

# *South Panorama Sanitary District*

## *Cost Share Guidelines*

The Board of Trustees has developed these guidelines to aid residents with major costs of certain repairs done to the individual homeowner's portion of the sewer system. It is the view of the Trustees that the District finances allow for assistance to homeowners with certain problems that the homeowner's portion of the system may incur.

### *Major Repair*

- (1) Residents with major tank or line problems are eligible for assistance.
- (2) In order to be considered major work the total cost of the project must equal \$500 or more.
- (3) The Trustees consider pump repair or replacement to be normal maintenance and no cost share is available for work on the pump and alarm system.
- (4) The Trustees will provide cost share of 20% of the cost based upon facts presented. Items to be considered in determining eligibility would be such matters as failure to perform normal maintenance, failure to do landscaping and lot work to protect from erosion, other work being performed that damaged the sewer system, and other such issues the Trustees determine. No cost share may be allowed if it is determined that there was neglect that caused the sewer problem.
- (5) Whenever the District line needs to be located, the District will be responsible for exposing the line if it is determined there are problems in locating the line.

### *Mandatory Compliance with Regulation Changes*

- (1) At the time of sale, repairs required to upgrade the system to meet current regulations are eligible.
- (2) Repairs required as a result of the regular inspection program are also eligible.
- (3) Repairs must exceed \$500.00 to be eligible for consideration.
- (4) The Trustees will provide cost share of 40% of the cost based upon facts presented. Considerations as listed in Item 4 (Major Repair) above would be evaluated by the Board in determining eligibility. No cost share may be allowed if it is determined that there was neglect that caused the sewer problem.
- (5) The Trustees consider pump repair or replacement to be normal maintenance and no cost share is available for work on the pump and alarm system.

### *Voluntary Upgrades to Meet Current Regulations*

- (1) The Trustees will consider cost share with residents who decide to voluntarily upgrade to meet regulations that were not in place when the system originally was installed.
- (2) Repairs must exceed \$250.00 to be eligible for consideration.
- (3) The Trustees will provide cost share of 50% of the cost based upon facts presented. Considerations as listed in Item 4 (Major Repair) above would be evaluated by the Board in determining eligibility. No cost share may be allowed if it is determined that there was neglect that caused the sewer problem.
- (4) The Trustees consider pump repair or replacement to be normal maintenance and no cost share is available for work on the pump and alarm system.

## *New Construction*

- (1) Construction of new homes, remodeling of existing homes, garage construction, etc. that require the changing or replacing of system components is not eligible for cost share.
- (2) The District is not responsible for locating the central line for connection unless there are extenuating circumstances making location a problem.
- (3) If there are extenuating circumstances in locating the District line, the Trustees *may* accept responsibility for locating the District line.

## *Procedures*

- (1) The Guthrie County Environmental Health Dept. will inform residents of the availability of the cost share program where applicable.
- (2) Residents wishing to do voluntary upgrades must get assurance from the Dept. in advance that the repairs will qualify for consideration by the Trustees.
- (3) No cost share will be considered without receipt of a *detailed* bill from the contractor. *Should a resident complete the work without a contractor only the bill for materials shall be considered.*
- (4) It is strongly recommended that the resident attend a Board meeting to review the request with the Board.
- (5) Any request for cost share must be made within 90 days of completion of the work to be considered.
- (6) Residents wishing to be considered for cost share must make contact through the Guthrie Co. Environmental Health Dept. office.

**THESE GUIDELINES WERE APPROVED AT THE JULY 11, 2012 BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING AND BECOME EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.**