

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF GARFIELD, WASHINGTON, adopting Garfield Municipal Code §20.04.035, designating which sewer lines and sewer line facilities are within the exclusive control and supervision of the Town, and prohibiting unauthorized maintenance or repairs to such lines and facilities.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Town of Garfield as follows:

Section 1. There is hereby adopted as Garfield Municipal Code §20.04.035 the following:

**"20.04.035 - Jurisdiction over sewer lines - - prohibition against unauthorized maintenance and repairs.** All sewer lines and sewer line facilities located within any alley, street, right-of-way, or other premises owned by the Town are the property of the Town and are under the exclusive control and supervision of the Town. No property owner or other person acting on behalf of a property owner or sewer service customer shall perform any maintenance or make any repairs to any such lines or facilities unless specifically authorized in writing by the Town's public works supervisor or other, authorized official of the Town; provided, a plumber licensed by the State of Washington, acting on behalf of a property owner or sewer service customer, may run a sewer snake from private property into a sewer line located in an alley, street, right-of-way, or other premises owned by the Town in order to diagnose a blockage or other drain problem. Under no circumstances shall the Town incur any liability or responsibility for the cost of any such diagnostic work or any unauthorized maintenance or repairs to any sewer lines or sewer line facilities located within an alley, street, right-of-way, or other premises owned by the Town. Any property owner or other person acting on behalf of a property owner or sewer service customer performing diagnostic procedures or unauthorized maintenance or

repairs to any such lines or facilities shall be responsible to the Town for any damages to the sewer lines or facilities, or to any roadway, right-of-way, or other premises owned by the Town which are damaged by the work."

Section 2. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect five days after it or a summary thereof, is published in the official newspaper of the Town of Garfield as required by law.

PASSED by the Town Council of the Town of Garfield at its regular meeting on March 12, 2008.

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Jarrod Pfaff, Mayor

Attest:  
Annie Pillers, Clerk

Approved as to form:

Stephen Bishop,  
Town Attorney

Passed: March 12, 2008

Published: \_\_\_\_\_

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