

Folsom City Council Staff Report

MEETING DATE:	4/14/2026
AGENDA SECTION:	New Business
ITEM TITLE:	Ordinance No. 1367 – An Ordinance of the City of Folsom Amending Chapters 13.03, 13.04, 13.08, 13.12, 13.16, 13.20, and 13.25 of the Folsom Municipal Code Concerning the Sanitary Sewer Collection System and Municipal Sewer System Regulations (Introduction and First Reading) and Determination that the Project is Exempt from CEQA
FROM:	Utilities Department

RECOMMENDATION / CITY COUNCIL ACTION

The Utilities Department staff recommend that the City Council:

1. Introduce and conduct the first reading of Ordinance No. 1367 – An Ordinance of the City of Folsom Amending Chapters 13.03, 13.04, 13.08, 13.12, 13.16, 13.20 and 13.25 of the Folsom Municipal Code Concerning the Sanitary Sewer Collection System and Municipal Sewer System Regulations; and
2. Determine that the Project is Exempt from CEQA.

BACKGROUND / ISSUE

The Folsom Municipal Code was initially adopted by the City of Folsom in 1973 consistent with and incorporating reference to several State Government Code sections governing local authority, police powers, and procedures. Over the last 53 years, the Folsom Municipal Code has been amended numerous times annually to reflect legislative changes, policy changes, administrative changes, and local preferences.

City staff identified minor code clean up items within Chapters 13.03, 13.04, 13.08, 13.12, 13.16, 13.20, and 13.25 of the Folsom Municipal Code that should be updated to remove outdated references or antiquated provisions, and/or to reflect current best practices. This code cleanup

pertains to the sanitary sewer collection system and is designed to establish an effective and efficient sanitary sewer collection system, minimize the number of Sanitary Sewer Spills, protect and uphold public health and safety, and recognize the importance of clean water.

These items are listed and described briefly in the analysis section, and incorporated with specific language changes in track changes in the attached Ordinance.

POLICY / RULE

Pursuant to Chapter 1.01 (Code Adoption), the Folsom Municipal Code (FMC) was adopted by Ordinance 297 in 1973. Any subsequent amendment to the Folsom Municipal Code must also be adopted by Ordinance. Proposed Amendments to Title 13 do not require public hearing.

ANALYSIS

This section of the report lists and summarizes the staff-recommended code clean up items in the Folsom Municipal Code Chapters 13.03, 13.04, 13.08, 13.12, 13.16, 13.20, and 13.25. Amending these Chapters will bring the FMC into compliance with the State Water Resources Control Board adopted Statewide Waste Discharge Requirements (WDR) General Order for Sanitary Sewer Systems (Order WQ 2022-0103-DWQ), as well as the Regional Water Quality Control Board Requirements. These recommended changes will also comply with the requirements of the City's Sewer System Management Plan (SSMP). The City Council has been provided with a redline version to more easily identify the changes recommended (see attachment).

Key features of the revised ordinance include:

- Revised and expanded definitions
- Reassigned responsibility from the Environmental and Water Resources Director to the City Manager and his or her designees
- Updated references to various City Departments with their current department names
- Updated references to other agencies with their current agency names
- Incorporated new requirements for the Pipe Blockage Control Program
- Modified requirements of connecting to the public sanitary sewer collection system

Chapters affected by this municipal code update include:

- Chapter 13.03: Regulations to Prohibit and Control the Discharge of Fats, Oils, Grease, Rags and Debris into the Sanitary Sewer Collection System (Pipe Blockage Control Program)
- Chapter 13.04: Municipal Sewer System-Definitions
- Chapter 13.08: Municipal Sewer System-Regulations
- Chapter 13.12: Municipal Sewer System-Rental Regulations
- Chapter 13.16: Septic Tanks, Cesspools and Privies-Definitions
- Chapter 13.20: Septic Tanks, Cesspools and Privies-Regulations
- Chapter 13.25: Sewer Connection Service Charges

FINANCIAL IMPACT

This action has no direct financial impact on the City of Folsom.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The proposed City Council action to adopt Ordinance No. 1367 is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378 (b)(4) “Project” and Section 15061(b)(3) “Common Sense Exemption”. Under Section 15378, the action does not constitute a “project” under CEQA, as it pertains solely to administrative or procedural matters that do not result in direct physical environmental changes. Furthermore, Section 15061(b)(3), the “common sense exemption”, applies because it can be determined with certainty that the adoption of this updated document will not lead to significant effects on the environment.

ATTACHMENT

Ordinance No. 1367 – An Ordinance of the City of Folsom Amending Chapters 13.03, 13.04, 13.08, 13.12, 13.16, 13.20, and 13.25 of the Folsom Municipal Code Concerning the Sanitary Sewer Collection System and Municipal Sewer System Regulations

Submitted,

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Attachment 1

ORDINANCE NO. 1367

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FOLSOM AMENDING CHAPTERS 13.03, 13.04, 13.08, 13.12, 13.16, 13.20, AND 13.25 OF THE FOLSOM MUNICIPAL CODE CONCERNING THE SANITARY SEWER COLLECTION SYSTEM AND MUNICIPAL SEWER SYSTEM REGULATIONS

The City Council of the City of Folsom hereby does ordain as follows:

SECTION 1 PURPOSE

The purpose of this Ordinance is to amend Chapters 13.03, 13.04, 13.08, 13.12, 13.16, 13.20, and 13.25 of the Folsom Municipal Code (the “code”) pertaining to Sanitary Sewer Collection System and Municipal Sewer System Regulations. Sanitary Sewer Collection System and Municipal Sewer System Regulations are designed to establish an effective and efficient sanitary sewer collection system, minimize the number of Sanitary Sewer Spills, protect and uphold public health and safety, and recognize the importance of clean water. Amending these Chapters will bring the FMC into compliance with the State Water Resources Control Board adopted Statewide Waste Discharge Requirements (WDR) General Order for Sanitary Sewer Systems (Order WQ 2022-0103-DWQ), as well as the Regional Water Quality Control Board Requirements. These changes will also comply with the requirements of the City’s Sewer System Management Plan (SSMP).

SECTION 2 AMENDMENT TO CODE

Chapters 13.03, 13.04, 13.08, 13.12, 13.16, 13.20, and 13.25 of the Folsom Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

Chapter 13.03

REGULATIONS TO PROHIBIT AND CONTROL THE DISCHARGE OF FATS, OILS, AND GREASE, RAGS AND DEBRIS INTO THE SANITARY SEWER COLLECTION SYSTEM (PIPE BLOCKAGE CONTROL PROGRAM)

Sections:

- 13.03.010 Definitions.
- 13.03.020 Applicability.
- 13.03.030 Regulatory consistency.
- 13.03.040 Compliance disclaimer.
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- 13.03.060 Disclaimer of liability.
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- 13.03.180 Abatement.
- 13.03.190 Regulatory actions.
- 13.03.200 Discontinuance of service.

13.03.010 Definitions.

As used in this chapter, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings set forth below unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

A. “City” means the ~~city~~City of Folsom.

B. “City council” means the city council of the ~~city~~City of Folsom.

~~C. “City manager” means the city manager of the City of Folsom or his or her designee unless otherwise stated or indicated by context.~~

~~D. “County” means the ~~county~~County of Sacramento.~~

~~E. “Debris” means trash, gardening debris, sediment, unauthorized chemicals, construction materials, and any unauthorized materials not intended for disposal into the sanitary sewer collection system that may cause blockages.~~

~~F. “Director” means the City of Folsom director of the Utilities department or his or her designee unless otherwise stated or indicated by context.~~

~~DG. “Discharge” means the release or placement of any ~~sewage wastewater~~ into the city sanitary sewer collection system.~~

~~EH. “Discharger” means any person or facility that discharges, or causes to discharge, either directly or indirectly, ~~sewage wastewater~~ into the city’s sanitary sewer collection system.~~

~~F. “Environmental and water resources director” means the director of the environmental and water resources department of the city of Folsom or as otherwise directed by the city manager or his or her designee.~~

GI. “Fats, oils, and greases” or “FOG” means organic polar compounds derived from animal and/or plant sources that contain multiple carbon chain triglyceride molecules. These substances are detectable and measurable using analytical test procedures established in the United States Code of Federal Regulations [40 CFR 136](#), as may be amended from time to time. All are sometimes referred to herein as “grease” or “greases.”

HJ. “Food grinder” means any device installed in the plumbing or sewage system for the purpose of grinding food waste or food preparation by-products for the purpose of disposing it in the city’s sanitary sewer collection system.

IK. “Food service establishments” or “FSEs” means facilities that are dischargers and that prepare and/or package food or beverages for sale or consumption, on or off site, with the exception of private residences. FSEs include those establishments primarily engaged in activities of preparing, serving, or otherwise making food available for consumption by the public such as food packagers, grocery stores, bakeries, restaurants, commercial kitchens, caterers, hotels, schools, hospitals, prisons, correctional facilities, and care institutions. Examples of food preparation activities utilized by FSEs include the following: cooking by frying (all methods), baking (all methods), grilling, sautéing, rotisserie cooking, broiling (all methods), boiling, blanching, roasting, toasting, or poaching. FSEs also include any establishment using infrared heating, searing, barbecuing, and any other food preparation activity that produces a hot, nondrinkable food product in or on a receptacle that requires washing.

JL. “Garbage” means solid wastes from preparation, cooking, and dispensing of food, and from handling, storage and sale of food products.

KM. “Grease control device” means a grease interceptor, grease trap or mechanical grease removal equipment approved by the [Utilities director](#). ~~environmental and water resources director.~~

LN. “Grease interceptor” means a large containment tank installed underground and designed to collect, contain or remove food wastes and grease particles from the ~~sewage wastewater~~ prior to discharge into the sanitary sewer collection system. Grease interceptors primarily use gravity to separate FOG from the ~~sewage wastewater~~ as it moves from one compartment of the interceptor to the next.

MO. “Grease trap” means a device for separating and retaining grease prior to the ~~sewage wastewater~~ exiting the trap and entering the sanitary sewer collection system. Such traps are typically compact under-the-sink units that are near food preparation areas.

NP. “Grease waste” means waste removed from a grease control device.

OQ. “National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit” or “NPDES permit” means a permit issued by either the Regional Board or the State Water Resources Control Board pursuant to Chapter 5.5 (commencing with Section [13370](#)) of Division 7 of the Water Code to control discharges from point sources to waters of the United States.

PR. “New construction” means construction of a new structure that will include an FSE or modification of an existing structure or portion of an existing structure to accommodate an FSE or change in type of FSE that will significantly increase the potential for FOG production.

QS. “Person” means any natural person as well as any corporation, partnership, public agency, trust, estate, cooperative association, joint venture, business entity or other similar entity, or the agent, employee or representative of any of the above.

RT. “Plumbing official” means the building official or city employee designated by the city manager and who administers and enforces the provisions of the Uniform Plumbing Code. The plumbing official shall enforce the provisions of the Uniform Plumbing Code within the boundaries of the ~~city~~ City of Folsom.

