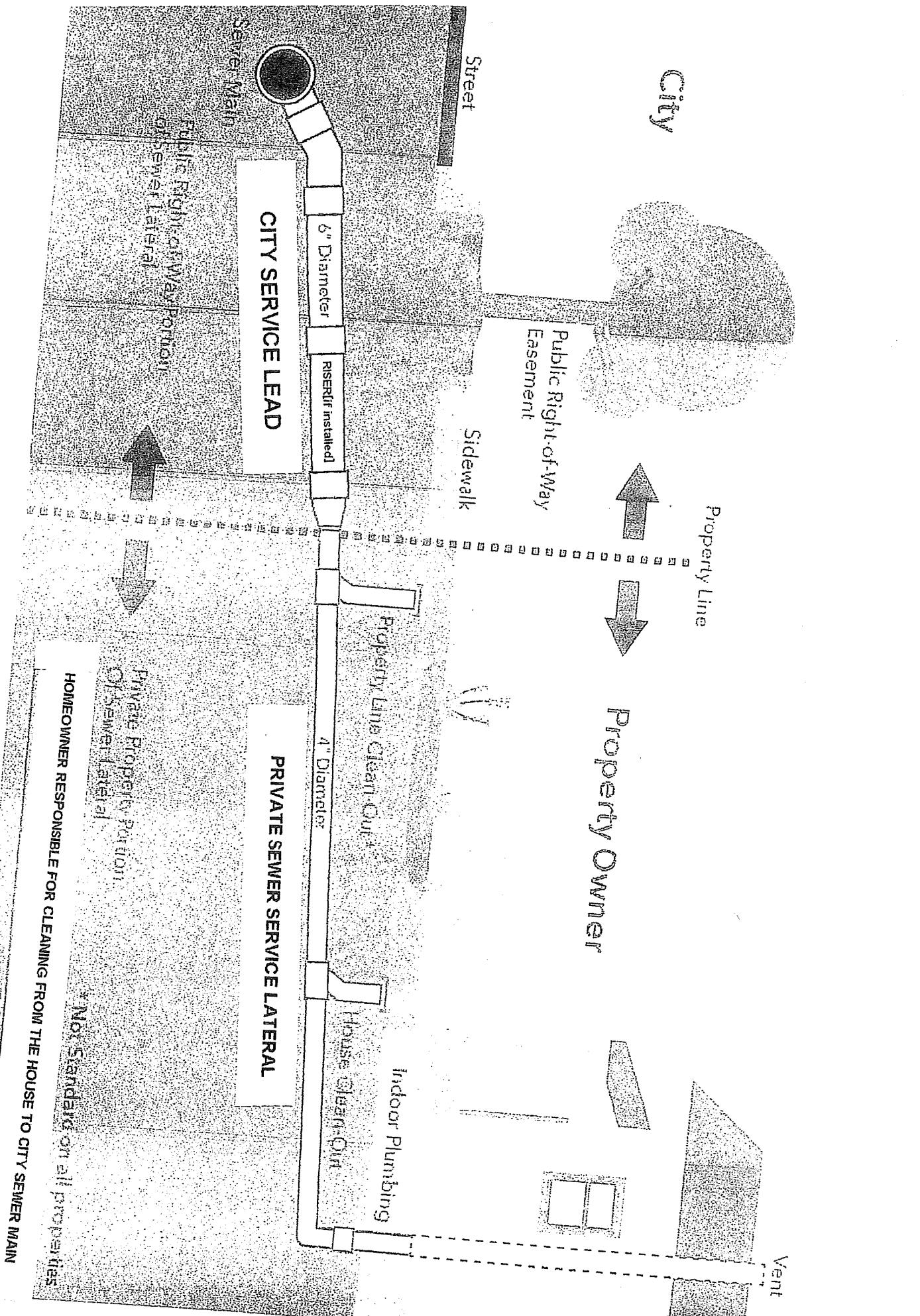
In the event of a dispute regarding whether an obstruction, defect, or failure exists in the sewer lateral or the city's service lead, the property owner shall bear the burden of establishing that the condition exists within the portion of the sewer system maintained by the city.

If it is established that the defect exists within the city's service lead or sanitary sewer main, the city shall perform the necessary repair and reimburse the property owner for reasonable costs incurred in locating the defect. If the city's responsibility is not established, the property owner shall be responsible for the necessary maintenance or repair.

(g) Violations; Public Nuisance; Cost Recovery.

Failure of a property owner to maintain the sewer lateral as required by this section may constitute a public nuisance. Upon notice, the city may correct the defect if the property owner fails to do so within a reasonable time.

All costs incurred by the city in correcting such conditions shall be charged to the property owner and, if unpaid, may be assessed against the property and collected in the same manner as other municipal charges, including placement of a lien on the property.



CITY SERVICE LEAD

PRIVATE SEWER SERVICE LATERAL

Property Owner

HOMEOWNER RESPONSIBLE FOR CLEANING FROM THE HOUSE TO CITY SEWER MAIN

Not Standard on all properties

Private Property Portion of Sewer Lateral

Public Right-of-Way Portion of Sewer Lateral

Public Right-of-Way Easement

Property Line

Property Line Clean-Out

House Clean-Out

Indoor Plumbing

Vent

6" Diameter

4" Diameter

RISER installed

Sewer Main

Street

Sidewalk

City