

ORDINANCE NO. 44

**REQUIRING PLUGS IN BASEMENT DRAINS DURING
PERIODS OF HIGH WATER**

The Village Board of the Village of Cochrane, Wisconsin, do ordain as follows:

SECTION 1. To protect and safeguard the sewage system and treatment plant in the Village of Cochrane and to insure efficient operation thereof during periods of high water which could affect it adversely, it is hereby provided that all owners of homes and business establishments located in the area in said Village, which is subject to flooding or seepage, shall install basement drains of such type that can be closed and sealed off with a water tight lug during high water.

SECTION 2. That such installation in each house where it is required shall be made forthwith and not later than October 1st, 1974, at the expense of the property owner in keeping with the program which the Village has undertaken for the removal of clear water at all tightness and flood waters during periods of high water from the sewer system.

SECTION 3. That such installation shall be made in accordance with the requirements and specifications compiled by the Davy Engineering Company of La Crosse, Wisconsin, and available at the office of the Village Clerk.

SECTION 4. Each such installation shall be inspected and approved by the VILLAGE ENGINEER as soon as possible after the work has been done and before Dec. 1, 1974.

SECTION 5. The Village Clerk shall, with the help of the Village Engineer, prepare a list of each property which shall be so affected and which shall be required to perfect such installation.

SECTION 6. That within the period of thirty days after the passage and publication of this Ordinance, the Village Clerk or Village Engineer shall give notice by the most practical method to each such property owner who shall be required to perfect such installation within the time and in the manner specified.

SECTION 7. That each property owner shall promptly upon the completion of the said installation, notify the Village Clerk that Such work has been completed and is ready for inspection by the Village Engineer.

SECTION 8. That in the event any property owner fails or refuses to comply with the requirements in this regard by December 1 1974, the Village Clerk shall notify each such owner of such failure to comply with the aforesaid requirements by certified mail and such owner shall be limited to fifteen days from and after the receipt of such notice to perfect such installation and notify the Village Clerk thereof.

SECTION 9. That in the event any such owner fails, neglects, or refuses to perfect such

installation after receiving the aforesaid notice by certified mail, the Village Board is hereby given the blanket authority to direct such installation to be made under the direction of the Village Engineer and to collect the full cost of such installation from such property owner and failure on the part of such property owner to reimburse the Village for such expense within the period of thirty days after demand is made, shall justify and result in adding such amount with interest thereon to the tax roll and making it an enforceable lien against the property involved.

SECTION 10. That after the installation of the required plugs in basement drains and after the initial approval thereof as indicated, each property owner shall be required to keep and maintain such plugs readily accessible for immediate use and in good condition and working order.

SECTION 11. That in any year in which there are advance warnings of high water and possible flooding of property given to the Village of Cochrane by the U. S. Corps of Engineers, the Village Board shall forthwith declare a flood emergency and notice by publication shall be given to all property owners who may be affected, to install the basement drain plugs by the date designated and to keep the same intact until notice is published that the flood danger is past and that such plugs may be removed as of the date designated.

SECTION 12. That the Village Engineer or any employee of the Village designated by him, and any plumber authorized by the Village or designated by the Village Engineer, shall have the full and free right to enter upon any premises at any and all reasonable hours under normal circumstances and at any time whatever in the event of any emergency to inspect, examine, adjust or replace any basement drain plug.

SECTION 13. That in any situation in which the Village Engineer has reasonable grounds to believe that any property owner has failed or refused to comply with the request for the insertion of a basement drain plug when notified and requested to do so, he shall enter upon such premises at any time to make such installation and insertion and shall also in such case have the full right to seal such plug in place to so remain until removed by him. That the same authority shall apply to any situation in which a property owner removes a basement drain plug prior to the time when he is allowed to do so.

This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Dated this 14 day of May, 1974.

/s/ Vernon Florin
Village President

ATTEST:
/s/ Kermit Spieth
Village Clerk

This Ordinance was unanimously passed and adopted at a Regular Meeting of The Village Board on Tuesday May 14 1974.