U. “Rags” means masks, dental floss, “flushable” and non-flushable wipes, diapers, rags, other paper, cloth, plastic products, and any unauthorized materials not intended for disposal into the sanitary sewer collection system that may cause blockages.

SV. “Regional Board” means the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region.

FW. “Renovation” or “remodeling” means a physical change to an existing FSE that requires a building permit and involves any one or a combination of the following:

1. Plumbing;
2. Ventilation system;
3. Electrical system;
4. Any change in the size or type of food preparation equipment; and/or
5. To the cooking or restaurant facility.

X. “SacSewer” means the Sacramento Area Sewer District.

UY. “Sanitary sewer collection system” means the city-owned ~~system~~ network that is designed to convey sewage, including but not limited to pipes, manholes, ~~laterals,~~ and pump stations, ~~siphons, wet wells, diversion structures, and/or other pertinent infrastructure, that convey wastewater upstream of the to SacSewer~~ SRCSD facilities including:-

- Laterals owned and/or operated by the City of Folsom
- Satellite sewer systems; and/or
- Temporary conveyance and storage facilities, including but not limited to temporary piping, vaults, construction trenches, wet wells, impoundments, tanks and diversion structures.

~~VZ. “Satellite sewer system” means a portion of a sanitary sewer collection system owned or operated by a different owner other than the City of Folsom. “Sanitary sewer overflows” (SSOs) means a condition whereby untreated sewage is discharged to the environment, escaping wastewater treatment.~~

~~AA. “Sewage”, and its associated wastewater, means untreated or partially treated domestic, municipal, commercial, and/or industrial waste (including sewage sludge), and any mixture of these wastes with inflow or infiltration of stormwater or groundwater, conveyed in the sanitary sewer collection system.~~

~~AB. “Spill” means a discharge of sewage from any portion of the sanitary sewer collection system due to a sanitary sewer system overflow, operational failure, and/or infrastructure failure.~~

~~W. “SRCSD” means the Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District. (Ord. 1233 § 2 (part), 2015; Ord. 1071 § 2 (part), 2007)~~

~~AC. “Waters of the State” means surface waters or groundwater within boundaries of the state as defined in Water Code section 13050(e), in which the State and Regional Water Boards have authority to protect beneficial uses. Waters of the State include, but are not limited to, groundwater aquifers, surface waters, saline waters, natural washes and pools, wetlands, sloughs, and estuaries, regardless of flow or whether water exists during dry conditions. Waters of the State include waters of the United States.~~

~~AD. “Waters of the United States” means surface waters or waterbodies that are subject to federal jurisdiction in accordance with the Clean Water Act.~~

~~AE. “Wastewater”, and its associated sewage, means untreated or partially treated domestic, municipal, commercial, and/or industrial waste (including sewage sludge), and any mixture of these wastes with inflow or infiltration of stormwater or groundwater, conveyed in the sanitary sewer collection system. (Ord. 1367 § 2, 2026; Ord. 1233 § 2 (part), 2015; Ord. 1071 § 2 (part), 2007)~~

13.03.020 Applicability.

The provisions of this chapter shall be applicable to anyone who directly or indirectly discharges rags, debris, or FOG-producing material into the city’s sanitary sewer collection system. This includes but is not limited to all FSEs, and other FOG-producing commercial/industrial businesses, municipalities, schools, residents, etc. located within the incorporated area of the city ~~that discharge either directly or indirectly into the city’s sanitary sewer collection system.~~ (Ord. 1367 § 2 (part) 2026; Ord. 1233 § 2 (part), 2015; Ord. 1071 § 2 (part), 2007)

13.03.030 Regulatory consistency.

The provisions of this chapter shall take precedence over and are controlling with respect to any conflicting or inconsistent provisions in this code. (Ord. 1367 § 2 (part), 2026; Ord. 1233 § 2 (part), 2015; Ord. 1071 § 2 (part), 2007)

13.03.040 Compliance disclaimer.

Compliance by any person with the provisions of this chapter shall not preclude the need to comply with other local, state or federal statutory or regulatory requirements related to sanitary sewers or industrial/commercial/retail waste discharge. (Ord. 1367 § 2 (part), 2026: Ord. 1233 § 2 (part), 2015: Ord. 1071 § 2 (part), 2007)

13.03.050 Administration.

Except as otherwise provided herein, the ~~city manager~~~~environmental and water resources director~~ or designee shall be responsible for the administration, implementation and enforcement of the provisions of this chapter. (Ord. 1367 § 2 (part), 2026: Ord. 1233 § 2 (part), 2015: Ord. 1071 § 2 (part), 2007)

13.03.060 Disclaimer of liability.

The degree of protection required by this chapter is considered reasonable for regulatory purposes and is based on scientific, engineering and other relevant technical considerations. The standards set forth herein are minimum standards and this chapter does not imply that compliance will ensure that there will be no unauthorized discharge of pollutants into the ~~waters~~Waters of the United States. This chapter shall not create liability on the part of the city or any officer or employee thereof for any damages that result from reliance on this chapter or any administrative decision lawfully made thereunder. (Ord. 1367 § 2 (part), 2026: Ord. 1233 § 2 (part), 2015: Ord. 1071 § 2 (part), 2007)

13.03.070 Permitted discharges.

~~Sewage~~Wastewater may be discharged to the sanitary sewer collection system; provided, that such discharge is not prohibited by this chapter and conforms to all other requirements of this code, the current ~~SacSewerSRCSD~~ sewer use ordinance, and all other applicable statutes, regulations, ordinances or other governmental requirements; and further provided, that all applicable city and ~~SacSewerSRCSD~~ fees and sewer use charges are paid. (Ord. 1367 § 2 (part), 2026: Ord. 1233 § 2 (part), 2015: Ord. 1071 § 2 (part), 2007)

13.03.080 Prohibited discharges.

It shall be unlawful ~~for any FSE~~ to discharge or cause to be discharged any of the following to the sanitary sewer collection system except as specifically authorized by other provisions of this code:

- A. FOG in amounts, either alone or in combination with other discharges, that cause:
 1. Any visible sheen on the surface of the discharged sewagewastewater;
 2. Any build-up of grease in any portion of the sanitary sewer collection system; or
 3. Any obstruction of the sanitary sewer collection system.

B. Any discharge from a food grinder for a new or remodeled FSE.

C. Debris, rags, and/or pipe-blocking substances in amounts, either alone or in combination with other discharges, that cause:

1. Any obstruction of the sanitary sewer collection system.

ED. Any water or waste having a pH lower than five or having any other corrosive property capable of causing damage or hazard to structures, equipment, personnel and sewer pipes.

The foregoing discharge prohibitions are not exclusive and shall be in addition to any prohibitions or requirements specified in any other provision of this code or by any other applicable statute, regulation, ordinance, law, or other governmental requirement. (Ord. 1367 § 2 (part), 2026: Ord. 1233 § 2 (part), 2015: Ord. 1071 § 2 (part), 2007).

13.03.090 Grease control devices.

All FSEs must install, operate, and maintain a grease control device if they meet any of the following provisions:

A. New construction.

B. Renovation or remodeling that alters the existing plumbing at or below grade of the existing finished floor or alters the use, occupancy or function of the space, which would contribute to the production of fats, oils and grease.

C. When deemed necessary by the Utilities director~~environmental and water resources director~~ to protect public health or safety or reduce/eliminate FOG.

D. If the FSE has a prohibited discharge.

E. If the FSE is deemed by the Utilities Ddirector~~environmental and water resources director~~ to contribute to or have reasonable potential to be the cause of an SSO Spill.

F. If there is a change in land use which change has the potential to significantly increase FOG production and/or make a prohibited discharge of FOG reasonably foreseeable without a grease interceptor.

Grease control devices shall meet minimum design and performance requirements of the latest edition of the Uniform Plumbing Code and the California Plumbing Code as well as satisfying all requirements as designated by the Utilities Ddirector~~environmental and water resources director~~. Grease control devices must be approved by the Utilities Ddirector~~environmental and water resources director~~, in writing, prior to construction and installation. (Ord. 1367 § 2 (part), 2026: Ord. 1233 § 2 (part), 2015: Ord. 1071 § 2 (part), 2007).

13.03.100 Conditional waiver.

An FSE may apply to the Utilities Director~~environmental and water resources director~~, in writing, for a conditional waiver of the requirement to install an approved grease control device.

A. The Utilities Director~~environmental and water resources director~~ may approve such conditional waiver if the FSE demonstrates to the Utilities Director~~environmental and water resources director~~'s satisfaction that the FSE does not generate FOG, and/or causes FOG deposition in the sanitary sewer collection system. The conditional waiver shall include the following information:

1. An independent study by an engineering firm recommending that a grease control device is not necessary.
2. A description of the FSE's best management practices (BMPs) which include:
 - a. BMPs based on a set menu that is not subject to change.
 - b. Employee training on proper food preparation, handling, serving and cleaning.
 - c. BMP signage posted throughout the restaurant for employees to refer to.
 - d. BMP training log, maintenance logs, and records available for city staff to review.

B. If the content of the menu changes or the operation and/or maintenance of the restaurant changes, the FSE shall notify the city. Changes in the menu or operations and/or maintenance of the restaurant may require the installation of a grease control device.

C. Cooperation with the city ~~of Folsom~~'s inspector and wastewater division to perform restaurant inspections and ~~closed circuit~~closed-circuit television inspection of the FSE's sewer lateral.

D. The Utilities Director~~environmental and water resources director~~ may revoke this conditional waiver and require that an approved grease control device be installed at any time:

1. If the FSE discharges FOG or causes the discharge of FOG into the sanitary sewer collection system;
2. If the Utilities Director~~environmental and water resources director~~ determines that any ~~SSO~~Spill, stoppage, interruption, or reduction of flow in the sanitary sewer collection system has resulted in whole or in part from discharge(s) by the FSE; or
3. If the Utilities Director~~environmental and water resources director~~ determines that the conditional waiver should be revoked to protect public health and safety. (Ord. 1367 § 2 (part), 2026; Ord. 1233 § 2 (part), 2015; Ord. 1071 § 2 (part), 2007)

13.03.110 Exception to allow alternative grease control device.

An FSE may apply for an exception to allow installation of a grease control device other than a grease interceptor, and the ~~Utilities Director environmental and water resources director~~ may approve such exception if the FSE demonstrates to the ~~Utilities Director's environmental and water resources director's~~ satisfaction that installation of a grease interceptor is not feasible due to space constraints, utility interferences, inadequate slope of ~~sewer wastewater~~ drainage lines, or other considerations. Alternative grease removal devices must be approved by the ~~Utilities Director environmental and water resources director~~ and include, but are not limited to, features that trap, separate and hold grease and be of a design that is equal to or more effective than an acceptable grease control device. (Ord. 1367 § 2 (part), 2026: Ord. 1233 § 2 (part), 2015: Ord. 1071 § 2 (part), 2007)

13.03.120 Maintenance of grease control devices.

A. All FSEs are required to utilize a grease waste hauler to pump grease waste from the grease interceptor and to lawfully dispose of the grease waste. Grease waste shall not be disposed of in the sanitary sewer collection system or storm drains.

