

# **Sewer Damage and Sewer Backup Policy**

## **Town of Collierville**

### **Purpose:**

To establish a clear, written policy for the Town that defines where the Town's responsibility stops and the property owner's responsibility starts as it pertains to the sewer service line into the property.

### **Policy:**

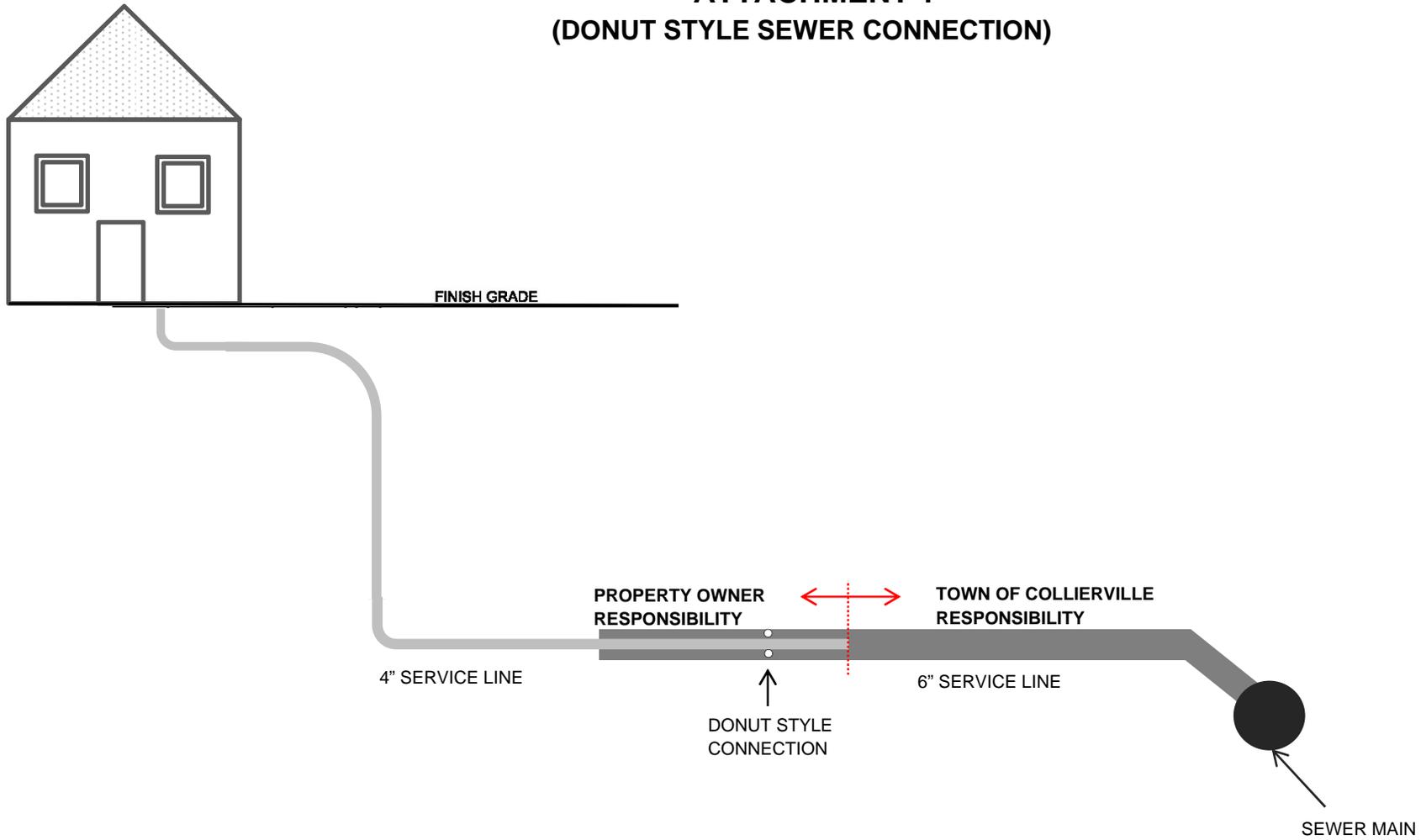
Each property served by public sewer has a service line that runs from the property to the Town's sewer mains. The service lines vary in size and depth of penetration into the property. The Town shall have ownership of the service lines up to but not including the connection to property's service line from the building on the property. Since the connection to the Town's service line is made by the property owner's plumber, the connection is the property owner's responsibility.

How the service lines are connected have changed several times over the years, so the definition of the limits of the connection will depend on the type of connection and the location of the connection on the property.

