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TO: Michael Childress, Chairman
Members of the DuPage County Public Works Committee

FROM: Sean Reese, Deputy Director of Public Works
Nick Kottmeyer, Director of Public Works and Operations

RE: Overhead Sanitary Sewer Reimbursement Program Amendment

Action Requested: Approval of the revised Overhead Sanitary Sewer Reimbursement Program increasing total potential residential reimbursement from \$5,000 to \$7,500.

The DuPage County Public Works Department currently offers a cost sharing program for our sanitary sewer customers to convert a home's sanitary sewer system from a gravity sewer to an overhead sewer program. This program has been very successful in helping to prevent sanitary sewer back-ups into private homes due to heavy rains or blockages in either private service lines or the main line sanitary sewer. This program has been in place since the mid 1990's and has been utilized by a large number of customers throughout our service area. The current requirements of our Overhead Sanitary Sewer Reimbursement Program as are as follows:

- Residents must be directly connected to a sanitary sewer line owned and maintained by DuPage County (i.e. pays sewer maintenance to DuPage County).
- Residents must obtain pre-approval from the Department prior to the completion of any work.
- A Public Works representative will meet with the homeowner prior to approval to determine program eligibility and the most cost-effective methods to modify their home from gravity flow to an overhead system.
- The owner must obtain all required local building permits.
- A licensed plumber will be required to perform the work with final project certification being required from a Public Works representative.
- The owner will pay the full amount of the project and then submit all paperwork and proof of payment to the County.
- Qualifying homeowners will be reimbursed the first \$2,000 of their bill. Thereafter, 50% of the remaining bill will be paid up to \$3,000 for a total maximum payout of \$5,000. Any remodeling costs associated with the conversion to overhead sewers will not be considered for reimbursement.

In order to attract additional residential homeowners to take advantage of this County program, staff recommends that the reimbursement portion of the program be modified as follows:

Qualifying homeowners will be reimbursed the first \$2,000 of their bill. Thereafter, 50% of the remaining bill will be paid up to \$5,500 for a total maximum payout of \$7,500. Any remodeling costs associated with the conversion to overhead sewers will not be considered for reimbursement. This reimbursement will be subject to departmental availability of funds.