

ORDINANCE NO. 24-16

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING DIVISION 5, "SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM", OF ARTICLE III "SEWERS AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL", OF CHAPTER 110 "UTILITIES"

WHEREAS, the corporate authorities of the City of Rolling Meadows previously adopted a Single-Family Residential Drainage Improvement Program on March 23, 1999, by Ordinance No. 99-13 ("Program"), in order to assistance provide to single-family residential property owners in alleviating flooding conditions caused by deficient grading; and

WHEREAS, the City hereby finds that mitigating drainage problems that spread over multiple properties protects the public health, safety and welfare by enhancing the functioning of the storm sewer system to reduce opportunities for the spread of diseases spread by mosquitos that breed in large ponds of standing stagnant water, and by promoting environmentally sustainable practices and green infrastructure programs that clean and filter contaminants out of stormwater before it enters the storm sewer system; and

WHEREAS, the corporate authorities of the City have determined that a significant public interest will continue to be served by the City to update and amend the Program for single-family residential property owners within the City; and

WHEREAS, the corporate authorities of the City have promulgated certain updated and amended guidelines for the implementation of the Program and find it advisable, necessary and in the best interest of the City to revise its City Code regarding Single-Family Residential Drainage Improvement Program.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Rolling Meadows, Cook County, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1. The facts and statements contained in the preambles to this Ordinance are found to be true and correct and are hereby adopted as part of this Ordinance.

Section 2. Division 5, entitled “Single-Family Residential Drainage Improvement Program,” of Article III, entitled “Sewers and Sewage Disposal”, of Chapter 110, entitled “Utilities” is hereby deleted and replaced in its entirety as follows:

DIVISION 5. - SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DRAINAGE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Sec. 110-181. – Purpose and Program adopted.

In response to residential drainage concerns that spread over multiple properties, the City has adopted a Single-Family Residential Drainage Assistance Program (“Program”) by resolution of the City Council. The Program will be administered by the Utility and Stormwater Management Review Board, following policy guidelines authorized annually by the City Manager, with guidance through the annual Capital Improvement Planning (CIP) and budgeting process.

Sec. 110-182. – Program Components

The Program consists of the following four main components:

A. **Drainage Complaint Logging and Verification.** Owner-occupied single-family home property owners may register a drainage complaint for review by the City. This step may result in recommended and/or required modifications owners should or must do to mitigate certain drainage issues, particularly if the owner intends to submit a technical assistance or grant application in the future.

B. **Annual Capital Improvement Projects.** This component includes the annual capital planning and budgeting by the City for stormwater enhancements in the public right-of-way utilizing, in part, past drainage complaint information verified and maintained via the City’s GIS database. Capital stormwater projects are typically scheduled with annual street resurfacing or reconstruction capital improvement programs, but can also include the installation of a new structure on an existing

storm sewer main. These projects allow private property owners to address yard drainage issues at their own expense by connecting new private property drains to the public system.

C. Technical Assistance Application and Award. Projects on properties not eligible for grant funding under the Program guidelines can apply to receive recommendations from the City's technical staff and advisors regarding drainage improvements projects that could be initiated at the owner's expense.

D. Partial Reimbursement Grant Application and Award. Projects on properties that have been verified to be eligible for grant fund reimbursement for Owners that agree to Program and Policy guidelines established by the City.

Sec. 110-183. – Eligibility Requirements

Owner-occupied properties that have documented eligible drainage complaints with the City may be eligible for technical assistance and/or partial grant reimbursement funding under the Program. The City maintains a list of properties that have documented eligible drainage complaints, which list will be updated as new drainage complaints are received, however only those who meet the following criteria will be considered for technical or partial grant reimbursement assistance under the Program.

A. Technical Assistance

Owners must meet all of the following four (4) requirements:

1. Available only when one or more inches of standing water remains on the property after a period of at least 48 hours of dry conditions following one-half or more inches of rain, as determined by rainfall recorded by the USGS at Station Number 05530990 located at Salt Creek and Algonquin Road (<https://il.water.usgs.gov/gmaps/precip/>). The required conditions must be adequately documented by the owner and verified by the City. Flooding caused by storm sewer obstruction, landscape or garden improvements that have modified original drainage patterns, misdirected downspouts or sump pump discharge, or frozen ground conditions shall not be a basis for eligibility unless flooding continues after all identified issues have been corrected.
2. Available only to Rolling Meadows residents, who are in good standing with the City (i.e., have no code violations in the past 12

months, unpaid fees, or past due accounts with the City of Rolling Meadows.)

3. Available only for properties located in single-family residential zoning districts and occupied by an existing owner-occupied single-family structure, as documented by Cook County property tax owner exemption status.
4. Shall not have existing private drainage infrastructure or similar work completed by the City in the past that has not been maintained.

B. Partial Reimbursement Grant Funding Assistance.

Owners may be eligible for Partial Reimbursement Grant Funding up to certain amounts and limits established in the Program, with additional funding allocated to eligible owners meeting certain qualified need criteria. Only those expenses identified and updated periodically in application materials prepared by the City are eligible for reimbursement, subject to the City Council's annual budget and appropriation for such reimbursement funding.

Owners must meet all four (4) Technical Assistance requirements AND the following three (3) additional requirements:

1. Properties must be documented by the City with a valid prior drainage complaint on file with the City for at least 12 months.
2. Properties must have an existing storm line in front of their property or be on the City's construction schedule for the following year or the year that grant funding will be awarded.
3. Common drainage issues must occur on no less three (3) adjoining properties where all owners agree to be contractually bound by a Rolling Meadows Single-Family Residential Drainage Improvement Program Agreement and Maintenance Covenant prepared by the City.

Sec. 110-184. – Application and Fees

In order to be considered for either technical assistance or partial reimbursement grant funding, owners with eligible projects as determined by the City must complete an application on a form provided by the City and pay a fee as follows:

A. Technical Assistance Application.

Owner must complete application on a form provided by the City and pay a \$250 application fee. Application fee is refundable upon City's approval of successful implementation of any of the recommended improvements greater than \$500 in cost, as evidenced by paid receipts.

B. Partial Reimbursement Grant Funding Application

Each Owner (not less than three (3)) of a Project must complete a grant application on a form provided by the City and pay a grant application fee of \$500.

Sec 110-185. – Grant Funding Timeline and Contractual Obligation

Grant funding applications identified by the City for Project implementation are recommended to City Council for final approval as part of the annual budget process. Selected projects that qualify for partial reimbursement grant funding require each owner to enter into an Agreement and Maintenance Covenant with the City, in the form prepared by the City. Said Agreement must be entered into prior to the City's adoption of the budget in December of the applicable year.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval, as provided by law.

ADOPTED this 9th day of April, 2024.

AYES: Reyez, Koehler, McHale, Budmats, O'Brien, Boucher

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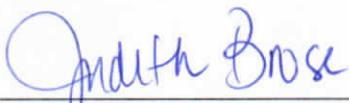
ABSENT: Vinezeano

APPROVED by me this 9th day of April, 2024.



Lara Sanoica, Mayor

ATTESTED and filed in my office,
this 12th day of April, 2024.



Judith Brose, Deputy City Clerk