

PROPOSITION

# S Sewer Lateral Repair Program

## ON JUNE 2, 2020

Manchester voters will have the opportunity to cast a vote on

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### WHAT IS PROPOSITION S?

If approved by voters, the proposition would increase sewer lateral fees by \$22 to a total fee of \$50 annually, the maximum allowed by state law.

Residents living in the city of Manchester will have the opportunity to vote in the June 2, 2020 elections regarding a proposed fee increase for the city's sewer lateral repair program.

In 2000, voters approved a \$28 annual fee per residence for the purpose of funding repairs of sewer lateral lines on residential properties. Most homeowners' insurance policies don't cover sewer lateral repairs. This program acts as insurance coverage relieving Manchester homeowners from the financial burden of the sewer lateral repair costs. Repairs cost between \$3,000 and \$10,000.

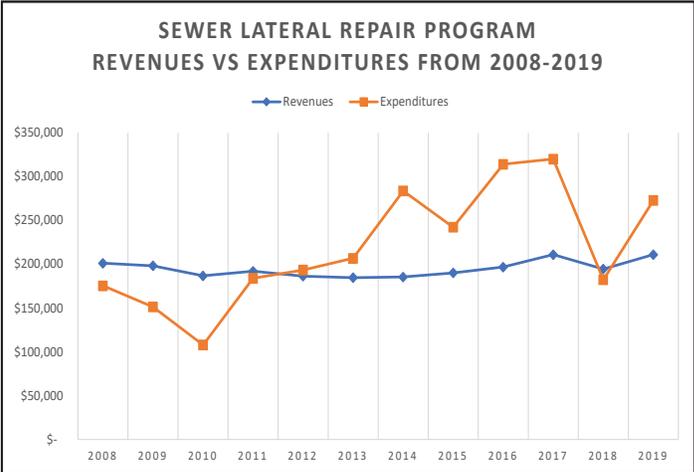
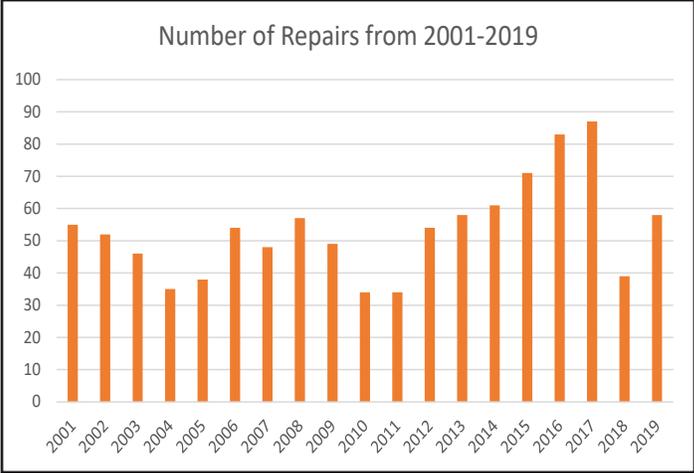
Sewer lateral lines in Manchester continue to deteriorate and the costs of repair and/or replacement on residential properties has continued to increase causing a decrease in funds available for repairs under the program. The City has performed 1,013 repairs over the last 19 years. The program has run at a deficit since 2012 and the fund is expected to be at zero by the end of 2020.

"In order for the program to sustain itself, program revenues must increase, or program costs must decrease," City Administrator Larry Perney said.

Increasing the annual fee by \$22 will allow the program to continue to effectively meet residents' needs.

Without a fee increase, residents in need of sewer lateral repairs would have to pay for the repairs out-of-pocket and be reimbursed on a first-come, first served basis as funding becomes available. The other option would be to increase the homeowner's portion of the repair cost.

**We encourage you to vote on June 2, 2020!**



### Proposition S Ballot Language

Shall the City increase the current maximum charge of twenty-eight dollars to a maximum charge not to exceed fifty dollars to be assessed annually on residential property for each lateral sewer service line serving six or less dwelling units on that property and condominiums that have six or less condominium units per building and any condominium responsible for its own individual lateral sewer line to provide funds to pay the cost of certain repairs of those lateral sewer lines which may be billed quarterly or annually?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_