B. The FSE, at its sole cost and expense, shall properly utilize, clean and maintain the grease control device in good and efficient working order at all times.

C. The FSE shall immediately correct any problem with a grease control device including, but not limited to, plugging, overflow or spillage from the device, improper operation, noncompliance with cleaning schedule, damaged or nonfunctioning features of the device, excessive accumulation of grease or solids, or other problems that resulted in or could result in a prohibited discharge or ~~SSOSpill~~. The manager or owner of an FSE shall notify the ~~Utilities Director environmental and water resources director~~ in writing of the problem and corrective action within five days of the discovery of the problem.

D. The FSE shall keep all manifests, receipts and invoices of all cleaning, maintenance, grease removal of/from the grease control device, disposal carrier and disposal site location for no less than three years. The FSE shall, upon request, make the manifests, receipts and invoices available to ~~the Utilities Director environmental and water resources director~~, or any authorized inspector that has jurisdiction under any local, state or federal water quality statutes, ordinances or regulations. (Ord. 1367 § 2 (part), 2026: Ord. 1233 § 2 (part), 2015: Ord. 1071 § 2 (part), 2007)

13.03.130 Prohibition of food grinders.

Food grinders are prohibited in new or remodeled FSEs. (Ord. 1367 § 2 (part) 2026: Ord. 1233 § 2 (part), 2015: Ord. 1071 § 2 (part), 2007)

13.03.140 Scope of inspections and monitoring.

A. In the event of an emergency situation that poses an immediate threat to life, health, safety, or general welfare occurring at an FSE relating to activities covered by this chapter, the ~~Utilities Director environmental and water resources director~~ may enter upon private property to eliminate, abate, clean up and dispose of a prohibited discharge or grease waste.

B. The Utilities Ddirector ~~environmental and water resources director~~ may enter upon private property during regular business hours to investigate the source of any prohibited discharge to the sanitary sewer collection system or to verify compliance with the provisions of this chapter, including, but not limited to, the following:

1. Operation and maintenance of grease control devices.
2. Prohibition of the use of food grinders.
3. Inspection of any vehicle, truck, trailer, tank truck or other mobile equipment that may have the ability to discharge to the ~~municipal~~ sanitary sewer collection system.
4. Erection and maintenance of monitoring and sampling devices for the purpose of measuring any discharge to the ~~city~~ sanitary sewer collection system.
5. Inspection, review and copying of all records of the FSE relating to preventing prohibited discharges to the sanitary sewer collection system. This may include, but is not limited to, operation, inspection, maintenance and cleaning records related to grease control devices and grease waste pumping manifests.
6. Inspection, sampling and testing of any discharge to the ~~city~~ sanitary sewer collection system for the purpose of determining the potential for a prohibited discharge. The investigation of the integrity of all grease control devices. The taking of photographs or videotapes, measurements or drawings, and creation of any other record reasonably necessary to document conditions on the premises. (Ord. 1367 § 2 (part), 2026; Ord. 1233 § 2 (part), 2015; Ord. 1071 § 2 (part), 2007)

13.03.150 Enforcement.

Violations of this chapter shall constitute a public nuisance. The provisions of this chapter shall be administered and enforced within the city by the Utilities Ddirector ~~environmental and water resources director or other staff and enforcement officials designated by the environmental and water resources director~~. The remedies set forth herein are cumulative to any other remedy available to the city. Nothing contained herein shall limit or be deemed to prevent the city from pursuing any other available remedy under this code or any other applicable law. (Ord. 1367 § 2 (part), 2026; Ord. 1233 § 2 (part), 2015; Ord. 1071 § 2 (part), 2007)

13.03.160 Penalties.

A. A violation of this chapter shall be an administrative violation as defined in Section 1.08.020. In addition to enforcement by any procedure set forth in Chapters 1.08 to 1.10, inclusive, any violation of this chapter shall be punishable as a misdemeanor, which shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars, ~~or by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than six months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.~~

B. Each of the sanctions for administrative violations identified in Section [1.09.013](#) shall be available for enforcement of the provisions of this chapter. Violations of the provisions of this chapter shall be deemed Level E violations, as defined in Section [1.09.012](#). ([Ord. 1367 § 2 \(part\), 2026](#); Ord. 1233 § 2 (part), 2015; Ord. 1071 § 2 (part), 2007)

13.03.170 Enforcement procedures, notice to correct.

A. Prior to the suspension, revocation, or denial of any license or permit, or the assessment of any fee, penalty, or charge, or the commencement of any other enforcement action pursuant to this chapter, the enforcement authority shall follow the procedures set forth in Chapter [1.09](#). The rights to judicial review set forth in Sections [1.09.050](#) to [1.09.052](#), inclusive, shall apply.

B. A notice to correct shall not be required to commence the administrative hearing procedures set forth in Chapters [1.08](#) to [1.10](#), inclusive. Pursuant to Section [1.09.024](#), a notice of administrative violation shall be served in accordance with the provisions of Section [1.09.027](#). ([Ord. 1367 § 2 \(part\), 2026](#); Ord. 1233 § 2 (part), 2015; Ord. 1071 § 2 (part), 2007)

13.03.180 Abatement.

A. Any person engaged in activities which cause, allow, facilitate or result in a prohibited discharge shall bear all costs incurred by the city as a result of such prohibited discharge including but not limited to the cost of abatement, cleanup and disposal.

B. The [Utilities Ddirector](#) ~~environmental and water resources director~~ will keep an account of the administrative, labor, equipment and other costs of abatement, cleanup and recovery. ([Ord. 1367 § 2 \(part\), 2026](#); Ord. 1233 § 2 (part), 2015; Ord. 1071 § 2 (part), 2007)

13.03.190 Regulatory actions.

Any person determined to be in violation of this chapter shall bear all costs incurred by the city resulting from, or related to any correction and/or enforcement of a violation of this chapter or the payment of monetary sanctions, or both. ([Ord. 1367 § 2 \(part\), 2026](#); Ord. 1233 § 2 (part), 2015; Ord. 1071 § 2 (part), 2007)

13.03.200 Discontinuance of service.

A. In addition to all of the remedies provided in this chapter, violations of the provisions of this chapter may result in disconnection of the premises from the water or the sanitary sewer collection system by the [Utilities Ddirector](#) ~~environmental and water resources director~~.

B. Prior to such discontinuance of service the owner of the real property to which the service was rendered shall be served with written notice from the [Utilities Ddirector](#) ~~environmental and water resources director~~ stating the nature of the violation and providing a reasonable time limit for the satisfactory correction thereof.

C. When service has been disconnected as provided in this section, the [Utilities Director](#) ~~environmental and water resources director~~ may require that the person requesting that such service be reestablished furnish a bond or deposit equal to five times the city's cost to cause the disconnection, rectify problems caused by the prohibited discharge, and complete the reconnection, payable to the city and conditional upon compliance with the provisions of this chapter, before granting permission to make such connection.

D. The person making application for such reestablishment of service shall pay all expenses incurred by the city in causing such disconnection and reconnection before such permission may be granted. ([Ord. 1367 § 2 \(part\), 2026](#); Ord. 1233 § 2 (part), 2015; Ord. 1071 § 2 (part), 2007)

Chapter 13.04
MUNICIPAL SEWER SYSTEM—DEFINITIONS

Sections:

~~13.04.010—City defined.~~

~~13.04.020—Dwelling unit defined.~~

~~13.04.030—Premises defined.~~

~~13.04.040—Sewage defined.~~

~~13.04.050—Superintendent defined.~~

~~13.04.010—City defined.~~

~~“City” means the city of Folsom. (Prior code § 9022)~~

~~13.04.020—Dwelling unit defined.~~

~~“Dwelling unit” means the habitat of any individual or family. (Prior code § 9024)~~

~~13.04.030 Premises defined.~~

~~“Premises” refers to a lot, parcel of land, building or establishment. (Prior code § 9023)~~

~~13.04.040 Sewage defined.~~

~~“Sewage” as used in this chapter means a combination of liquid or water carried human waste conducted away from residences, business buildings, and institutions which is known as domestic sewage, together with the liquid or water carried waste resulting from a manufacturing process employed in industrial establishments, including the washing, cleaning or drain water from such process, which is known as industrial waste. (Prior code § 9020)~~

~~13.04.050 Superintendent defined.~~

~~“Superintendent” refers to anyone delegated by the city council to the performance of duties as specified in this chapter. (Prior code § 9021)~~

**Chapter 13.08
MUNICIPAL SEWER SYSTEM—REGULATIONS**

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13.08.010 Definitions.

As used in this chapter, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings set forth below unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

A. “City” means the ~~city~~ City of Folsom.

B. “City council” means the city council of the ~~city~~ City of Folsom.

~~C. “City manager” means the city manager of the City of Folsom or his or her designee unless otherwise stated or indicated by context.~~

~~D. “Cleanout” means a pipe fitting and associated piping connected to a sewer lateral that provides access to the sewer lateral for purposes of flushing, rodding, cleaning, and other maintenance and diagnostic purposes.~~

~~E. “County” means the ~~county~~ County of Sacramento.~~

~~F. “Director” means the ~~e~~ City of Folsom ~~D~~ director of Utilities ~~D~~ department or his or her designee unless otherwise stated or indicated by context.~~

~~G. “Dwelling unit” means the habitat of any individual or family.~~

~~E. “Environmental and water resources director” means the director of the environmental and water resources department of the city of Folsom or as otherwise directed by the city manager or his or her designee.~~

~~F.H. “Lateral” means an underground segment of smaller diameter pipe that transports sewage from a customer’s building or property (residential, commercial, industrial, etc.) to the city’s main sewer line in a street or easement.~~

- ~~• A lower lateral is the portion of the city-owned lateral located between the sanitary sewer system main, and either the property line, sewer cleanout, curb line, or other jurisdictional locations. “Lower lateral” means the portion of a sewer lateral lying within a public street connecting an upper lateral to the sewer main.~~ The lower lateral extends from the cleanout near the property line or easement ~~(as identified in Standard Construction Specification SS-07)~~ to the sewer main or within five feet of the property line or easement ~~(as identified in Standard Construction Specification SS-07)~~ to the sewer main if there is no cleanout near the property line or easement ~~(as identified in the City of Folsom’s Sanitary Sewer Standard Detail SS-08)~~. The lower lateral includes the connection to the sewer main. A lower lateral is associated with a parcel if it or any portion of it is located upon the parcel or conveys sewage and liquid waste from any structure located on that parcel.

