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MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and Council of Princeton
From: Deanna Stockton *Deputy Administrator / Municipal Engineer*
Dominick Itzi, *Sewer Operations Manager*
Subject: 30 Murray Place Sanitary Sewer Lateral Repair
Date: June 16, 2026

Attached for Princeton Mayor and Council's authorization is an agreement with the private property owner of 30 Murray Place to allow for the municipal repair of their private sanitary sewer lateral.

Sanitary sewer laterals are identified as private infrastructure in Princeton's municipal code section 34-25, which means that the benefited property owner is responsible for it from its connection to the public sewer main to the private structure. In 2025, Mr. Peloso contacted the Sewer Operations Division regarding backups of his sanitary sewer lateral. The Sewer Operations Division subsequently reviewed archived documents from the former Borough and performed closed circuit television inspection of the sewer lateral. It appears that the public storm sewer installed above the sewer lateral in a former Borough capital improvement project in 2007/2008 has resulted in damage to the private lateral serving 30 Murray Place.

In the interest of resolving this matter, it is recommended that Princeton enter into an agreement with the property owner to replace the sewer lateral at the Princeton's sole cost and expense. The scope of work includes the following:

- Removal of approximately 18 linear feet of the existing 4-inch sewer lateral.
- Installation of 18 linear feet of new 4-inch SDR 35 PVC pipe.
- Installation of a concrete saddle around the new sewer lateral to disperse the load of the storm sewer pipe.
- Connection to the municipal sanitary sewer system with required testing and inspection.
- Restoration of disturbed areas to original condition. The restoration includes the replacement of a large section of the reinforced concrete intersection table in front of 30 Murray Place.

To complete this work, the Municipality will utilize its on-call sanitary sewer excavation and repair contractor, Waters and Bugbee Inc., to expedite construction and minimize further impacts to the homeowner. The total cost for the repair is \$46,412.50.

Upon completion of the work, and as outlined in the agreement, the property owner will release Princeton from any further claims associated with this matter, and future ownership and maintenance responsibility of the sewer lateral will revert fully to the homeowner in accordance with municipal code.

Please feel free to contact me should you require any additional information.