VILLAGE OF BUCKEYE LAKE
ORDINANCE NO 2022-33
THIRD READING

AN ORDINANCE SETTING POLICY ON SUMP PUMP AND DOWNSPOUT DISCHARGES FOR THE VILLAGE OF BUCKEYE LAKE, LICKING COUNTY, OHIO.

WHEREAS, the Village Council and the Mayor have determined that it is in the best interest of the citizens of the Village of Buckeye Lake, Ohio, to create a policy to address sump pump and downspout discharge in the Village of Buckeye Lake; and

WHEREAS, the Village Council have reviewed this policy in Public Service Committee meetings and that committee has recommended passage to the full council; and

WHEREAS, the Village Council has determined this policy addresses an existing problem and allows for rules to connect to public storm systems where available.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF BUCKEYE LAKE, COUNTY OF LICKING, STATE OF OHIO, THAT:

1. **SECTION I:** Purpose

   The purpose of this policy is to provide direction to private property owners on the maintenance and construction of exterior connections from private sump pumps and downspouts to the Village's public stormwater management system (pipes, ditches, culverts, etc.) and adjacent private properties.

2. Background

   When most of the Village of Buckeye Lake was developed, standards for drainage infrastructure were relatively lax compared to today's requirements. As a result, there are gaps in the public and private stormwater systems where developers were not required to provide appropriate locations for sump lines and downspouts to discharge to. Inappropriate sump pump or downspout water discharge can result in significant safety and quality of life issues, such as ice build-up in the streets and water ponding on private property.

3. Sump Pump Line Location

   Discharge from sump pumps must not create a safety hazard or nuisance in either Village right-of-way or private property. Private property owners must meet the following requirements when placing their sump pump line:

   (a) Sump pump discharge shall not be located within the Village's right of way (unless a permit is obtained – NOTE: not all requests will receive a permit)
   (b) A sump pump line shall not be installed or maintained to discharge a concentrated flow onto a neighboring property.
   (c) A sump pump line shall be installed and maintained in a manner that minimizes, to the greatest extent, the possibility of flow onto a neighboring property.
   (d) **Connection of a sump pump line to County sanitary sewer system, via basement floor drain, laundry tub, lateral or sewer main, is STRICTLY PROHIBITED**.
   (e) If Village storm sewer, inlets/catch basins, or manholes are available and the private property owner wishes to directly connect the sump pump line to it, a ROW (right-of-way) permit must be obtained.

4. Connection to Village Storm Systems

Property owners retain full ownership of entire sump pump line (lateral) and is responsible for all maintenance of said line and its connection. The following are requirements for installation of a private drain line in the right-of-way and connection to a storm sewer structure or pipe:

1. Right-of-way permit application must be submitted, to include drawings of proposed work.
2. Storm sewer structure connections shall only be allowed for discharge lines 4-inches and smaller in diameter.
3. Connections to structures must be made in top ¼ of the structure
4. The receiving public storm sewer structure must be core drilled and the connection grouted using a non-shrink grout.
5. Drainage lines must remain in the right-of-way. IF connection to a pipe or structure is on the opposite side of street, the shortest distance must be taken when crossing the street. Any damage to Public Infrastructure shall be repaired at property owner's expense following current adopted standard specifications.
6. An air gap/back flow device must be installed at the primary building.
7. Cleanout box for access to system for future maintenance and cleaning is required.
8. PVC Pipe is recommended.
9. **Downspouts/roof drains are prohibited from being connected directly to drainage lines due to potential leaf/debris building up in the line.**
10. When storm sewer structures are not available for a connection within a reasonable distance of the discharge pipe, or it is otherwise impractical or impossible to connect to a structure, direct connections to public storm sewer may be applied for. These situations would be very limited and require additional approval by Public Works personnel.

5. Authority

The Director of Public Works retains the authority to waive elements of this procedure when it is determined that unique conditions exist and that it is in the Village's best interest.

6. Property Owner's Requirements and Responsibility

The owner must have Village approval to connect their sump pump drain lines to the storm water system. The form of that approval shall be a legal binding sump pump agreement between property owner and the Village, and the agreement shall run with the land.

The owner is responsible for installing an approved discharge line from the sump pump discharge to an approved storm structure. The owner bears all costs of that installation and arrangements for such must be made directly between the Owner and Contractor.

All work must be coordinated with the Village for inspection scheduling.

It is also understood by the Owner that the Village reserves the right to disconnect the private discharge line for any reason at any time. If the discharge line is to be disconnected, the Village will provide the owner with 30-day notice of the intent to disconnect and the reasons for doing so.

Further, it is understood that once a line has been installed, the Village reserves the right to connect other neighboring sump pump discharges to it in the right-of-way. The Owner shall have no claim for reimbursement for any share of previous expenditures associated with the line, nor shall the owner have any claim against the Village of damages they may claim as a result of the additional connections. The sole remedy of the original owner who may experience problems as a result of the additional connections is to request the later installations be disconnected, and this request will only be granted upon documentation of the problems being experienced.

In addition, the Village requires that each property's sump pump line that is connected as part of this project shall install and maintain backflow prevention and an air gap/overflow device. These are two safety devices put in place to reduce flooding potential.

The Village of Buckeye Lake shall not be held liable for any flooding damages to private property caused by excessive flow moving through the storm sewer system and consequently backing up into sump pump discharge line.

SECTION II:. This policy will, once adopted, be charged to Department of Public Works for implantation and enforcement.

SECTION III: This ordinance shall take effect and be in force at the earliest date allowed by law.

ADOPTED this 12th day of September, 2022

Attest: Samantha Torres
Samantha Torres, Council Clerk

Linda Goodman
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Date filed with Mayor: 9-12, 2022

Date Approved by Mayor: 9-12, 2022

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