- An upper lateral is the portion of the privately owned lateral from the property line, sewer cleanout, curb line, or other jurisdictional locations, to the building or property (as identified in the City of Folsom’s Sanitary Sewer Standard Detail SS-08). If the parcel contains a sewer pipe system or multiple private sewer laterals, the entire sewer pipe system, including manholes and other appurtenances, and all private sewer laterals are part of the upper sewer lateral to the extent they are located on that parcel.

GJ. “New construction” means construction of a new structure or modification of an existing structure or portion of an existing structure.

J. “Person” means any natural person as well as any corporation, partnership, public agency, trust, estate, cooperative association, joint venture, business entity or other similar entity, or the agent, employee or representative of any of the above.

K. “Premises” refers to a lot, parcel of land, building or establishment.

HL. “Private sewer lateral” means the privately-owned lateral that transports sewage from private property(ies) into a sanitary sewer system.~~a pipe or pipes and appurtenances that carry sewage and liquid waste from the structure served to the lower lateral.~~

M. “Private sanitary sewer system” means a sanitary sewer system of any size that is owned and/or operated by a private individual, company, corporation, or organization. A private sanitary sewer system may or may not connect into a publicly owned sanitary sewer system.

IN. “Property owner” means a person that owns a parcel of real property, or that person’s authorized representative including a tenant or contractor. As used in this subsection, “person” means an individual, trust, corporation, nonprofit organization, homeowners’ association, partnership, firm, joint venture, limited liability company, or association.

JO. “Remodeling” means any significant improvement, addition, construction, reconstruction, remodeling, modification or alteration of or to an existing or previously existing structure.

KP. “Repair” means construction activities performed to bring a ~~private~~-sewer lateral into compliance with this chapter consisting of correction of a segment of less than the ~~private~~-sewer lateral (i.e. spot repair).

LQ. “Replacement” means construction activities performed to bring a ~~private~~-sewer lateral into compliance with this chapter consisting of the replacement or lining of the complete length of the ~~private~~-sewer lateral.

R. “SacSewer” means the Sacramento Area Sewer District.

MS. “Sanitary sewer collection system” means the city-owned ~~system~~network that is designed to convey sewage, including but not limited to-~~of~~ pipes, manholes, laterals, ~~and~~ pump stations,

~~siphons, wet wells, diversion structures, and/or other pertinent infrastructure, that convey wastewater upstream of the to Sac Sewer SRCSD facilities including:-~~

- ~~Laterals owned and/or operated by the City of Folsom~~
- ~~Satellite sewer systems; and/or~~
- ~~Temporary conveyance and storage facilities, including but not limited to temporary piping, vaults, construction trenches, wet wells, impoundments, tanks and diversion structures.~~

~~T. “Satellite sewer system” means a portion of a sanitary sewer collection system owned or operated by a different owner other than the City of Folsom.~~

~~N. “Sanitary sewer overflows” (SSOs) means a condition whereby untreated sewage is discharged to the environment, escaping wastewater treatment.~~

~~U. “Sewage” and its associated wastewater, means untreated or partially treated domestic, municipal, commercial, and/or industrial waste (including sewage sludge), and any mixture of these wastes with inflow or infiltration of stormwater or groundwater, conveyed in the sanitary sewer collection system.~~

~~Q.V. “Sewer main” means a publicly owned sanitary sewer that receives flows from public and private sewer laterals. The sewer main does not include any portion of a private sewer lateral.~~

~~W. “Spill” means a discharge of sewage from any portion of the sanitary sewer collection system due to a sanitary sewer system overflow, operational failure, and/or infrastructure failure.~~

~~P. “SRCSD” means the Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District.~~

~~Q. “Upper lateral” means a pipe or pipes and appurtenances that carry sewage and liquid from the structure served to the lower lateral. If the parcel contains a sewer pipe system or multiple private sewer laterals, the entire sewer pipe system, including manholes and other appurtenances, and all private sewer laterals are part of the upper sewer lateral to the extent they are located on that parcel.~~

~~R.X. “Waste hauler” means transporters of waste trap grease and grease from interceptors from facilities that collect, store, process or dispose of waste grease. (Ord. 1367 § 2 (part), 2026: Ord. 1233 § 2 (part), 2015)~~

13.08.020 Permit required.

No person shall tap or make connection to the sanitary sewers in the city, without a permit and the payment of the fees established for the privilege of making such tap or connection. ([Ord. 1367 § 2 \(part\), 2026](#); Ord. 1233 § 2 (part), 2015; prior code § 9000. Formerly 13.08.010)

13.08.030 Domestic sewage screening.

Domestic sewage, consisting essentially of human waste, may be passed into sewers without screening. ([Ord. 1367 § 2 \(part\), 2026](#): Ord. 1233 § 2 (part), 2015: prior code § 9025. Formerly 13.08.020)

13.08.040 Industrial waste screening.

Industrial waste must be screened through the equivalent of a twenty-mesh screen. No ~~peach, plum, prune, cherry, apricot or other~~ food particles or solids larger than what would pass through a twenty-mesh screen shall be discharged or permitted to enter the sewage system. ([Ord. 1367 § 2 \(part\), 2026](#): Ord. 1233 § 2 (part), 2015: prior code § 9026. Formerly 13.08.030)

13.08.050 Sewage measurement device—Installation.

The ~~Utilities Ddirector environmental and water resources director~~ shall determine what commercial businesses and industries shall be required to install the means of measurement of sewage discharged and to report ~~thehis~~ recommendations ~~to the environmental and water resources director~~; and, upon a finding that said installation is reasonably required to determine the amount of the service charge, the ~~Utilities Ddirector city managereouncil~~ shall direct the person owning said business or industry to install means for measurement of sewage. ([Ord. 1367 § 2 \(part\), 2026](#): Ord. 1233 § 2 (part), 2015: prior code § 9028. Formerly 13.08.040)

13.08.060 Sewage measurement device—Type—Responsibility.

Every person who is required to install a means for measurement of sewage discharge shall install an approved flume and an automatic recording device or other approved means for measurement of sewage discharge at ~~theirhis~~ own expense. The ~~environmental and water resources director or other person designated by the Utilities Ddirector~~ shall enforce the provisions and ~~he~~ shall have the right at all times to check the operation of the screening mechanism, the operation of the measuring recording mechanism, and to make a record of the readings. ([Ord. 1367 § 2 \(part\), 2026](#): Ord. 1233 § 2 (part), 2015: prior code § 9029. Formerly 13.08.050)

13.08.070 Outside city—Connection.

Persons owning premises situated outside the ~~corporatecity~~ limits may, upon issuance of a permit by the city ~~council~~, connect to the ~~sanitary sewer collection systemsewerage system of the city~~ by paying all costs thereof and an annual rental to be determined from time to time by resolution of the city council. ([Ord. 1367 § 2 \(part\), 2026](#): Ord. 1233 § 2 (part), 2015: Ord. 692 § 1, 1990: prior code § 9031)

13.08.080 Cleanout plug required.

On all new construction within the city, and on all new connections within the city ~~sanitary~~ sewer ~~collection~~ system, there shall be provided, at the property line, a cleanout plug which shall consist of a single or double wye branch with end or side cleanout, closed with a waterproof cap. ([Ord. 1367 § 2 \(part\), 2026](#): Ord. 1233 § 2 (part), 2015: prior code § 9042. Formerly 13.08.090)

13.08.090 Backflow prevention device.

A. On all new construction within the city, and all new connections within the city sanitary sewer collection system, the property owner shall be required to install, operate and maintain a backflow prevention device if they meet any of the following provisions:

1. The lowest dwelling plumbing fixture is twelve inches or less above the rim of the nearest upstream manhole.
2. When deemed necessary by the Utilities Ddirector ~~environmental and water resources director~~ to protect public health or safety.

B. All existing property owners shall be required to install, operate and maintain a backflow prevention device if they meet any of the following provisions:

1. When deemed necessary during the application process when applying for a construction, remodel or sewer replacement permit.
2. When deemed necessary by the Utilities Ddirector ~~environmental and water resources director~~ to protect public health or safety. (Ord. 1367 § 2 (part), 2026; Ord. 1233 § 2 (part), 2015)

13.08.100 Nonpermanent discharges.

Discharges that do not require a separate permanent connection, and do not require a sewer impact permit or temporary discharge permit, are considered nonpermanent discharges. Nonpermanent discharges can be discharged into the city's sanitary sewer collection system, subject to the following conditions:

- A. Discharge must be to a plumbing fixture, utility sink, private cleanout, or sanitary sewer manhole.
- B. Discharge must not adversely impact flow of the city's sanitary sewer collection system; otherwise, the nonpermanent discharge must immediately be disconnected.
- C. Discharge must not be from a waste hauler. (Ord. 1367 § 2 (part), 2026; Ord. 1233 § 2 (part), 2015)

13.08.110 Prohibited activities.

The city hereby prohibits the following activities:

- A. Access or discharge into manholes, cleanouts, or other openings in the city's sanitary sewer collection system unless specifically authorized by the city.

B. Damaging, breaking, destroying, defacing, or tampering with the city's sanitary sewer collection system.

C. Obstructing flow in the city's sewer facilities. This provision includes but is not limited to obstruction originating from the cleaning of a private sewer that results in an obstruction in the city's sanitary sewer collection system.

D. Creating a condition that pressurizes the lower lateral.

E. Creating conditions in the city's sanitary sewer collection system that endanger the health and safety of any person.

F. Interfering or impairing the operation or maintenance of the city's sanitary sewer collection system.

G. Removal or failing to maintain a required backflow prevention device. (Ord. 1367 § 2 (part), 2026; Ord. 1233 § 2 (part), 2015)

13.08.120 Prohibited discharges.

The following are hereby prohibited ~~to be~~from being discharged to the city's sanitary sewer collection system:

A. Flows exceeding the capacity of city facilities or exceeding the quantity normally or customarily anticipated for the permitted use.

B. Discharge of water that does not meet the water quality standards of acceptability for discharge into the storm drain, such as stormwater, surface water, pool water, groundwater, roof runoff, or subsurface drainage.

C. Fats, oils, and grease in amounts, either alone or in combination with other discharges, that cause:

1. Any visible sheen on the surface of the discharged sewagewastewater;
2. Any build-up of grease in any portion of the sanitary sewer collection system; or
3. Any obstruction of the sanitary sewer collection system.

D. Debris and rags.

~~D~~E. Trucked and hauled wastes.

~~E~~F. Substances that may cause excessive foaming in any portion of the city's sewer collection system.

~~F~~G. Any liquid or vapor having a temperature higher than one hundred fifty degrees Fahrenheit.

~~GH.~~ Any substance, either by itself or combined with other ~~wastewater-sewage~~ discharge, that is capable of obstructing flow or impairing the performance of the city's sanitary sewer collection system.

~~HJ.~~ Cementitious materials.

~~IJ.~~ Any substance that may cause damage, including corrosive structural damage, to any part of the city's sanitary sewer collection system.

~~JK.~~ Chemicals of any kind that are not specifically authorized for disposal in a sewer system.