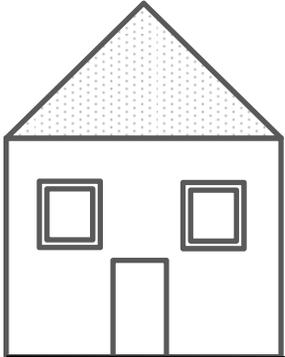
1. Donut Style Sewer Connection: The property owner is responsible to the discharge end of the pipe that penetrates into the Town's service line including the donut style connection (Attachment 1).
2. PVC Glued Connection: Typically for residential properties, the service line from the residence is 4 inches in diameter and the Town's line is 6 inches in diameter. The connection will be where the 4 inch to 6 inch reducer is glued onto the Town's line. In the event that there is no pipe size difference the connection will be where there is a color change in the pipe, or change in pipe materials or the edge of the right of way (Attachment 2).
3. Concrete, Terra Cotta, other: The property owner is responsible for the connection at the 4 inch to 6 inch reducer, or where the pipe material changes, fernco coupling or the edge of the right of way (Attachment 3).
4. Multiple Properties on one Connection: The property owners are responsible from the "Y" or Tee, which splits the properties from the Town's common service line, back to the structures (Attachment 4).

In the event there is a sewage backup into the property owner's building or out of a cleanout or through a break in the service line on the property owner's side of the sewer connection, it is the property owner's responsibility to pay for any damages, cleanup or repairs on or in their property.

