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Minimum Requirements of Sewer Lateral Video Inspection

1. The sanitary sewer lateral shall be thoroughly cleaned prior to performing the video inspection.
2. The video inspection shall be performed by a licensed contractor qualified to provide video inspection services. The contractor must possess a current, valid City of Healdsburg Business License and a California Contractor's License.
3. Pan the head of the camera around sufficiently to confirm the property address and location of the lateral cleanout being entered prior to running the camera down into the underground lateral.
4. The video shall run continuously. If the video is stopped to move to a distant cleanout the camera operator must pan the camera around to confirm they are at the same address in each individual recording.
5. The video shall be in color and provide a clear picture of the full pipeline diameter. The video must inspect the entire length of the pipeline from the building cleanout to the City sewer main. For parcels with multiple sewer-connected buildings, all lines running from each building cleanout should be video inspected, regardless of whether or not each building was subject to construction activities. The City approves and issues sewer certificates for each parcel as a whole and does not certify individual portions of a sewer system within the same parcel.
6. All suspected defects shall be adequately inspected to make a conclusive determination.
7. The video shall be provided to the City of Healdsburg on a physical storage medium with the ability to pause, fast forward and rewind the video. DVDs, USB Keys, SD Cards, and other media will be accepted.
8. A vendor inspection report shall be provided to accompany the video. This report shall include the following minimum information:
 - a. Name of Company and technician who performed the video inspection.
 - b. Name of property owner or client along with their email address and/or phone number.
 - c. Street address of the sanitary sewer lateral being inspected.
 - d. Date the video inspection was performed.
 - e. Diameter of the sanitary sewer lateral and material(s) the lateral is composed of.
 - f. Provide a map and identify the starting and ending points of video inspection. Include structures labeled with the same name as they are identified as in the report. If more than one sanitary sewer lateral is inspected, the video shall include a copy of the project plans with the locations of each lateral inspected clearly identified.
 - g. Identify all defects and specify the corresponding distance from the cleanout as indicated by the counter on the video.

Submittal packages that fail to satisfy any of the above requirements shall be deemed incomplete, returned to the Applicant, and a new video complying with all of the above minimum requirements will be required before any review is performed.

- Video inspections are valid for 6 months from the date of inspection. If the property owner fails to obtain a Certificate of Private Sewer Lateral Compliance within 6 months, the City Engineer may require the property owner to re-video the sanitary sewer lateral before issuing a permit for any repairs.
- After all of the defects identified in the city-provided inspection report have been repaired, the property owner shall provide a final video inspection and report to verify the repairs have been properly completed. This video inspection and vendor report shall conform to the above minimum requirements and run the entire length of the lateral, even if repairs were only performed over a short distance in the lateral.
- Once a post-repair video inspection has been approved, a Certificate of Private Sewer Pipeline Compliance shall be issued by the City Engineer or an authorized representative. No additional video inspection shall be required for 20 years from the date of issuance of the Certificate of Private Sewer Pipeline Compliance for the purposes of building permits. However, if a sewer overflow or other qualifying service call occurs within the 20-year period a new video must be produced. Please see the City of Healdsburg Sewer Lateral Ordinance for a detailed list of all situations that will require a new inspection.