

## **Johnson County offers homeowners funds to mitigate expenses**

Homeowners are responsible for the repair/replacement of their private service line from the home's connection to the point of connection on the public sanitary sewer main. The service line sometimes runs under paved public streets in public street right-of-way. The cost for replacement of a private sanitary sewer service line serving a single family residential property can be substantial and including the cost of public street restoration can make the repair even more costly.

To mitigate public street restoration expense, the Johnson County Board of County Commissioners approved a pilot street restoration reimbursement program in March 2016 which allows reimbursement of up to \$5,000 per single family residential property for restoration of the paved public street in the public street right-of-way. The program is administered by Johnson County Wastewater and is subject to the homeowner meeting specific application and qualification requirements. All private service line repairs must meet JCW standards and all street repairs must meet City permit and inspection standards.

Homeowners would be informed by a plumbing company or by JCW if the issue is with their private street line and whether or not it will require street restoration and therefore, would qualify for reimbursement.

The reimbursement may be subject to federal or state income tax and participants are advised to consult with their tax advisers.

The pilot program has been funded by JCW for a total of \$500,000. Applicants must meet the following requirements in order to be eligible for reimbursement consideration:

### **Eligibility**

1. The property must be connected to and served by a sanitary sewer district that is operated by and under the jurisdiction of JCW;
2. Property is currently and/or regularly occupied exclusively for single-family residential uses;
3. The building service line for the property runs under a paved public street;
4. First come, first served. Reimbursement is dependent upon funds remaining in the Street Restoration Fund for reimbursement. Once the reserved fund (\$500,000) is depleted, no additional reimbursements will be available.

Once the total allotted funds are exhausted, additional funding for the program will be evaluated by the Board.

Complete information and required documentation is [available online](#).

<http://www.jocogov.org/dept/wastewater/development-and-permitting/permitting/pilot-street-restoration-program>