~~KL.~~ Garbage, including food wastes, that is greater than one-quarter inch in any dimension.

~~LM.~~ The foregoing discharge prohibitions are not exclusive and are in addition to any prohibitions or requirements specified in any provision of this chapter or by any other applicable statute, regulation, prohibition, or ordinance.

If a person owning or occupying a premises has knowledge that a discharge prohibited by this chapter has entered or will enter the city's sanitary sewer collection system, such person shall immediately take all reasonable action to contain and abate the discharge and must notify the city immediately of knowledge of the discharge. (~~Ord. 1367 § 2 (part), 2026:~~ Ord. 1233 § 2 (part), 2015)

13.08.130 Prohibited discharge locations.

No person shall discharge any ~~sewagewastewater~~ or any other substance directly into a manhole or other opening in the city's sanitary sewer collection system except according to the requirements established by this chapter. The ~~Utilities Ddirector-environmental and water resources director,~~ however, may grant permission and establish requirements and policies for other such direct discharges. (~~Ord. 1367 § 2 (part), 2026:~~ Ord. 1233 § 2 (part), 2015)

13.08.140 Maintenance responsibilities.

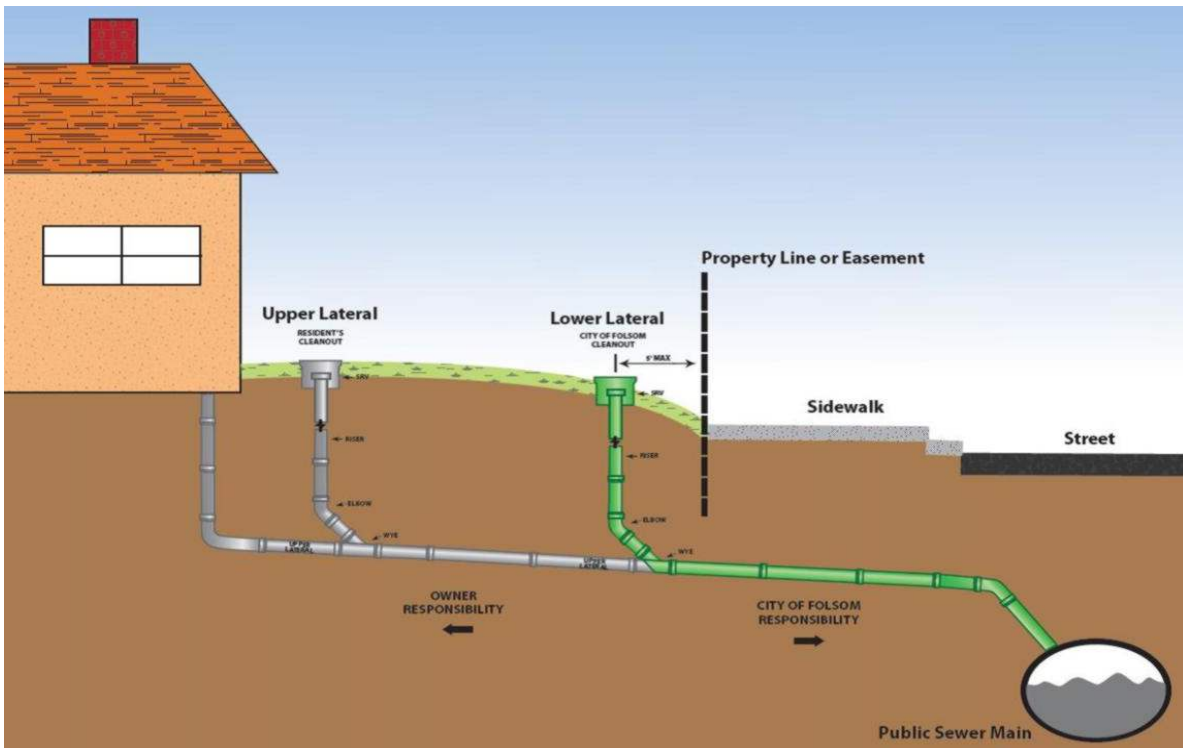
A. Lower Laterals-~~(City)~~ and Upper Laterals-~~(Private)~~. The property owner has the sole responsibility for clearing stoppages, inspecting, maintaining, and repairing the upper lateral, including backflow prevention devices, so as to maintain the upper lateral in a condition that avoids negative impacts to the operation and maintenance of the city's sanitary sewer collection system. This may include the following:

1. The upper lateral should be kept free from roots, grease deposits, and other solids that may impede the flow or obstruct the transmission of waste.
2. All joints should be tight, and all pipes should be sound and free from structural defects, including cracks, breaks, and missing portions, to prevent ex-filtration by waste or infiltration by groundwater or stormwater.

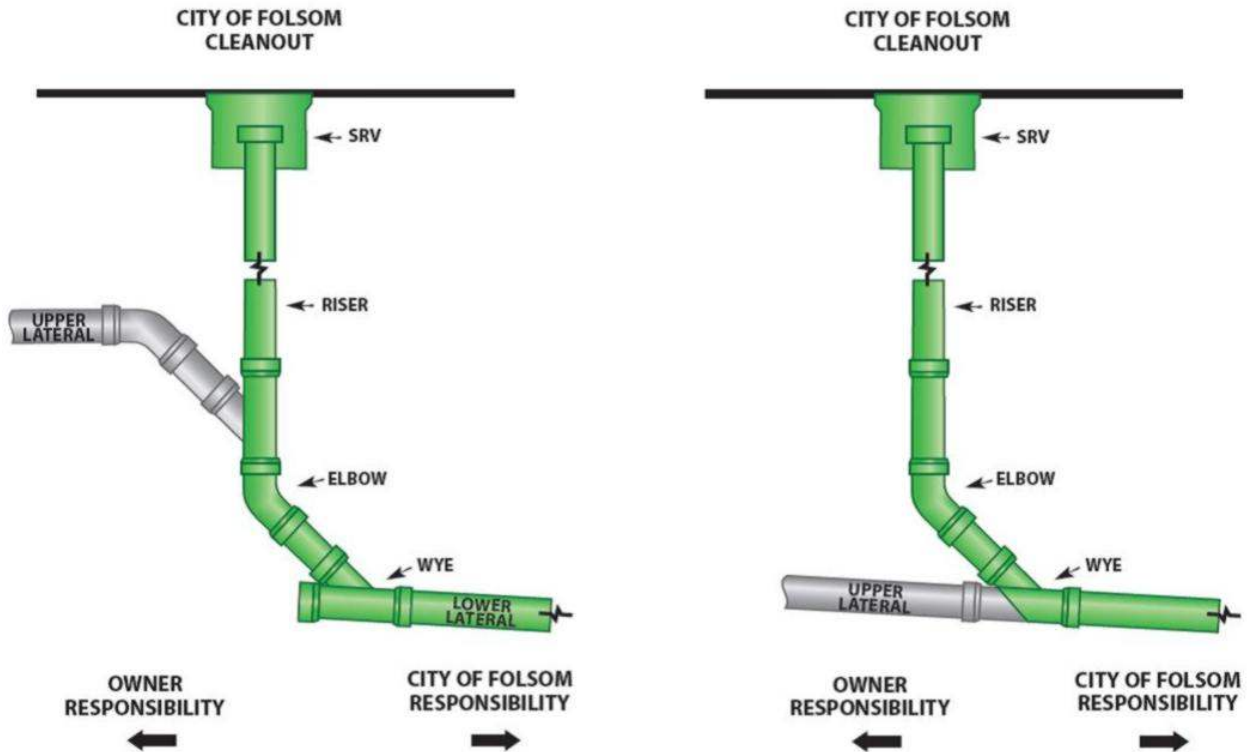
3. No drains or other appurtenances that collect stormwater or surface water should be connected to the upper lateral.
4. All cleanouts shall be securely sealed with a proper cap or approved overflow device at all times.

Typically, the responsibility delineation between the upper and lower lateral is at the city's sewer cleanout or, in the absence of a cleanout, it shall be understood that the delineation from the upper sewer lateral to the lower sewer lateral shall be a maximum of five feet from the property line or easement as identified in the [eCity of Folsom's Sanitary Sewer Standard Detail SS-08 Standard Construction Specification SS-07](#) and as shown in the figure below:

Upper Lateral and Lower Lateral Location



Maintenance Responsibilities for Upper and Lower Laterals Where Cleanout Exists



The purpose of this drawing is to delineate maintenance responsibility only. Refer to ~~city~~City of Folsom standards and specifications for design and construction details.

The gray color indicates the portion of the service lateral for which the property owner is responsible for maintaining and repairing. The green color indicates the portion of the service lateral that the city is responsible for maintaining and repairing.

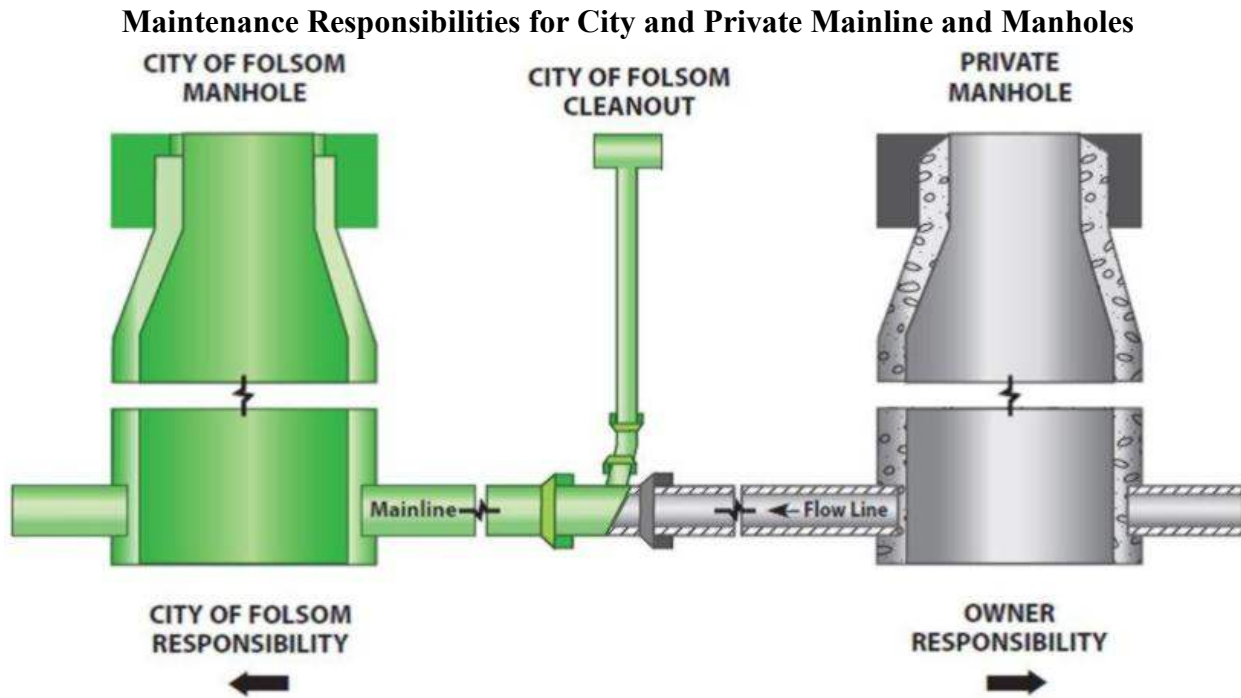
If the city owns the mainline, the city is responsible for clearing stoppages and for inspecting, maintaining, and repairing the lower lateral, city cleanouts, manholes and mainline. If the city does not own the mainline or manhole, the city has no responsibility for clearing stoppages or for inspecting, maintaining, or repairing the mainline, cleanouts, or lower laterals.

