

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE  
CONCERNING SUMP PUMP DRAINAGE**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Rolling Meadows, as a home rule unit of local government as provided by Article VII, Section 6(a) of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, has the authority to exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs including the power to regulate for the protection of the public health, safety, morals, and welfare; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 18-9 of the Municipal Code allows sump pumps to discharge in such a manner that they do not create a public nuisance and in no event closer than ten feet from the property line; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 110-160 of the Municipal Code allows sump pumps to discharge only into a municipal storm system or a drainage ditch or swale; and

**WHEREAS**, the City desires to amend the Municipal Code and clarify that sump pumps need not discharge only into municipal storm systems, ditches, and swales; and

**WHEREAS**, the Corporate Authorities of the City of Rolling Meadows have therefore determined that it is in the best interest of the City and its residents to amend the Municipal Code as set forth herein.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Rolling Meadows, Illinois:**

**Section 1:** The recitals set forth above are incorporated herein by reference as the findings of the Corporate Authorities.

**Section 2:** Section 110-160, entitled "Connection requirements and prohibitions," of Division 4, entitled "Building sewers and connections," of Article III, entitled "Sewers and sewage disposal," of Chapter 110, entitled "Utilities," of the Rolling Meadows Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows [additions are **bold and double-underlined**; deletions are ~~struck through~~]:

"The connection of the building sewer into the public sewer shall conform to the requirements of all building and plumbing and all other applicable rules and regulations of the city. Upon approval of the city engineer the connection may conform to the procedures set forth in appropriate specifications of the American Society of Testing Materials, Water Pollution Control Federation Manual of Practice No. 9, and Standard Specifications for Water and Sewer Main Construction in Illinois. All such connections shall be made gastight and watertight. In addition, the following shall apply:

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(2) *Footing drains.* Footing drains shall be connected to sump pumps for further discharge via an overhead system ~~into a storm sewer or drainage swale~~. No footing drain or drainage tile shall be connected to the sanitary sewer system. All sump basins shall be vented. No wastewater from the building may be connected to a footing drain or footing drain sump basin.

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(6) *Sump pumps.* Sump pumps installed to receive and discharge groundwaters or other stormwaters shall not be connected to a storm sanitary sewer or ~~shall discharge into a drainage ditch~~. Sump pumps installed to receive and discharge floor drain flow or other sanitary sewage shall be connected to the sanitary sewers. A sump pump shall be used for one function, only, either the discharge of stormwaters or the discharge of sanitary sewage.

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**Section 3:** If any provision of this Ordinance or part thereof is held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect, and shall be interpreted, applied, and enforced so as to achieve, as near as may be, the purpose and intent of this Ordinance to the greatest extent permitted by applicable law.

**Section 4:** This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval, and publication in pamphlet form in the manner provided by law.

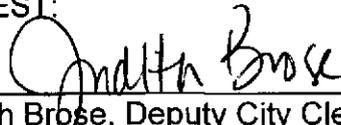
**PASSED AND APPROVED** by the City Council of Rolling Meadows, Cook County, Illinois this 10<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2024.

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

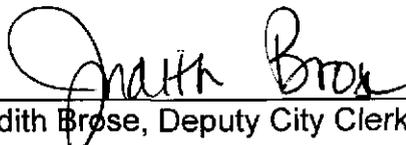
NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

  
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Lara Sanoica, Mayor

ATTEST:  
  
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Judith Brose, Deputy City Clerk

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Judith Brose, Deputy City Clerk