

# Sewage <sup>9/16/68</sup> Pact OK'd By Council

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The Albany Common Council has approved an intermunicipality agreement with the Town of Guilderland which is designed to provide sewage services for 1,500 residents of the McKownville area.

By endorsing what is believed to be the first cooperative agreement between the city and a neighboring town, the council prepared the way for Guilderland's establishment of a \$1.3 million sewer district.

According to Guilderland Supervisor Carl Walter, who noted that he had been anxiously awaiting the council's decision, the town may now begin the series of engineering studies and fund applications aimed at establishment of the sewer district in late 1969.

## Westerlo Plant

Under the agreement, Guilderland will install main sewer lines from the Albany City Line to the Northway. The city will accept the effluence and treat it at the Westerlo Island treatment plant.

A total of 588 homes are expected to benefit from the cooperative agreement which will be operated until the Albany County Sewer District is in operation.

Further extension of sewer lines into areas of the town not provided with the service will be made possible through this "interim" arrangement, Mr. Walters pointed out.

## Eligible for Funds

Guilderland, which has been pressed by the State Health Department to abate Hudson River pollution, is eligible for as much as 60 per cent federal aid for the main transmission lines. State funds are also available.

The town will also be responsible for boosting the capacity of the Westerlo Island plant should the added effluence require the plant's expansion.

Albany will charge the town for treating the sewage on a metered basis.