B. City and Private Mainlines. The city is responsible for the maintenance of mainlines within the public right-of-way or easement unless the mainline is privately owned, or a specific agreement delineating ownership exists, or the city has expressly accepted the maintenance and repair obligation in writing. In cases where parcels or structures are served by a private sewer, the owner has the sole responsibility for ownership, operation, and maintenance of the private sewer. Where the city is to be responsible for any element of a private sewer system, it shall be expressly so provided in writing and the responsibility must be accepted by the ~~city~~city council. The owner's responsibilities include clearing stoppages, inspecting, maintaining, and repairing the private system so as to maintain the private system in a condition that avoids negative impacts to the

operation and maintenance of the city's sanitary sewer collection system. This may include the following:

1. The private system should be kept free from roots, grease deposits, and other solids that may impede the flow or obstruct the transmission of waste.
2. All joints should be tight, and all pipes should be sound and free from structural defects, including cracks, breaks, and missing portions, to prevent ex-filtration by waste or infiltration by groundwater or stormwater.
3. No drains or other appurtenances that collect stormwater or surface water should be connected to the private system.

Typically, the responsibility delineation between the city and private mainlines is at the city's sewer cleanout or, in the absence of a cleanout, to the limits of the public right-of-way or easement.



The purpose of this drawing is to delineate maintenance responsibility only. Refer to the city's standards and specifications for design and construction details.

The gray color indicates the portion of the system that the owner is responsible for maintaining and repairing. The green color indicates the portion of the system that the city is responsible for maintaining and repairing. ([Ord. 1367 § 2 \(part\), 2026](#); [Ord. 1233 § 2 \(part\), 2015](#))

13.08.150 Easement access.

A. The city requires permanent easements for all city-owned sewer facilities that are located outside of the public right-of-way.

B. Any use of an easement by the owner or occupants (herein after referred to as owner) that is not compatible with or interferes with the construction, operation, maintenance, reconstruction, or repair of city facilities is not allowed. No permanent structure (such as garages, patios, concrete slabs, tool sheds, fences, retaining walls, trees and similar structures) is to be constructed on top of the city's sanitary sewer collection system facilities or anywhere within any associated sewer or public utility easements.

C. The owner must allow for an unobstructed pathway access to all easement areas, with the access having the following dimensions:

1. A minimum width of fifteen feet.
2. A minimum height of six feet, eight inches.

If access to an easement area is required at any time, city personnel will at their discretion obtain access. The parcel owner may be held financially responsible for any additional costs incurred by the city if the owner has not provided city staff adequate access to its assets in a timely manner. (Ord. 1367 § 2 (part), 2026; Ord. 1233 § 2 (part), 2015)

13.08.160 Private sewer laterals.

A. Each property owner shall, at the property owner's expense, inspect, maintain in good working order, repair and replace, as necessary, the private sewer lateral so that it does not cause or contribute to any sewage spill overflow from either the private sewer lateral or the public sewer. The private sewer lateral shall be free of displaced joints, open joints, roots, cracks, leaks, inflow, infiltration of water, fats, oils and grease, debris and rags, defects or obstructions likely to cause or contribute to blockage of the private sewer lateral or the public sewer.

B. A property owner shall have the private sewer lateral inspected by a licensed plumber upon the receipt of written notice from the city that an inspection is required. The city may issue a written notice that an inspection is required whenever it determines from its operation, maintenance or inspection of the public sewer, or through any other means, that the private sewer lateral is defective or otherwise in a condition that might cause a blockage in the private sewer lateral or the public sewer. Conditions that render the private sewer lateral defective or in a condition that might cause a blockage include, but are not limited to, displaced joints, open joints, roots, cracks, leaks, inflow, infiltration of water, fats, oils and grease, debris and rags, defects or obstructions likely to cause or contribute to blockage of the private sewer lateral or the public sewer. The city's written notice shall set forth a reasonable time in which the inspection must occur and shall require the property owner to submit an inspection report meeting the requirements of this chapter to the city within a reasonable time, to be specified in the city's written notice, after completion of the

inspection. The property owner shall be responsible for obtaining any required city permits prior to any construction.

C. All inspections and inspection reports required by this chapter shall be completed in accordance with the following requirements:

1. The inspection and inspection report shall be completed by a licensed plumber.
2. The inspection shall include, at a minimum, a closed-circuit television (CCTV) inspection of the private sewer lateral.
3. The inspection and inspection report shall identify, as applicable, the severity and location of all of the following:
 - a. Displaced joints, open joints, roots, cracks, leaks, inflow, infiltration of water, fats, oils and grease, debris and rags, defects or obstructions likely to cause or contribute to blockage of the private sewer lateral or the public sewer.
 - b. Any connection by pipe or otherwise that allows rainwater or groundwater to enter the private lateral or public sewer.
 - c. Any backflow device installed in the private sewer lateral and the condition of the backwater device.
 - d. All corrective actions that must be taken to maintain, repair or replace the private sewer lateral and the estimated time and cost associated with such maintenance, repair or replacement.
4. The inspection report shall contain either a printed image, thumb drive~~DVD~~, or other suitable electronic recording of the CCTV inspection of the private sewer lateral in a format acceptable to the city. (Ord. 1367 § 2 (part), 2026: Ord. 1233 § 2 (part), 2015)

Chapter 13.12 MUNICIPAL SEWER SYSTEM—RENTAL REGULATIONS*

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* See also Chapter [3.20](#), Municipal Service Charges.

13.12.010 Charges—Lien.

Each charge or rental levied is a lien upon the premises served by a connection to the city ~~sanitary sewer collection sewerage~~ system. In the event charges are not paid for sewage service, the ~~city manager superintendent~~ is authorized and directed to disconnect such property from the city ~~sanitary sewer collection sewerage~~ system. ([Ord. 1367 § 2 \(part\), 2026](#); Prior code § 9034)

13.12.020 Violation—Disconnection authority.

In the event of a violation of any of the laws of the state, the ordinances of the city, or the rules and regulations so established referring to the discharge of sewage, the ~~Utilities Director superintendent~~ shall notify the person or persons causing, committing such violation, specifying the violation, and upon the failure of such person or persons to cease or prevent further violation within five days after the receipt of such notice, the ~~city manager superintendent~~ shall have authority to disconnect the property served from the city ~~sanitary sewer collection sewerage~~ system. ([Ord. 1367 § 2 \(part\), 2026](#); Prior code § 9035)

13.12.030 Reconnection—Bond.

When service has been disconnected the ~~city manager superintendent~~ may require that the person requesting that such service be reestablished furnish a bond in the sum of five hundred dollars payable to the city and conditioned upon compliance with the provisions of this code before granting permission to make such connection. The person making application for such reestablishment of service shall pay all expenses incurred and to be incurred by the city in causing such disconnection and reconnection before such permission may be granted. ([Ord. 1367 § 2 \(part\), 2026](#); Prior code § 9036)

13.12.040 Delinquent charges—Collection method.

All delinquent charges for sewer service in the city shall be collected on the tax roll in the same manner, by the same persons, and at the same time as general taxes are collected. ([Ord. 1367 § 2 \(part\), 2026](#); Prior code § 9038)

13.12.050 Delinquent charges—Computation report.

~~The city clerk~~[The Folsom Utility Billing Department](#) shall compute such charges in accordance with established rates and shall prepare a written report of delinquent charges for each fiscal year. Such report shall contain a description of each parcel of real property receiving sewer service and the amount of delinquent charge, with penalties, for each parcel for said fiscal year. The report shall be filed ~~in the office of the city clerk~~[with the Utility Billing department](#). ([Ord. 1367 § 2 \(part\), 2026](#); Prior code § 9039)

13.12.060 Delinquent charges—Notice—Hearing.

Upon the filing of the report, ~~the city clerk~~the Utility Billing department shall publish notice of the filing in the Folsom Telegraph, a newspaper of general circulation printed and published in the city, once a week for two successive weeks. The notice shall set a date for hearing on the report not sooner than two weeks after completion of the publication. The report shall be filed in time for publication, hearing, adoption and/or modification, and submission to the auditor not later than August 10th of each year. (Ord. 1367 § 2 (part), 2026; Prior code § 9040)

13.12.070 Delinquent charges—Property owner notice.

~~The city clerk~~The Utility Billing department shall give notice of the report to the owners of property described in the report at the address shown on the latest equalized assessment roll at the time of preparation of the report. (Ord. 1367 § 2 (part), 2026; Prior code § 9041)

Chapter 13.16
SEPTIC TANKS, CESSPOOLS AND PRIVIES—DEFINITIONS

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13.16.010 Cesspool defined.

“Cesspool” means an excavation into the earth which is used for the reception of sewage or drainage from plumbing fixtures, effluent from septic tanks, together with water used in carriage of said sewage or drainage, but which does not have watertight walls or bottom. ([Ord. 1367 § 2 \(part\), 2026](#): Prior code § 9068)

13.16.020 City health officer defined.

“City health officer” means the health officer of the city or such other officers or employees of the city to whom the city council [or city manager](#) delegates the function of the city health officer. ([Ord. 1367 § 2 \(part\), 2026](#): Prior code § 9063)

13.16.030 City manager defined.

~~“City manager” means the city manager of the City of Folsom or his or her designee unless otherwise stated or indicated by context. ([Ord. 1367 § 2 \(part\), 2026](#))~~

13.16.~~030-040~~ Construction defined.

“Construction” means construction, repair, alteration or relocation of sewage disposal system. ([Ord. 1367 § 2 \(part\), 2026](#): Prior code § 9071)

13.16.~~040-050~~ Department defined.

