

26 Aug 1985

Mr. C. M. Grandstaff
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Dear Mr. Grandstaff:

Your letter of August 13, 1985, points out that, from time to time, a homeowner will build a garage, deck, or other addition over the gas service to his home. You further indicate that this is against city policy and that rerouting the service line around the dwelling causes considerable work for the crews and expense for the homeowner.

As an alternative to rerouting the service line around the home you propose to replace the service line by inserting plastic pipe through the original metal service line, seal between the plastic insert and the metal casing (former service line) at the house end and allow the casing to be vented through a curb valve box in the front yard.

You ask if an installation as described above would meet the requirements of §192.361(f), Installation of service lines under buildings. From your description such an installation would comply with §192.361(f) if the curb valve box extends above grade and is a rain and insect resistant fitting.

We hope this adequately answers your question.

Per your request we are also enclosing a copy of the Guidance Manual for Operators of Small Gas Systems.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Paullin
Director
Office of Pipeline Safety