



On March 23, 2022, the IDPH issued a Notice of Plumbing Code Variance for sewer/water service separation. According to the variance, if meeting the above separation requirements is impracticable or results in undue hardship due to excessive structural or mechanical difficulty, all of the following requirements must be met:

- ✓ The replacement is being performed in accordance with the LSLR requirements of **Section 17.12 of the Environmental Protection Act.**
- ✓ The existing water service line being replaced is not already in compliance with the separation requirements.
- ✓ There are no known leaks, cracks, or damage to the sanitary sewer, building sewer, or building drain at the time of replacement.
- ✓ There is no known evidence of sewage related contamination of drinking water at the property. This shall not be construed to require any water sampling.

The community water supply, property owner, and plumbing contractor agree to comply with ALL the following conditions:

- ▶ All plumbing system modifications/installations shall be installed by individuals authorized to perform plumbing in accordance with the Illinois Plumbing License Law (225 ILCS320).
- ▶ If installing via open-trench, the water service pipe must be encased with a pressure rated pipe (Type K copper not required). If installing via trenchless methods, the water service line must be replaced with Type K copper.
- ▶ The new water service line shall be installed no closer horizontally or vertically to the sewer than the existing service line.
- ▶ Any observed leak, crack, or damage to the sanitary sewer, building sewer, or building drain must be repaired prior to replacing the water service line.
- ▶ All plumbing system installations shall comply with all other parts of the IL Plumbing Code.
- ▶ Adequate documentation verifying compliance with this variance shall be maintained and made available to IDPH upon request, including:
 1. Street address for installation
 2. Brief description of why compliance was not practicable
 3. Brief description of the existing and new service line materials (water and sewer if known)
 4. Installation method
 5. Date of replacement
 6. Names of company and individuals who performed the replacement



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