



## Department of Public Works

**To:** Mayor Welch, Common Council Members  
**From:** Howard Robinson, Director of Public Works  
**Date:** May 5, 2020  
**Subject:** Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Approval of Private Septic Installation or Extension of Sanitary Sewer Main to 331 N. Janesville Street.

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### Summary

The owner of 331 N. Janesville Street has informed the City that their septic system has failed inspection. The system is still functional but does not meet current testing standards and must be replaced.

The City does not currently have a sanitary sewer main adjacent to this property. The sanitary sewer ends at the intersection of Nelson Ave. The Capital Improvement Plan includes the installation of sanitary sewer main from Nelson Avenue to Bowers Lake Road but is not currently budgeted and not on the current priority list.

Per ordinance, the City Council must approve the installation of a replacement septic system for the existing residential home. At the time of sanitary sewer main installation, the property will be assessed for costs and will be required to connect to the city system. Ordinance sections are included.

Alternatively, the City could install a portion of the sanitary sewer main to provide city services for this resident. This is an assessable cost.

Water main is currently available at this property. The outstanding water main assessment is required to be paid at the time of property sale.

There are three alternatives:

1. Allow a private septic installation at 331 N. Janesville Street with the owner acknowledging their required responsibility to connect to the city sanitary sewer at the time of installation per city ordinance.
2. Or, Approve sanitary sewer main installation to service this property.
3. Or, Approve sanitary sewer main installation from Nelson Avenue to Bowers Lake Road with the cost of the installation assessable to all properties affected.

### Recommendation



City Administration recommends installation as a minimum, the portion of sanitary sewer main to serve this property if funding is available at this time.