# ATTACHMENT 1 (DONUT STYLE SEWER CONNECTION)



**ATTACHMENT 2  
(PVC GLUED SEWER SERVICE CONNECTION)**



4" SERVICE LINE

FINISH GRADE

PROPERTY OWNER  
RESPONSIBILITY



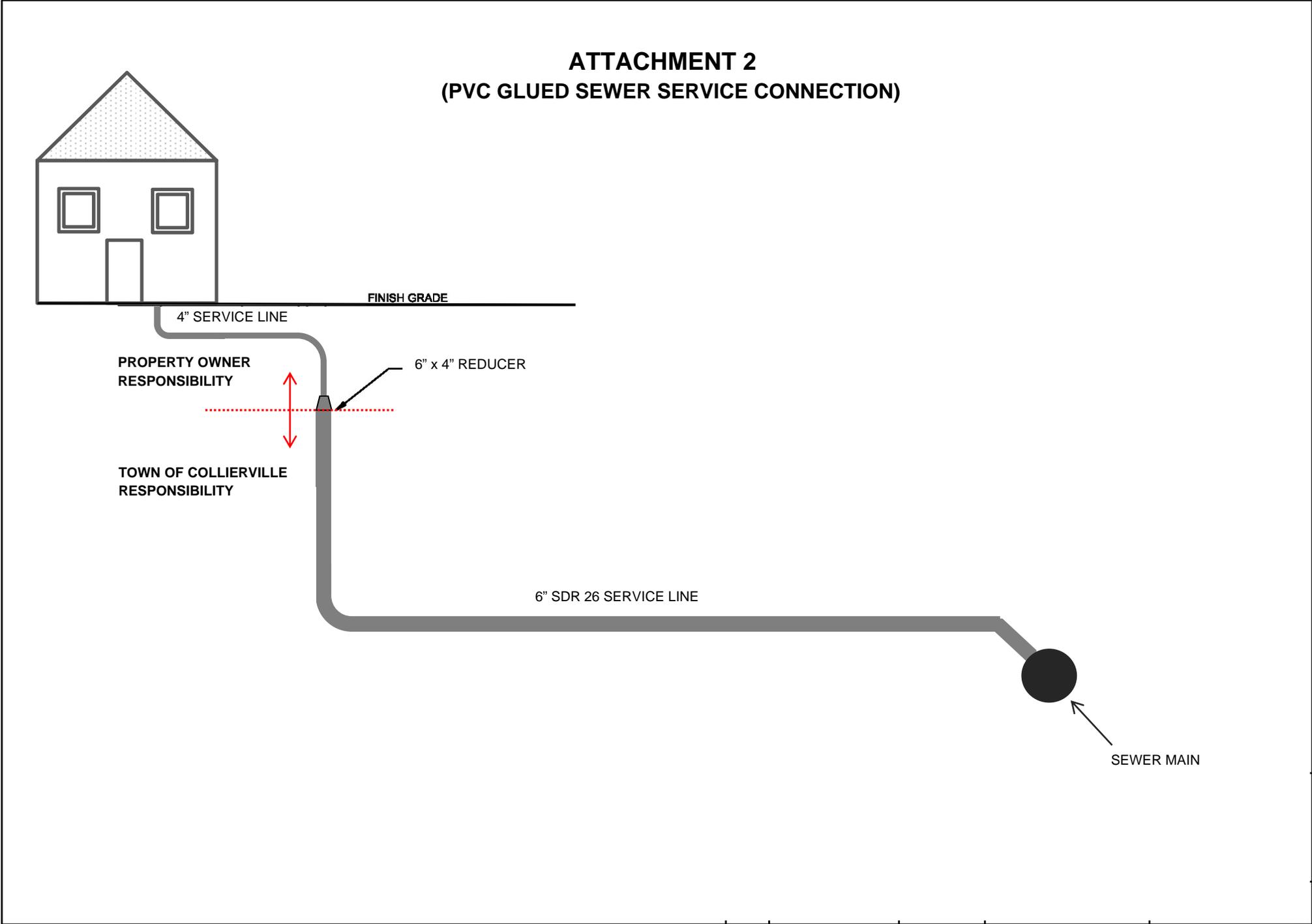
TOWN OF COLLIERVILLE  
RESPONSIBILITY

6" x 4" REDUCER

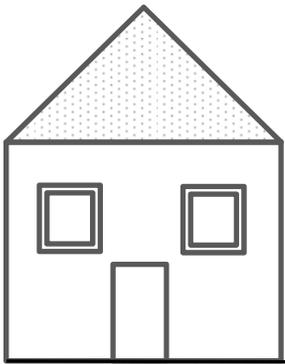
6" SDR 26 SERVICE LINE



SEWER MAIN



**ATTACHMENT 3  
(FERNCO OR OTHER TYPE SEWER CONNECTION)**



FINISH GRADE

PROPERTY OWNER  
RESPONSIBILITY

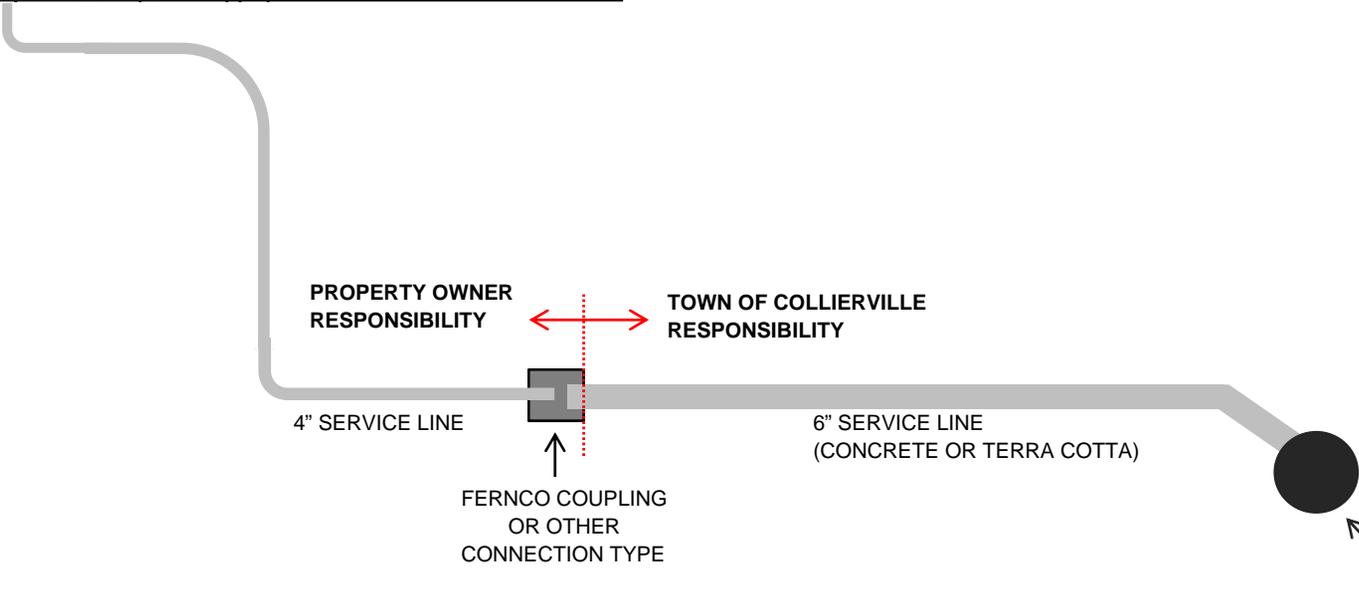
TOWN OF COLLIERVILLE  
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4" SERVICE LINE

6" SERVICE LINE  
(CONCRETE OR TERRA COTTA)

FERNCO COUPLING  
OR OTHER  
CONNECTION TYPE

SEWER MAIN



**ATTACHMENT 4  
(SPLIT SEWER CONNECTION)**

