

CHAPTER 13 UTILITIES

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Sec. 13.03.001 Connection charges

Water and sewer connection charges shall be as determined from time to time by the city council. Copies of legislation specifying such charges may be found on file in the office of the city secretary. (1988 Code, sec. 17-1)

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Sec. 13.03.002 Connection to public sewer required

(a) Every residence, place of business or other building or place where persons reside, congregate or are employed which abuts a street or alley in which there is a public sanitary sewer or which is within two hundred (200) feet of, and of such elevation as to be available to, a public sanitary sewer, shall be connected to the sewer by the owner or agent of the premises in the most direct manner possible, and with a separate connection for each home, building or place. Each connection and each fixture emptying through the connection shall be installed in a good and workmanlike manner conformable to good plumbing standards and the provisions of [article 3.04](#) of this code.

(b) Within the meaning of this section, it shall be considered sufficient elevation for proper sewer connection if there is a minimum fall of three (3) inches per one hundred (100) feet from ground level at the point of outlet to the point of inlet in the public sewer line to which connection is required to be made.

(1988 Code, sec. 17-2)

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Sec. 13.03.003 Definitions

As used in this article, the following terms shall have the respective meanings ascribed to them:

Boundary sewer. A sewer installed in a street bounding a development or faced on only one side by a development, which can also serve property not included in the development on the opposite side of the street.

Boundary water line. A water line, installed in a street bounding a development or faced on only one side by a development, which can also serve property not included in the development on the opposite side of the street.

Department. The water/wastewater utilities department of the city.

Development. A subdivision, as defined in the city's subdivision regulations.

Director. The director of the water/wastewater utilities department or his appointed representative.

Engineer. A professional engineer licensed by the state.

Lot. Land occupied or intended for occupancy by a main building together with its accessory buildings, and the yard and parking spaces required, and having its principal frontage upon a street as defined herein.

Owner's front footage. Owner's front footage, for purposes of determining pro rata charges to be paid by the owner of a lot for sewer service or water service and for which there will be no reimbursement, shall be determined by the owner's lot condition, as follows:

- (1) Corner lot. A lot situated on the corner of a block and having more than one side facing a street. Frontage footage shall be measured along the side of the lot to which service connection is made.
- (2) Irregular lot. Any lot of a nonrectangular shape, except the radial lot defined below. The frontage footage of an irregular lot shall be equal to one front foot for each one hundred twenty-five (125) square feet of lot area, but shall never exceed the maximum measured width of the lot at any depth of the lot, parallel to the street line.
- (3) Radial lot. A lot abutting a curved street and in general having sides which are radial to the street. Front footage of a radial lot shall be measured as the chord distance at a point twenty-five (25) feet from the front property line.
- (4) Regular lot. A lot generally rectangular in shape. Front footage of a regular lot shall be measured along the property line facing the street.

Pro rata. The charge per front foot of abutting land to be paid by the lot owner or owner of a development to aid in defraying the cost of supplying sewer service or water service (as the case may be) to their lot or site. The amount of the charge will be determined by the city manager or his designee.

- (1) Single pro rata. The charge based on the front footage of abutting land on only one side of the street or easement.

Street. A public thoroughfare which has been dedicated or deeded to the public for public use, which has been officially approved by the governing body of the city, and which affords the principal means of access to property abutting it.

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Sec. 13.03.004 Purpose and scope

The purpose of this article is to establish a policy for the city for extending sanitary sewer and water lines for the sewer and water service connections to such extensions, and to establish rules governing such extensions and connections. It is not the intention of this article to obligate, and the city shall not be obligated to participate in or proceed with any construction covered by this article when funds are not available or when, in the discretion of the city manager, the construction is not practical. It is not the intention of this article to limit the right of the city to extend sanitary sewer or water lines at its own cost and collect the charges herein set forth from the applicants for sewer or water service, and such right is herein reserved. The city shall own all sewer lines, water lines, and sanitary sewer lift stations, including service connections, constructed and accepted under the terms of this article.

