

REVOLVING LOAN FUND SEWER/WATER LINE REPAIR/REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

Background

The Sewer/Water Line Repair Program was implemented by the City of Auburn in 1997 to provide a way for city residents to pay for the cost of repairs to their sewer and/or water service. The cost is placed on the owner's tax bill and paid over a five-year period at 6% interest. To be eligible to participate, the applicants' taxes must be current on all properties owned in the city and the property must have 4 units or less.

Program

As a benefit to local residents, the city of Auburn operates and maintains a revolving loan program to assist with the financing costs associated with sewer/water lateral repair or replacement. Therefore residential property owners seeking funding for repairs or replacements to their local sewer/water lateral from the sewer/water revolving loan fund are eligible if; 1) their property is no larger than a 4 unit residence; 2) they are current with their city taxes; and 3) the application is submitted and approved.

The City will fund up to \$9000 for sewer and up to \$2500 for water. The work must be done by a licensed plumber that is on the *Licensed Plumbers List* (does not apply to work done by the City, i.e., replacement of water service from main to the curb stop), which will be provided to applicant. It is recommended that the applicant obtain 3 quotes and is required that applicant submit at least one itemized quote with their application. Itemized quote must be consistent with pricing obtained from the plumbing board and approved by the City.

All work must be inspected by the city Plumbing Inspector and the Plumbing Inspector must sign the application before payment will be issued to the plumber.

The City sends an invoice to the property owner which includes the plumbers cost (and/or the City Water/Sewer Department cost, if applicable), and a \$25.00 administration fee. If this invoice is not paid within 30 days, it will go on the property owner's taxes over a five year period.

Procedure

1. Obtain *Application* and the *Licensed Plumbers List* from City Hall at 24 South Street, Clerk's office or from the City's website online at www.auburnny.gov, under *Forms & Document*.
2. Obtain at least one (1) itemized quote (recommend 3) from plumbers on the list (does not apply to work done by the City, i.e., replacement of water service from

- the main to the curb stop). The itemized quote must be consistent with pricing obtained from the plumbing board and approved by the City.
3. Complete ***Application*** and return to the City for approval. Preapproval is required for all non-emergency work (property owner elects to repair/replace deteriorated service).
 4. The City will send an invoice to the property owner which includes the plumbers cost (or the City Water/Sewer Department cost, if applicable), and a \$25.00 administration fee.
 5. If the invoice is not paid in 30 days, the cost is placed on the owner's tax bill and paid over a five-year period at 6% interest.