ORDINANCE NO. 14-58

By Mr. Trank

To provide for the inspection of buildings when there is reason to believe that the storm or roof water leaders might be connected with the sanitary sewer, to provide for the disconnection thereof and to declare an emergency.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEXLEY, STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. When a condition exists in any neighborhood and there is reason to believe it is caused by the connection of the storm or roof water leaders of any building to the sanitary sewer, the Mayor shall order an inspection of said building or buildings by the Building or Sewage Department for the purpose of determining if such a connection or connections exist.

Section 2. If such an inspection shows that any storm or roof water leaders are connected to the sanitary sewer, in violation of the building code of the City of Bexley, then the Mayor shall notify the owner or owners thereof, in writing by delivering said notice to their residence, and give them not less than fifteen (15) days in which to disconnect the same. If such owner or owners are nonresidents of Bexley such notice shall be sent to his last known address by registered mail.

Section 3. Any police officer, clerk of council or his assistants, may make service of such notice hereinabove provided, and the fees therefor shall be the same as are allowed for the service and return of summons in civil cases before a magistrate.

Section 4. If the owner or owners fail to comply with such notice, the Mayor shall cause such storm or roof water leaders to be disconnected from the sanitary sewer and may employ the necessary labor to carry out the provisions of this section. All expenses incurred shall be paid out of Sanitary Sewer Fund.

Section 5. Upon completion of such work, the Mayor shall advise the owner or owners, in writing, the amount of all costs incurred in connection therewith, as provided in Sections 1 to 4 inclusive. If such charges are not paid by the owner or owners within ten (10) days, then such charges together with a proper description of the lot or land upon which said building is located, shall be transmitted to the County Auditor of this County and shall be entered by the Auditor upon the tax duplicate of the County and be a lien upon said lot or land from and after the date of the entry be collected as other taxes and returned to the City with the general fund.

Section 6. Any person who shall interfere with any duly authorized City employee or laborer while in the process of making the inspection provided for herein or while making any disconnections authorized herein, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not to exceed fifty dollars, and shall pay the costs of prosecution.

Section 7. This ordinance is an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety said emergency being that this condition has and is, in certain neighborhoods causing conditions that are detrimental and dangerous from a health angle and the same shall go into full force and effect upon its passage and approval.