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| <b>Meeting Date:</b>            | 10/5/2011  |
| <b>Sponsor(s):</b>              | Reboyras, Ariel (30)   |
| <b>Type:</b>                    | Ordinance  |
| <b>Title:</b>                   | Amendment of Section 11-16-020 of Municipal Code regarding care of sewers, sewer structures and drains |
| <b>Committee(s) Assignment:</b> | Committee on Transportation and Public Way   |

ORDINANCE

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO:**

**SECTION 1.** Section 11-16-020 of the Municipal Code of Chicago is hereby amended by inserting the underscored language as follows:

**11-16-020 Care of sewers, sewer structures and drains.**

All city-owned sewers, sewer structures and drains in any public way or public place in the city, or owned by the city but located outside the city limits, shall be the responsibility of the department and shall be maintained clean and free from obstruction. The commissioner shall cause repairs to be made as necessary to sewer structures, drains, receiving basins, culverts and any connected openings.

*(omitted text is unaffected by this ordinance)*

The property owner is responsible for sewer connections to new construction or substantially rehabilitated buildings. The property owner shall maintain clean and free from obstruction any private drain, house sewer or other sewer structure up to the point where it connects to the city-owned sewer. If a new private drain, house sewer or sewer structure is necessary to accommodate a reconstructed or substantially rehabilitated building on any property, the property owner shall, at his own expense, replace the private drain, house sewer or sewer structure up to the point where it connects to the city-owned sewer; provided, however, that in cases involving residential buildings of four or fewer units, or a mixed-use, owner-occupied building, with not more than one dwelling unit, it shall be the department's duty to make any necessary repairs to the private drain, house sewer or other sewer structure from the point where the private drain, house sewer or other sewer structure crosses the property line to the point where it connects to the city-owned sewer, unless the property owner intentionally or wantonly caused the damage necessitating the repair.

**SECTION 2.** This ordinance shall take effect and be in force hereinafter its passage and publication.



Ariel E. Reboyras  
Alderman, 30<sup>th</sup> Ward

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