

As part of the City of Center Line's continued efforts to comply with Michigan Department of Environmental Quality Administrative Consent Orders over the past twenty years, City of Center Line ordinances, as well as State and Federal environmental laws, we are required to enforce all regulatory obligations of same.

In 2000, the City of Center Line did pass an Engineering Standards Ordinance (which is available for public viewing at [https://library.municode.com/mi/center_line/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=PTIICOOR APX CENSTOR](https://library.municode.com/mi/center_line/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=PTIICOOR_APX_CENSTOR)).

This ordinance clearly outlines the city's obligations to inspect and gain compliance from all property owners. Recent ACOs have resulted in the need for the City of Center Line to reinspect all properties to ensure that storm-water connections are in fact within compliance of all the above stated orders or laws. This is why many property owners have received notices. Included below is the specific code that requires property owners to ensure that downspouts run at least 5' from buildings, for your convenience. In the case with those property owners who do not believe they can comply with the 5' rule due to the downspout being on the "driveway side" of the building, it is recommended that you simply divert the water to the front or backyard (preferably onto grass or into landscape beds) using 45 and/or 90 degree extensions, or other diverters available at most hardware stores.

Please see the below section of the Engineering Standards Ordinance that does require drainage water disposal to be piped to a point five feet away from the outside walls of any building. Sec. 601. - Site grading and drainage water collection and disposal. Paragraph 8. Drainage water run-off from building roofs shall be piped to a point five feet away from the outside walls of any building. No drainage water run-off shall be allowed on adjacent property. Drainage water, sump pump water and/or ground water shall not be discharged to the sanitary sewer system. It should be noted that the city's failure to gain compliance from all property owners with regards to State and Federal environmental laws or ACOs can result in very large fines for both the city and/or property owners. We are simply doing our part to keep that from happening.

The City Department of Public Works has received a large volume of calls due to this inspection program and will return calls as quickly as possible with responses to your inquiries. We appreciate your patience and cooperation.