

Chapter 13.12 SEWER CONNECTIONS

13.12.010 Sewer connections required.

The owner or owners of each lot or parcel of real property within the area to be served by the sanitary sewage disposal system, upon which there shall be situated any building or structure for human occupation or use for any purpose shall, within 30 days of the publication in the official newspaper of a notice signed by the Mayor for connections to be made therewith, cause a connection to be made between the said sewer and each such building or structure; provided, that where more than one such building is located on a lot or parcel of land not larger than 100 feet in width and 100 feet in depth and all such buildings may be served by one sewer connection, only one connection for such buildings need be made.

(Ord. No. 117, § 1 (part), 1954; Ord. No. 219 (part), 1974; Ord. No. 237 (part) 1977)

13.12.020 Sewer connection—Area served.

- A. All premises upon which any portion of any building is situated within 100 feet of a sewer line or lateral shall be deemed to be within the area served by the sewerage system, except where the difference in the elevation between the property upon which said building is located and said sewer makes a gravity flow of sewage from such property to said sewer impossible.
- B. Any buildings or areas for public use, including but not limited to schools, hospitals, apartments, hotels, cabin or auto courts, motels, trailer courts, shall be deemed to be within the area served by such sewage disposal system if such building or buildings or any of them are within 500 feet of a sewer line or lateral.

(Ord. No. 117, § 1 (part), 1954; Ord. No. 219 (part), 1974; Ord. No. 237 (part) 1977)

13.12.030 Sewer connection—Penalty for noncompliance.

If any connection shall not be made within the time provided, in Section 13.12.010, the water and sewer superintendent, or such other employee of the City as the Council may designate, is authorized and directed to cause the connection to be made and to file a statement of the cost thereof with the City Clerk, which cost shall in no event be less than \$300.00 and thereupon a warrant shall be issued under the direction of the City Council by the City Treasurer and against the water and sewer revenue fund created for the payment of such cost. Such amount, together with a penalty of ten percent, plus interest at the rate of six percent per year upon the total amount of such cost and penalty, shall be assessed against the property upon which the building or structure is situated, and shall become a lien thereon as herein provided. Such total amount when collected shall be paid into said Water and Sewer Revenue Fund.

(Ord. No. 117, § 1 (part), 1954; Ord. No. 219 (part), 1974; Ord. No. 237 (part) 1977)

13.12.040 Sewer connection charge.

The City shall charge the sum of \$2,000.00 per hook-up/residential equivalent unless another rate is later set by the Council by written ordinance, which sum shall become due and payable at the time each connection is

completed, and if not so paid on or before such date shall become delinquent and shall bear interest at the rate of six percent per annum from the date of delinquency until paid.

(Ord. No. 117, § 1 (part), 1954; Ord. No. 219 (part), 1974; Ord. No. 237 (part), 1977; Ord. No. 399, 1989)

13.12.050 Unauthorized connection prohibited.

No unauthorized person shall uncover, make any connections with or opening into, use, alter or disturb any public sewer or appurtenances thereof without first obtaining a written permit from the superintendent.

(Ord. No. 118, § 401, 1955)

13.12.060 Building sewer connection—Required.

All connections shall be made to the sewerage system in a permanent and sanitary manner, subject to approval of the water and sewer superintendent, and shall be sufficient to carry all sewage and waste fluids of any kind from the building into the sewerage systems, and each toilet, stationary waste stand or any other piece or type of equipment having waste fluids shall be connected with the sewerage system; provided, that where the building or structure has not been completed before the publication of such notice, connections shall be made on or before the completion of such building or structure and before any use or occupancy thereof.

(Ord. No. 117, § 1 (part), 1954; Ord. No. 219 (part), 1974; Ord. No. 237 (part) 1977)

13.12.070 Building sewer connection—Classification—Permit fees.

There shall be two classed of building sewer permits: for residential and commercial service, and for service to establishments producing industrial wastes. In either case, the owner or his agent shall make application on a special form furnished by the City. The permit application shall be supplemented by any plans, specifications or other information considered pertinent in the judgment of the superintendent. A permit and inspection fee of \$5.00 for a residential or commercial building sewer permit shall be paid to the City Clerk at the time the application is filed.

(Ord. No. 118, § 402, 1955)

13.12.080 Building sewer connection—Owner to bear cost.

All costs and expense incident to the installation and connection of the building sewer shall be borne by the owner. The owner shall indemnify the City from any loss or damage that may directly or indirectly be occasioned by the installations.

(Ord. No. 118, § 403, 1955)

13.12.090 Building sewer—Materials.

The building sewer shall be Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC), SDR 35 for gravity sewers, or SDR21 for pressure sewer systems, or a material that meets the Uniform Plumbing Code as of the date the project commences. Joints shall be tight and water-proof.

(Ord. No. 118, § 405, 1955; Ord. No. 724, § 2, 2022)

13.12.100 Building sewer—Size and slope.

The size and slope of the building sewer shall be subject to the approval of the superintendent, but in no event shall the diameter be less than four inches. The slope of such four-inch pipe shall be not less than one-eighth inch per foot.

(Ord. No. 118, § 406, 1955)

13.12.110 Building sewer—Alignment.

Building sewers serving buildings with basements shall, whenever possible, be brought to the building at an elevation below the basement floor. The building sewer shall be laid at uniform grade and in straight alignment in so far as possible. Changes in direction shall be made only with properly curved pipe and fittings.

(Ord. No. 118, § 407, 1955)

13.12.120 Building sewer—Artificial lift when.

In all buildings in which any building drain is too low to permit gravity flow to the public sewer, sanitary sewage carried by such drain shall be lifted by approved artificial means and discharged to the building sewer.

(Ord. No. 118, § 408, 1955)

13.12.130 Building sewer connection—Excavation.

All excavations required for the installation of a building sewer shall be open trench work unless otherwise approved by the superintendent. Pipe laying and backfill shall be performed in accordance with regulations of the Washington State Sanitary Authority.

(Ord. No. 118, § 409, 1955)

13.12.140 Building sewer connections—Joints and connection.

All joints and connection shall be made gas-tight and water-tight. Cast iron joints shall be firmly packed with oakum or hemp and filled with molten lead and calked tight.

(Ord. No. 118, § 410, 1955)

13.12.150 Building sewer connections—"T" branch required.

The connection of the building sewer into the public sewer shall be made at the "T" branch, if such branch is available at a suitable location, if no properly located "T" branch is available, the owner shall at his expense install a "T" branch in the public sewer at the location specified by the superintendent. The invert of the building sewer at the point of connection shall be at the same or at a higher elevation than the invert of the public sewer. A smooth, neat joint shall be made, and the connection made secure and water-tight.

(Ord. No. 118, § 411, 1955)

13.12.160 Building sewer connection—Inspection.

The applicant for the building sewer permit shall notify the superintendent when the building sewer is ready for inspection and connection to the public sewer. The connection shall be made under the supervision of the superintendent or his representative.

(Ord. No. 118, § 412, 1955)

13.12.170 Building sewer connections—Restoration, safety requirements.

All excavations for building sewer installation shall be adequately guarded with barricades and lights so as to protect the public from hazard. Streets, sidewalks, parkways and other public property disturbed in the course of the work shall be restored in a manner satisfactory to the City.

(Ord. No. 118, § 413, 1955)