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Sec. 13.03.005 General rules for extensions

Sanitary sewer lines or water lines will be extended in the city in accordance with the following rules:

- (1) Individual lots. Sanitary sewer and water lines of proper size will be extended by the city in its easements and streets to serve individual lots, according to the following rules:
- (A) A lot owner requesting the extension shall pay the city for the full cost of the extension from its place of origin to a point across the total width of the lot of the owner requesting said extension (not including the width of any street intersections or alleys) including the costs for engineering, design, materials, labor, and construction. This pro rata is reimbursable as hereinafter provided, except for the pro rata paid on the owner's front footage.
 - (B) Should the lot owner requesting extension require a sewer or water line in excess of the size required by the city, the owner shall pay all additional costs for the oversize sewer or water line.
 - (C) In addition to the payments specified above, the lot owner or customer must pay the appropriate service connection charges before service connections can be made.
 - (D) No construction shall be scheduled or begun by the city until all extension charges have been paid to the city.
- (2) Developments.
- (A) The owner of a development shall pay for and install all sewer and water lines and necessary appurtenances thereto within the boundaries of the development.
 - (B) The city will extend sewer or water lines of proper capacity outside the boundaries of the development to service other developments after the following applicable requirements have been satisfied:
 - (i) The owner of the development shall pay all costs for installation of sewer or water line extensions required to extend services to the boundary of the development.
 - (ii) Should the extension involve the construction of a boundary sewer or boundary water line, the owner of the development shall pay single pro rata to the city based on the footage of the development property abutting the boundary sewer or boundary water line, as applicable.
 - (iii) Should the city require sewer or water line extensions or interior sewer or water lines larger in size than required for the development, the city shall pay for that portion of material and labor costs over and above such requirements. Also, due allowance shall be made to the owner of the development for intersections and alleys crossed, outside the development.
 - (iv) No sewer or water line extension shall be scheduled until all charges specified herein have been paid by the owner of the development to the city.

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Sec. 13.03.006 Charges for sewer and water service

When no extension of sanitary sewer or water lines (as the case may be) is necessary to serve an applicant for service, the applicant shall pay the city single pro rata on the owner's front footage in addition to the service connection charge before connection is made to the sewer or water line. However, if the sewer or water line is within a development, or if the connection is to be made to a sewer or water line existing on the date of passage of this article, only the service connection charge shall be paid.

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Sec. 13.03.007 Reimbursement

Owners of lots or developments who participate under this policy in the cost of sewer or water line extensions to their lots or sites are eligible for certain reimbursement of such cost, as specified herein, from the city. Such owners are eligible for reimbursement to be made from pro rata collected by the city from connections to the sewer extension or water line extension (as the case may be) during the period of ten (10) years after completion of the extension, according to the following rules:

- (1) No reimbursement shall be made to a lot owner for the owner's front footage pro rata. No reimbursement shall be made to a development owner for the cost of sewer or water lines within the boundaries of the development.
- (2) Upon written application of the owner, reimbursements shall be made once each year to cover reimbursable charges collected during the preceding fiscal year.
- (3) A lot owner who paid for a sewer or water line extension, as provided for herein, shall be reimbursed by the City on a single pro rata basis from monies collected by the city for connections to the sewer extension or water line extension (as the case may be.)
- (4) Owners of developments will be reimbursed the amount of pro rata collected from connections of off-site extensions (outside the development) and boundary sewers and boundary water lines for which they have made payment.
- (5) An owner will never be paid more than one hundred (100) percent of the amount actually paid by such owner for extensions along frontage other than his own property. The owner will not be reimbursed for the cost of said extension along the frontage of his property.
- (6) If another property owner does not connect to the extended water or sewer line within ten (10) years from its completion, the city will not reimburse the original lot owner for the extension costs. Additionally, the city is only responsible for reimbursing the original lot owner using money collected by the city from other property owners connecting to said line. Money collected by the city for connection fees will not be reimbursable to the original lot owner.

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Sec. 13.03.008 Extensions outside of city

The city may, with specific approval of the city council, extend sewer or water service outside of the city, according to the following rules:

- (1) The provisions of this article, with the exception of the reimbursement provisions, shall apply to sewer and water line extensions outside the city limits.
- (2) Any lot owner applying for service connections to sewer or water lines extended under the terms of this section shall pay single pro rata on the owner's front footage.
- (3) All applicants for sewer or water service shall pay 1.5 times the service connection charge applicable within the city.
- (4) There shall be no reimbursement for extensions outside the city.

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