

**GRINDER PUMP
POLICY OF THE CITY OF BRISTOL**
Amended 08/09/2021

IT IS HEREBY determined to be the policy of the City of Bristol, Bristol, Florida as it relates to customers receiving City services, in particular, sewage services. Said policy is as follows:

1. The City of Bristol has a sewage treatment system and a collection system.
2. Some customers have "grinder pumps" associated with their waste collection system. The initial residential grinder pumps were installed at no cost to the customer, on the customers' private property. These grinder pumps belong to the property owner(s) and not the City.
3. All other grinder pumps, both residential and commercial, belong to the property owner(s).
4. All the attachments to the grinder pumps, such as, electrical, connection, etc., belong to the property owner(s).
5. The City has in the past installed a grinder pump known as the "Pentair/Delta Grinder Pump". Some of the Pentair/Delta pumps proved to be unsatisfactory in terms of mechanical ability and as such, said defective pumps were replaced on an as needed basis at no cost to the customer.
6. Effective May 11, 2015 the City Council declared that all remaining Pentair/Delta pumps are at least 5 ½ years old, have met a reasonable life expectancy, have proven to be free from a manufacturing defect, and are now the sole responsibility of the property owner(s).
7. The City Council reaffirms that all repairs/replacements of grinder pumps are the responsibility of the property owner.
8. **The City Council further mandates that City maintenance personnel shall not go on private property tending to, diagnosing, or repairing grinder pumps** except as follows:
 - A. Only in emergency/extenuating circumstances where a private pumping source is not available on a timely basis and

when City maintenance personnel and pumping equipment are available, and where there are no impediments or obstacles blocking safe and adequate access to the customer's grinder pump, may the City, at the discretion of the Public Works Supervisor, pump out a grinder pump on private property. (It is not the intent of the Council that the City pump out grinder pumps on a routine basis or compete with private pumping individuals/companies, and this provision shall only be implemented if all of the conditions outlined are met.)

- B. A right-of-entry executed by the property owner must be obtained prior to City personnel entering upon private property.
9. The City will not repair/replace any grinder pump or attachments to a grinder pump. It is the homeowner's/property owner's responsibility to utilize the warranty for the grinder pumps or repair/replace the grinder pump and its attachments at the homeowner's/property owner's expense.
 10. As to new construction or new "hook ups" that require a grinder pump, it shall be the property owner's responsibility to purchase the grinder pump and have the same installed according to the City's specifications.
 11. The City of Bristol has a grant/loan program available to assist very low/low/moderate income households with the cost of repair/replacement of residential grinder pumps providing that application requirements are met and funding is available. Funding is distributed on a first come, first served basis.
 - A. Very low/low income residential grinder pump owners may apply for a grant for ½ the cost of the grinder pump repair/replacement not to exceed eight hundred dollars (\$800.00). In addition, very low/low income grinder pump owners may apply for a 0% interest rate loan from the City of Bristol for the remaining cost of the grinder pump repair/replacement to be repaid to the City of Bristol in equal monthly installments providing that a lien is placed on the property that the grinder pump serves until the loan is paid in full, and providing that all application requirements are met and funding is available.

B. Residential grinder pump owners who do not qualify as LMI may apply, without regard for income, for a matching grant for up to 50% of the cost of the grinder pump repair/replacement not to exceed four hundred dollars in matching grant funds. In addition, grinder pump owners may apply for a 0% interest rate loan from the City of Bristol for the remaining cost of the grinder pump repair/replacement to be repaid to the City of Bristol in equal monthly installments providing that a lien is placed on the property that the grinder pump serves until the loan is paid in full, and providing that all application requirements are met and funding is available.

This amended grinder pump policy was adopted at a Regular Meeting of the Bristol City Council on August 9, 2021.

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