“Department” means the department of health of the city or to such other official or employee of the city to whom the city council [or city manager](#) delegates such functions. ([Ord. 1367 § 2 \(part\), 2026](#): Prior code § 9060)

13.16.050 Drainage system defined.

~~“Drainage system” means and includes all the piping within public or private premises which conveys sewage or other liquid waste to a point of disposal, but does not include the mains or laterals of a public sewer system. (Prior code § 9065)~~

13.16.060 Duplex defined.

“Duplex” means a detached building occupied, intended or designed for occupancy by two families living independently of each other, but under one roof. ([Ord. 1367 § 2 \(part\), 2026](#): Prior code § 9062)

13.16.070 Lot defined.

“Lot” means a parcel of land shown upon a subdivision map or a record of survey map or described by metes and bounds. ([Ord. 1367 § 2 \(part\), 2026](#): Prior code § 9074)

13.16.080 Permit defined.

“Permit” means a sanitation permit issued by the city. (Ord. 1367 § 2 (part), 2026; Prior code § 9075)

13.16.090 Person defined.

“Person” means any natural person as well as any corporation, partnership, public agency, trust, estate, cooperative association, joint venture, business entity or other similar entity, or the agent, employee or representative of any of the above.

13.16.090 Privy defined.

~~“Privy” is a structure used as a toilet under a part or all of which is a vault or pit intended or used for the reception of human waste matter. (Prior code § 9069)~~

13.16.100 SacSewer defined.

“SacSewer” means the Sacramento Area Sewer District. (Ord. 1367 § 2 (part), 2026)

13.16.100-110 Public sSanitary sewer collection system defined.

~~“Public sSanitary sewer collection system” means the city-owned system that is designed to convey sewage, including but not limited to pipes, manholes, laterals, pump stations, siphons, wet wells, diversion structures, and/or other pertinent infrastructure, upstream of the SacSewer facilities including:~~

- ~~• Laterals owned and/or operated by the City of Folsom~~
- ~~• Satellite sewer systems, and/or~~
- ~~• Temporary conveyance and storage facilities, including but not limited to temporary piping, vaults, construction trenches, wet wells, impoundments, tanks and diversion structures. (Ord. 1367 § 2 (part), 2026; Prior code § 9070)~~
- ~~= any sewage disposal system operated and maintained by the city. (Prior code § 9070)~~

13.16.120 Satellite sewer system defined.

“Satellite sewer system” means a portion of a sanitary sewer collection system owned or operated by a different owner other than the City of Folsom. (Ord. 1367 § 2 (part), 2026)

13.16.110-130 Seepage pit or vertical drain defined.

“Seepage pit or vertical drain,” as used in this chapter, means one or more pits extending into the porous stratum but not into a subterranean water bearing stratum, lined with open jointed walls, and capped. (Ord. 1367 § 2 (part), 2026; Prior code § 9072)

13.16.120-140 Septic tank defined.

“Septic tank” means a ~~water-tight~~watertight receptacle which receives the discharge of a sewer drainage system or a part thereof which is designed and constructed so as to retain solids, digest organic matter through a period of detention, and allows the liquids to discharge into the soil outside the tank through a subsurface drainage system or into a cesspool. (Ord. 1367 § 2 (part), 2026: Prior code § 9067)

13.16.~~130-150~~ Sewage defined.

“Sewage”, ~~and its associated wastewater~~, means untreated or partially treated domestic, municipal, commercial, and/or industrial waste (including sewage sludge), and any mixture of these wastes with inflow or infiltration of stormwater or groundwater, conveyed in the sanitary sewer collection system. (Ord. 1367 § 2 (part), 2026: Prior code § 9064) ~~any and all waste substance, liquid, or solid, associated with human habitation, or which contains or may be contaminated with human or animal excreta or excrement, offal, or any feculent matter. (Prior code § 9064)~~

13.16.~~140-160~~ Sewage disposal defined.

“Sewage disposal” means any septic tank, privy, structure vault or pit for disposal or treatment of sewage and any sewer drainage system or other type system used for the disposal of sewage. (Ord. 1367 § 2 (part), 2026: Prior code § 9066)

13.16.170 Sewer drainage system defined.

“Sewer drainage system” means and includes all the piping within public or private premises which conveys sewage or other liquid waste to a point of disposal, but does not include the mains or laterals of a public sanitary sewer collection system. (Ord. 1367 § 2 (part), 2026: Prior code § 9065)

13.16.~~150-180~~ Sewer well defined.

“Sewer well” means any hole dug or drilled into the ground, and intended for use as a water supply, which has been abandoned as a source of water supply and is being used for the disposal of sewage, or any hole dug or drilled into the ground and used or intended to be used for the disposal of sewage and extended to or into a subterranean water bearing stratum which is used, or intended to be used as, or is suitable for, a source of water supply for domestic purposes. (Ord. 1367 § 2 (part), 2026: Prior code § 9073)

13.16.~~160-190~~ Single family residence defined.

“Single family residence” means any structure occupied, intended or designed for occupancy by one family for living or sleeping purposes as its principal use. (Ord. 1367 § 2 (part), 2026: Prior code § 9061)

13.16.200 Temporary vault privy defined.

“Temporary vault privy” is a water-less, portable sanitation system featuring a sealed tank that collects waste without allowing it to seep into the soil, typically used at construction sites or events where access to the public sanitary sewer system is unavailable. (Ord. 1367 § 2 (part), 2026)

13.16.210 Water closet defined.

“Water closet” means a room with a toilet and/or sink where the water system is connected to the City of Folsom’s water facilities and the sewer drainage system is connected to the City of Folsom’s sanitary sewer collection system. (Ord. 1367 § 2 (part), 2026)

13.16.220 Waters of the State defined.

“Waters of the State” means surface waters or groundwater within boundaries of the state as defined in Water Code section 13050(e), in which the State and Regional Water Boards have authority to protect beneficial uses. Waters of the State include, but are not limited to, groundwater aquifers, surface waters, saline waters, natural washes and pools, wetlands, sloughs, and estuaries, regardless of flow or whether water exists during dry conditions. Waters of the State include waters of the United States. (Ord. 1367 § 2 (part), 2026)

13.16.230 Waters of the United States defined.

“Waters of the Untied State” means surface waters or waterbodies that are subject to federal jurisdiction in accordance with the Clean Water Act. (Ord. 1367 § 2 (part), 2026)

**Chapter 13.20
SEPTIC TANKS, CESSPOOLS AND PRIVIES—REGULATIONS**

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13.20.010 Minimum lot area.

No single family residence or duplex residence shall hereafter be constructed, built or moved on any lot, for such residential purpose, where the sewage disposal will be located on the same lot as the building unless and except where such lot contains the minimum lot area for each such type residence as indicated:

1. Single family residence. The lot shall contain a minimum of twenty thousand square feet for each such residence when both sewage disposal and the source of domestic water supply are located on the lot. When only sewage disposal is located on the lot, the lot shall contain a minimum of ten thousand square feet for such residence;
2. Duplex residence. The lot shall contain a minimum of twenty-five thousand square feet for each such residence when both the sewage disposal and the source ~~or of~~ domestic water supply will be located on the same lot. When only the sewage disposal is located on the lot, the lot shall contain a minimum of fifteen thousand square feet for each such residence. (Ord. 1367 § 2 (part), 2026; Prior code § 9076)

13.20.020 Connection requirements.

The sewer drainage system in every building where persons reside, congregate or are employed, ~~which building is within two hundred feet of public sanitary sewer to~~ which the owner of the building may lawfully connect to the public sanitary sewer collection system upon proper application and the payment of the required fees, shall, when there is an existing violation of any provision of this chapter, connect to ~~such the public sanitary sewer~~ collection system in the most direct manner possible.

Where a public sanitary sewer collection system is not available, as determined by the city manager and/or city council in each case, the building sewer drainage system shall be connected to a private sewage disposal system complying with the provisions of this section.

- A. Before commencement of construction of a private sewage disposal system, the property owner shall first obtain a permit from the city. The applicant for such permit shall

supplement any plans, specifications, and other information as are deemed necessary by the city manager. The city manager shall forward a report with recommendations to the city council prior to any action being taken on the permit application.

B. A permit for a private sewage disposal system shall not become effective until the installation is completed to the satisfaction of the city manager. The applicant for the permit shall notify the city when the work is ready for inspection and before any underground portions are covered.

C. The type, capacity, location, and layout of a private sewage disposal system shall comply with all recommendations of the city manager. No permit shall be issued for any private sewage disposal system employing subsurface soil absorption facilities. No septic tank or cesspool shall be permitted to discharge to any natural outlet.

D. Within 60 days of the day upon which a public sanitary sewer collection system becomes available to a property served by a private sewage disposal system, a direct connection shall be made to the public sanitary sewer collection system in compliance with this chapter, and any septic tank, cesspool, or similar private sewage disposal system facility shall be cleaned of sludge, abandoned, and filled with clean bank run gravel or dirt.

E. The owner shall operate and maintain the private sewage disposal system facilities in a sanitary manner at all times, at no expense to the city.

F. No statement contained in this chapter shall be construed to interfere with any additional requirements that may be imposed by the city manager and/or city health officer. (Ord. 1367 § 2 (part), 2026: Prior code § 9077)

13.20.030 Sewage disposal system required.

No person shall maintain or use any residence, place of business or other building or place where persons reside, congregate or are employed which is not provided with a means for the disposal of sewage which complies with the provisions of this chapter. (Ord. 1367 § 2 (part), 2026: Prior code § 9078)

13.20.040 Permit required.

No person shall hereafter construct, alter or relocate a sewage disposal system without first having obtained a permit from the citydepartment. (Ord. 1367 § 2 (part), 2026: Prior code § 9079)

13.20.050 Permit—New construction.

If a sewage disposal system is to be constructed in connection with a new building, the permit therefor shall be obtained prior to the commencement of construction of the new building. (Ord. 1367 § 2 (part), 2026: Prior code § 9080)

13.20.060 Sewage disposal system business—Bond required.

No person, shall carry on, contract to perform or engage in the business of constructing, altering, relocating, or repairing sewage disposal systems for places of business or human habitation, where the reasonable cost of the labor and materials exceeds two hundred fifty dollars without first posting a bond equal to twenty-five percent of the cost of constructing, altering, relocating or repairing the sewage disposal system. The bond may be in the form of cash, or a surety bond issued by a surety company acceptable to the city, that is willing and able to guarantee faithful performance on the part of the applicant by the issuance of a corporate surety bond. The cash or surety bond must name the city as obligee and must guarantee performance of the sewer system to the satisfaction of the city for one year after completion of the job as a whole, or such severable unit thereof as is expressly approved by the city. ([Ord. 1367 § 2 \(part\), 2026](#): Prior code § 9081)

13.20.070 Septic tank minimum capacity.

All septic tanks, disposing of sewage from single family residences shall have minimum capacity of eight hundred liquid gallons. ([Ord. 1367 § 2 \(part\), 2026](#): Prior code § 9082)

13.20.080 Uniform rules and regulations.

In order that privies, septic tanks and drains for the disposal of the tank effluent shall not be offensive, injurious or dangerous to health, the ~~Utilities Director~~ ~~health officer~~ shall make and establish reasonable and uniform rules and regulations regarding the size, materials used, location and manner of construction of all privies, septic tanks and drains for the disposal of the tank effluent hereafter constructed. ([Ord. 1367 § 2 \(part\), 2026](#): Prior code § 9083)

