
3. GENERAL PROVISIONS AND REGULATIONS

3.01 Validity of the District Code

If any part, section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of the District Code is held invalid or unconstitutional for any reason by a court of law having jurisdiction, that decision does not affect the validity or constitutionality of the remainder of the District Code. The Board of Directors declares that it would have adopted each provision of the District Code irrespective of the validity of any other provision.

3.02 District Personnel Duties

Delegation of Authority: The General Manager shall administer, implement and enforce the provisions of the District Code. Any powers granted to or duties imposed on the General Manager may be delegated by the General Manager to persons in the employ of and/or acting in the general interest of the District.

Identification: All District personnel shall identify themselves upon request when entering the work site or property for any inspection of work or other purposes required or provided for by the District Code.

Access: The District or its authorized agents or employees shall have access at all reasonable times to enter the customer's premises for any purpose properly connected with the providing of sewer service, including inspection of the same to determine that the District Code and Ordinances are being observed.

No person shall place on any sewer pipeline any obstruction, such as wires, fences, trees, or buildings, which may impede or otherwise interfere with the District's ready access to any portion of the sanitary sewer system owned by the District. Upon the District's written request, such obstruction shall be immediately removed by the owner or their agent at no cost to the District or, at the District's option, shall be removed by the District at the owner's expense.

3.03 Sanitary Sewer Installation

Minimum Sanitary Sewer Facility Standards: Facilities shall be designed so as not to pollute underground or surface waters, create a nuisance, or menace the public health or safety. The General Manager shall consult with the health officers and officials of public agencies, and from time to time, promulgate standards, which may vary according to location, topography, physical conditions, and other pertinent factors.

Rain and Surface Water Drainage: No pool, receptacle, area, or roof which receives or disposes of rain water or surface water shall be connected to any private or public wastewater disposal system.

Winter Construction: No sewer construction or excavation shall be performed during winter conditions. **Determination of winter conditions shall be the sole responsibility of Placer County.** Winter conditions generally run from October 15th through April 15th.

If allowed by the District, a trench may be excavated for installation of a sewer pipeline only when:

- An appointment is scheduled for a visual inspection during normal working days and hours.
- The trench must be backfilled the same day as the visual inspection. This may require another inspection to verify completion of backfill.

Notice of Noncompliance: Whenever any construction is being performed contrary to the provisions of the District Code, the General Manager shall issue written notice to the responsible party to stop work on that portion of the construction on which the violation has occurred. No work shall proceed on that portion until corrective measures have been taken and approved by the General Manager.

Mandatory Sanitary Sewer Connections: All buildings requiring sanitation facilities, as defined in the Uniform Building Code and/or the District Code, shall be connected to the District sanitary sewer facilities when available.

Availability shall mean a public sewer with uncommitted capacity within 200 feet of the property. The further maintenance and use of septic tanks, cesspools and other on-site waste disposal facilities contained on any property within 200 feet of a District sanitary sewer, with uncommitted capacity, are hereby declared a public nuisance pursuant to Government Code Section 54352 and may be enjoined, and/or abated in a manner provided by law.

No person shall cause or permit the disposal of wastewater or other liquid waste into any drainage system which is not connected to the public sewer when such connection is required by this section.

Connection to the District's sanitary sewer facilities shall be accomplished by the owner or their agent at their sole risk and expense:

- Within 1 construction season, following written notification by the District, in the event the dwelling is serviced by a septic tank or other on-site waste disposal system; or
- Before occupancy of a building occurs.

The customer or user shall at his/her sole risk and expense remove from service and render harmless any and all septic tanks, cisterns, vessels or similar underground vaults in accordance with Placer County/District Regulations, the Uniform Plumbing Code and any State law, within 30 days following the date the dwelling is connected to the District's sanitary sewer facilities. District verification and approval is required for all abandoned wastewater facilities (see Abandoned Sewers and Sewage Disposal Facilities, Section 7.16, page 38).

