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EXCAVATION POLICY

It is the official policy of the City of Albany Department of Water and Water Supply that restoration or repair of any special landscaping, steps or other structures on or within the City of Albany right-of-way or easement shall be the responsibility of the property owner. It is the property owner's responsibility, at their expense, to maintain or replace all structures altered or removed due to an excavation by the City of Albany Water Department.

Any walkways and driveways damaged or removed will be replaced by the Department using standard City of Albany restoration materials only. Such materials include concrete, asphalt and red brick. Any custom landscaping such as special concrete, slate, retaining walls, etc. will be the responsibility of the property owner, and the work to be performed with such materials by the property owner or a contractor hired by the property owner will be done solely at the property owner's expense. All lawn area restorations will be restored by the Department with standard City of Albany supplied topsoil and seeds only. It is the responsibility of the property owner to water and maintain the lawn after restoration is complete.

The repair work does not impose liability upon the City or its agents and they shall be held harmless from any claims related to the repair work.

As stated in Albany City Code Section 42-118 and Section 299-16, it is the responsibility of the property owner to maintain the water service and sewer lateral from the city-owned water and sewer mains to their point of entry into the property. However, as a courtesy, under the current practice, the City of Albany will repair the portion of the water service from the City main to – but not including – the curb stop. The property owner is responsible for the repair of the remainder of the service line from the curb stop, including the curb box, to the point of entry into the structure. Depending upon time and available resources – and solely at the discretion of the Department – the City may agree to make repairs, once a consent form has been properly executed, and will bill the property owner for time and materials. This only applies to the water service. The property owner is still fully responsible for the entire sewer lateral from the city-owned sewer main to its point of entry into the property.

Work performed by the City of Albany Department of Water and Water Supply does not alter any responsibility of the property owner in any manner with respect to future claims.

The Commissioner, or his designee, shall have the discretion to require installation of a new water service, from the water main to the curb stop, if the old service line has been determined to be lead, and has been disconnected from the water main.

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