13.20.090 Sewer wells—Declared nuisance.

All sewer wells are declared a public nuisance. ([Ord. 1367 § 2 \(part\), 2026](#): Prior code § 9084)

13.20.100 Sewer well—Prohibited.

No person shall drill, construct, maintain in or operate a sewer well. ([Ord. 1367 § 2 \(part\), 2026](#): Prior code § 9085)

13.20.110 Construction requirements.

No person shall construct, excavate or maintain any privy, vault, cesspool, septic tank, sewage treatment works, sewer pipes or conduits for the treatment and discharge of sewage or impure waters or substances offensive, injurious or dangerous to health whereby they shall overflow lands except where the person is complying with established requirements of the ~~State Water Resources Control Board, Regional Water Quality Control Board, and the city. Central Valley Regional Pollution Control Board of the state.~~ ([Ord. 1367 § 2 \(part\), 2026](#): Prior code § 9086)

13.20.120 Privy—Permit—Granting conditions.

No privies shall be permitted and no permit therefor shall be granted, except for temporary vault privies under the following conditions:

1. The ~~Utilities Ddirector-enforcement agency~~, in every case, may determine whether or not it is practicable to provide running water and proper means of sewage disposal and, if it decides that it is not practicable to provide running water, shall issue a special temporary permit in writing authorizing the non-installation of plumbing fixtures. The permit shall be made in duplicate, and a copy shall remain on file with the cityenforcement agency;
2. When a permit authorizing the non-installation of a water closet is issued, a temporary vault privy or toilet other than a water closet for the deposit of fecal matter, urine, or sewage may be installed. ~~A privy shall consist of a pit at least three feet deep covered by a shelter sufficient to afford privacy and protection from the elements. Openings in the shelter shall be closed by metal mosquito screening, and the door to the shelter shall close automatically by means of a spring or other device;~~
3. ~~The privy pit shall not be allowed to become filled with excreta to a point within one foot from the surface of the ground. The excreta in the pit shall be covered with earth, ashes, lime or other similar substance at regular intervals. The pit~~ temporary vault privy shall be maintained in a sanitary condition in order to prevent a spill. (Ord. 1367 § 2 (part), 2026: Prior code § 9087)

13.20.130 Privy—Removal.

~~When~~ Within 60 days of the day upon which running water becomes available and in which a public sanitary sewer collection system becomes available to a property served by a privy, ~~proper sewage disposal becomes practicable,~~ a direct connection shall be made to the public sanitary sewer collection system in compliance with this chapter; any privy installed pursuant to this chapter shall be completely removed; the place where it was located shall be properly disinfected; and it shall be replaced by one or more individual water closets meeting the requirements of this part relating to water closets in buildings. (Ord. 1367 § 2 (part), 2026: Prior code § 9088)

13.20.140 Privy—Application.

The provisions of this chapter apply to privies existing within the city. No person shall maintain a privy which fails to conform to the standards set forth herein. (Ord. 1367 § 2 (part), 2026: Prior code § 9089)

13.20.150 ~~Privy—Exception.~~ Reserved.

~~When running water becomes available and proper sewage disposal becomes practicable any existing privy shall be completely removed, unless such privy is more than two hundred feet distant from any building which is owned or occupied by any other person. (Prior code § 9090)~~

13.20.160 Permit—Denial conditions.

No permit shall be issued for the construction, addition to, alteration or modification of any privy, cesspool, septic tank, sewage treatment works, excavation, sewer pipes or conduits or other means for the disposal, common treatment or discharge of sewage if the means or proposed means will permit any of the following conditions:

1. The escape of any unpleasant or noxious odors, vapors or gasses;
2. The ingress and egress of flies, other insects, rodents or animals;
3. The discharge of sewage or the discharge or drainage of effluent from the sewage disposal system to empty, flow, seep, drain or condense into or otherwise pollute any stream, river, lake, tributary or subterranean or other waters;
4. A condition which will be offensive, dangerous or injurious to health. ([Ord. 1367 § 2 \(part\), 2026](#): Prior code § 9091)

13.20.170 City health officer authority.

The [city manager or](#) city health officer may order reasonable changes in the method, means, manner and place for the disposal treatment or discharge of sewage in order that the same shall not constitute a menace to health of human beings, animals, or a public nuisance. The orders of the [city manager or](#) city health officer shall designate the period within which such changes are to be made. ([Ord. 1367 § 2 \(part\), 2026](#): Prior code § 9092)

13.20.180 Permit—Application—Fee.

Any person desiring to secure a permit or approval shall file an application therefor with the [citydepartment](#), on such forms as the [citydepartment](#) shall require. A fee ~~of four dollars~~ shall be paid to the [citydepartment](#) on filing an application for a permit, to defray costs of administration and inspection. No fee shall be required for a permit to repair a sewage disposal system. The application shall contain a detailed plan and description of the existing or proposed means for the disposal of sewage and/or proposed addition or alteration. The application shall also contain such other information as the [city manager or](#) city health officer shall prescribe. ([Ord. 1367 § 2 \(part\), 2026](#): Prior code § 9093)

13.20.190 Investigation.

The [citydepartment](#) may investigate the proposed sewage disposal system and the conditions effecting it to determine whether the construction as proposed will be offensive, injurious or dangerous to health. ([Ord. 1367 § 2 \(part\), 2026](#): Prior code § 9094)

13.20.200 Permit—Action required.

The [city department](#) must grant, conditionally grant, or deny an application for a permit within ~~thirtyseven~~ days after the application is filed. ([Ord. 1367 § 2 \(part\), 2026](#): Prior code § 9095)

13.20.210 Permit—Denial—Appeal.

Any person whose application for a permit has been denied by the citydepartment may within thirty days after the date of such denial appeal therefrom in writing to the ~~city-council~~. Such appeal shall be heard by the city council within sixty ten days after the date appeal is filed. (Prior code § 9096)

13.20.220 Completion notice required.

Upon the completion of a sewage disposal system by an applicant to whom a permit has been issued, ~~they~~ shall forthwith notify the citydepartment of such fact by transmitting to the citydepartment a notice of completion on a form supplied by the citydepartment. (Ord. 1367 § 2 (part), 2026; Prior code § 9097)

13.20.230 Certificate of completion.

The citydepartment may make such investigation and inspection after completion as may be necessary to determine that the plans and specifications approved in the permit have been complied with. ~~It-The city~~ shall issue to the applicant a certificate of completion prior to the time that the work is covered, concealed or put in use. ~~Failure to issue such certificate within ten days after the receipt of the notice of completion shall constitute approval of the sewage disposal unless the person has been notified in writing to the contrary within the period.~~ (Ord. 1367 § 2 (part), 2026; Prior code § 9098)

13.20.240 Variances.

The city manager or city health officer may grant special permits allowing for variances from the provisions of this chapter when practicable difficulties and unnecessary hardships exist in the way of strict enforcement, and when the general purpose and intent of this chapter can be carried out by the variance. (Ord. 1367 § 2 (part), 2026; Prior code § 9099)

13.20.250 Enforcement authority.

The ~~Utilities Ddirector city manager or city health officer~~ shall enforce all of the provisions of this chapter relative to sewage disposal, treatment or discharge and other matters regulated by this chapter. (Ord. 1367 § 2 (part), 2026; Prior code § 9100)

Chapter 13.25 SEWER CONNECTION SERVICE CHARGES*

Sections:

- 13.25.010 Sewer connection charges.
- 13.25.020 Collection of connection charges.
- 13.25.030 County defined.

* Effective March 1, 1989 pursuant to emergency measure adopted by Ordinance No. 631-A.

13.25.010 Sewer connection charges.

A. There is hereby established a sewer connection charge which shall be collected prior to the issuance of building permits for commercial/industrial development and dwelling units as established by resolution of the city council.

B. Purpose. The purpose of the fee is to establish a fund for financing equipment and capital improvement projects required to maintain municipal services at adequate levels as service requirements increase with the construction of commercial/industrial developments and dwelling units.

C. Inflationary Adjustment. The sewer connection charges established by this section shall automatically be adjusted on July 1st of each fiscal year by a percentage equal to the increase, if any, in construction costs since the prior fiscal year as determined by the ~~city director~~ based upon Engineering News Record (or similar publication) construction cost indices. The determination shall be reported to the city council ~~by the city manager~~ ~~director~~ on or about June 30th each year or as soon as the information is available. (Ord. 1367 § 2 (part), 2026; Ord. 988 § 2, 2003; Ord. 631-A § 1, 1989; Ord. 612 § 1, 1988; Ord. 588 § 1 (part), 1987; Ord. 569 § 1, 1986; Ord. 367 (part), 1978)

13.25.020 Collection of connection charges.

Charges shall be collected prior to issuance of permit to connect to city sanitary sewer collection system. The funds collected from this charge shall be credited to the sewer system capital improvement fund of the city, to be expended therefrom as directed by the city council. These fees do not include fees that are applicable to developer benefit districts, or the regional sanitation district. (Ord. 1367 § 2 (part), 2026; Ord. 631-A § 2, 1989; Ord. 612 § 2, 1988; Ord. 588 § 2, 1987; Ord. 569 § 2, 1986; Ord. 367 (part), 1978)

13.25.030 County defined.

As used in this chapter, the term “county” means Sacramento Area Sewer District (SacSewer)~~Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District of Sacramento County~~ and the “County portion” refers to the connection fee established by county. (Ord. 1367 § 2 (part), 2026; Ord. 631-A § 3, 1989; Ord. 612 § 3, 1988; Ord. 588 § 3, 1987; Ord. 569 § 3, 1986; Ord. 367 (part), 1978)

SECTION 3 SCOPE

Except as set forth in this Ordinance, all other provisions of the Folsom Municipal Code shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 4 SEVERABILITY

If any section, subsection, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional, invalid, or ineffective of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity or effectiveness of the remaining portions of this Ordinance or any part thereof. The City Council hereby declares that it would have adopted this Ordinance and each section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, clauses, phrases or portions be declared unconstitutional, invalid, or ineffective.

SECTION 5 NO MANDATORY DUTY

This Ordinance is not intended to and shall not be construed or given effect in a manner that imposes upon the City or any officer or employee thereof a mandatory duty of care towards persons or property within or without the City, so as to provide a basis of civil liability for damages, except as otherwise imposed by law.

SECTION 6 EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days from and after its passage and adoption, providing it is published in full or in summary within twenty (20) days after its adoption in a newspaper of general circulation within the City of Folsom.

This Ordinance was introduced and the title thereof read at the regular meeting of the City Council on April 14, 2026, and the second reading occurred at the regular meeting of the City Council on April 28, 2026.

On a motion by Councilmember _____, seconded by Councilmember _____ the foregoing Ordinance was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Folsom, State of California, this 28th day of April 2026, by the following roll-call vote:

- AYES:** Councilmember(s):
- NOES:** Councilmember(s):
- ABSENT:** Councilmember(s):
- ABSTAIN:** Councilmember(s):

Justin Raithel, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Christa Freemantle, CITY CLERK

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