3.04 Multiple Units on Same Premises

Separate houses, buildings, living or business and commercial quarters, or adjoining premises under a single control or management may be provided with sewer service, at the discretion of the District, by any of the following means:

- Through separate service connections to each unit or combination thereof,
- Through a single service connection to supply the entire premises, or any combination thereof, or units thereon, in which case the combined rate or charge may be applied by the District; such combined rates or charges to be assumed by the applicant unless otherwise modified by agreement or by the District Code.

3.05 Joint Lateral Connections

The shared use of a *private building lateral* by two or more parcels shall constitute the drafting, executing, and recording (with the County) of a “Joint Lateral Agreement” between each of the parties sharing the private building lateral. Executing and recording of the Joint Lateral Agreement shall be the responsibility of the parties involved. Through the Joint Lateral Agreement, the parties (owners) agree to share equally the operation, maintenance, and testing costs associated with the shared private building lateral. The Joint Lateral Agreement shall be binding upon the heirs, successors and assigns of each of the parcels.

3.06 Easement Abandonment

All persons requesting an abandonment of easement may incur a charge for the processing of said request. The said charge will not exceed the actual expense to the District in researching and processing such request. A non-binding estimate of expenses will be provided upon request to those desiring an abandonment of easement and such estimates shall be the basis of the required deposit.

3.07 District Records and Maps

The locations shown on the District's records, maps, as built, etc. are believed to be accurate. The District does not warrant that all facilities are located as shown, and does not represent that all facilities are in fact shown.

3.08 Liability for Damage to District Sanitary Sewer Facilities

Prior to and whenever any underground construction is to be performed, the owner or their agent responsible for the proposed excavation shall contact the District and review the appropriate record drawings on file at the Utilities Office.

The owner or their agent responsible for the excavation shall:

- Make such calculations, findings and conclusions as may be necessary to determine the approximate location of the District sanitary sewer facilities in relationship to the proposed excavation. In the event of conflicting positions, the District sanitary sewer facilities shall have prior rights to its location.
- Be responsible for the proposed excavation shall explore for and expose the District sanitary sewer facilities using reasonable care. Once the District sanitary sewer facilities are exposed, the owner or their agent responsible for the excavation shall verify the clearances and compatibility of the proposed works.
- Be solely responsible for any and all necessary modifications and/or damage to the District's sanitary sewer facilities regardless of the cause. This includes consequential damage due to improper pipe protection and backfill procedures.
- Call **Underground Service Alert** (1-800-227-2600) 48 hours prior to any start of excavation.
- Be responsible and liable for all costs involved in the repair of damages to any District sanitary sewer facilities caused by said work.

3.09 Location of Points of Service Inconsistent with District Record Maps

It is the owner or their agent's responsibility to expose the stub out and determine adequate fall before construction. The service lateral connection point location stake shall be replaced by backfilling around the stake and cut off flush to grade. The stake shall not be driven into the ground. The owner or their agent shall be responsible for maintaining the stake location during any clearing operation.

Whenever the stub out, wye or other point of service is not located as shown on the District's "as built" or record maps, the District shall assist the owner or their agent, to the extent reasonably possible after reasonable effort has been made by the owner or their agent to locate the stub out, in determining the location of the stub out, wye or point of service by use of surface and underground pipeline detectors. However, the District shall bear no expense for equipment, excavation, time and/or labor expenses incurred by any person in determining the location of stub-outs, service laterals, wye's and/or points of service or other District sanitary sewer facilities.

3.10 Non-existing Laterals, Wye's and/or Points of Service Shown on Record Maps

Before a stub out, wye or point of service which is shown to exist on District maps is determined to be "nonexistent," the person attempting to locate the service lateral connection point shall contact the District for assistance. The District shall not be liable for any expense, equipment, excavation and/or labor incurred by any person in determining the existence or the "nonexistence" of any stub out, wye, point of service and/or other facility.

When the District has previously been provided with "as-built" or record maps, and the General Manager has made a determination that no service lateral, wye or point of service exists as shown on the "as-built" or record maps, **the General Manager may:**

- Waive any applicable sewer main tapping fee.
- Install or cause to be installed a service lateral at the District's expense, provided there is a sewer main servicing the property with uncommitted capacity.

3.11 Time Limits

Any time limit provided for in the District Code may be extended by mutual written consent of both the District and the permittee or applicant, or other person affected.