

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: SANITARY SEWER SERVICE INSTALLATION (125 HYLAND AVENUE)

BACKGROUND:

The property owner at 125 Hyland Avenue is currently in the process of constructing a new apartment building in place of the old Triangle Fraternity House. Based on a condition survey of the existing service, it has been determined that the owner's intention to re-use the existing sanitary sewer service is no longer viable, and that a new, larger service will be required.

The Municipal Code requires that City Council approve temporary closures of those streets that are classified as arterials or are active CyRide routes, which is the case with Hyland Avenue.

The sanitary sewer main is located in the center line of Hyland Avenue and will require the closure of Hyland Avenue for approximately 7 days to safely accommodate the new sanitary sewer service installation.

Staff has posted notification of potential closure dates at all affected property locations along this street, giving staff contact information should there be questions or concerns related to the closure. Access to all adjacent properties will be maintained during the street closure.

Staff has coordinated with CyRide to re-route bus service along Sheldon Avenue during the street closure.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Delegate to staff the ability to administratively approve the closure of Hyland Avenue to facilitate the safe installation of the new sanitary sewer service.
2. Direct staff to work with the property owner to determine exact alternate dates to conduct the sanitary sewer service installation.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

By granting staff the ability to administratively close Hyland Avenue, City Council would be facilitating the best possible coordination between the City and the property owner for this project. It will provide the flexibility needed to minimize the potential impacts to the citizens of Ames through up-to-date, accurate traffic information during the closure.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby delegating to staff the ability to administratively approve the closure of Hyland Avenue to facilitate the safe installation of the new sanitary sewer service.