

DIVISION II. SEWER SYSTEM

Chapter 13A.12

PUBLIC SEWERS

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13A.12.010 Maintenance. The Superintendent shall oversee the maintenance and operation of the public sewer system, the making of repairs of all kinds, the construction of all extensions or additions, and the construction work of whatever nature whatsoever in connection with the present public sewer system, any extension thereof, and/or of any new system that may be established. (Ord. 667, 1998; Ord. 405 S1 (part), 1981.)

13A.12.020 Building line inspections. The Superintendent shall inspect and approve in writing that portion of the building line from the public sewer main to a point two feet outside any structure prior to effecting any connection to or joining of any building sewer line with the public sewer system, to make certain that the line complies with all City ordinances and State laws in effect at the time of connection and the Uniform Plumbing Code. The Superintendent may, upon reasonable cause to believe a violation of this Title has occurred, that

damage to the collection system has or has threatened to occur, or to prevent damage or injury to private or public property, may enter and make such inspections, corrections, repair or alterations as may be necessary to determine whether a violation has occurred or to prevent damage to private or public property. This right of inspection shall include authority to collect all information from City utility customers regarding discharges to the City public sewer system including the completion of questionnaires on water usage, wastewater discharges, flow measurements, collection of samples of discharge for analysis, and changes in business activity conducted on the premises as may be necessary for the protection, maintenance and improvement of the public sewer system. (Ord. 667, 1998; Ord. 405 S1 (part), 1981.)

13A.12.030 Unsanitary deposits unlawful. It is unlawful for any person to place, deposit, or permit to be deposited in any unsanitary manner upon public or private property within the City or in any area under the jurisdiction of the City, any human or animal excrement, garbage, or other objectionable waste. (Ord. 667, 1998; Ord. 405 S1 (part), 1981.)

13A.12.040 Prohibited Discharges.

- A. Prohibitions. Discharges will be accepted only if the discharge is considered treatable and compatible with the satisfactory operation of the collection and treatment systems. A user may not discharge to the public sewer system any of the following discharges:
1. Pollutants that cause pass-through or interference with the POTW.
 2. Pollutants that interfere with the ability of the City to comply with the NPDES permit conditions and limitations.
 3. Pollutants which by reason of their nature or quantity are, or may be, sufficient either alone, or by interaction, to:
 - a. Create a fire or explosion hazard in the POTW (including, but not limited to, wastestreams with a closed cup flashpoint of less than one hundred and forty (140) degrees Fahrenheit or sixty (60) degrees Centigrade using the test methods specified in 40 CFR 261.21);
 - b. Create a public nuisance or hazard to life;
 - c. Prevent entry into the POTW for its maintenance or repair; or
 - d. Be injurious in any other way to the POTW or its personnel.

4. Pollutants that have any corrosive property capable of causing damage or hazard to structures, equipment, or personnel of the POTW, but in no case discharges with pH lower than five (5.0) or greater than eleven (11.0) standard units, unless:
 - a. The POTW is specifically designed to accommodate such discharges;
 - b. The Department approves in writing and prior to discharge, upon request of the City, alternate pH limits; and
 - c. The discharge is authorized by a valid wastewater discharge permit.
5. Heat in amounts that will inhibit biological activity in the POTW which cause, or may cause, pass-through or interference, but in no case heat in such quantities such that the temperature at the POTW headworks exceeds one hundred and four (104) degrees Fahrenheit or forty (40) degrees Centigrade unless:
 - a. The POTW is specifically designed to accommodate such discharges;
 - b. The Department approves in writing and prior to discharge, upon request of the City, alternate temperature limits; and
 - c. The discharge is authorized by a valid wastewater discharge permit;
6. Any pollutant, including oxygen demanding pollutants, (BOD, etc.) released in either a slug load or continuous discharge of such volume, flow rate and/or pollutant concentration which will cause, or may cause, pass-through or interference of the POTW.
7. Solid or viscous pollutants in amounts that cause, or may cause obstruction to the flow in to the POTW or otherwise interfere with the operations or maintenance of the POTW.
8. Petroleum oil, nonbiodegradable cutting oil, or products of mineral origin in amounts that will cause, or may cause, pass-through or interference of the POTW.
9. Pollutants which result in the presence of toxic gases, vapors, or fumes within the POTW in a quantity which cause, or may cause, acute worker health and safety problems.

10. Any trucked or hauled pollutants, except at discharge points designated by the City.
11. Noncontact cooling water in significant amounts, stormwater, or any other direct water inflow sources which do not require treatment or would not be afforded a significant degree of treatment by the POTW. Any inflow discharged to the City public sewer system must be approved by the Department and City prior to discharge.
12. Wastewaters containing dangerous waste, as prohibited by Chapter 173-303 WAC.

B. User Contracts. The City may require a contract between the nonresidential user and the City prior to discharging to the public sewer. This contract may impose reasonable requirements such as:

1. Insurance or a deposit to cover reasonable contingencies.
2. Monitoring of discharge quality and quantity.
3. Pretreatment and implementation of BMPs.
4. Notification of significant change in discharge quality, quantity, or rate and request for authorization from the City to proceed with the change.
5. Authority for the City to conduct inspections of sewage facilities and records. (Ord. 667, 1998.)

13A.12.050 **Discharge--To natural outlet unlawful**. It is unlawful to discharge to any natural outlet within the City or any area under its jurisdiction any sanitary sewage, industrial wastes, or other polluted water, except as approved by the Department. (Ord. 667, 1998; Ord. 405 S1 (part), 1981.)

13A.12.060 **Privies and septic tanks restricted**. Except as provided in this chapter, it is unlawful to construct or maintain any privy, privy vault, septic tanks, cesspool, or other facility intended or used for the disposal of sewage within the corporate limits of the City. (Ord. 667, 1998; Ord. 405 S1 (part), 1981.)

13A.12.070 **Connection of facilities**. The owner of each lot or parcel of real property within the City not already connected to the public sewer system of the City, upon which lot or parcel of property there is situated any building or structure for human occupation or use or for any other purpose which results in the production of sewage, shall install suitable facilities therein to handle such sewage and shall connect such facilities, together with all other facilities therein, the use of which results in the existence of sewage, with the public

sewer system, at his own expense, within sixty (60) days after the effective date of the ordinance codified in this title or within sixty (60) days from the date of the completion and availability of a public sewer system, whichever is last. Such installation and connection shall be commenced within thirty (30) days following such notice. Services existing prior to March 1, 1978, are not required to connect to City sewer if they cannot be served by gravity. This exception shall apply only to an existing service and any further subdivision of the real property upon which the service is located for residential commercial purposes, shall be required to connect to the City sewer service regardless of gravity flow capability. (Ord. 667, 1998; Ord. 405 S1 (part), 1981.)

13A.12.080 **When private sewer is required.** Where a public sewer line is not available under the provisions provided in this chapter, a private sewer and sewage disposal system shall be constructed, connected, and maintained in accordance with provisions in this chapter. (Ord. 667, 1998; Ord. 405 S1 (part), 1981.)

13A.12.090 **Opening public sewer limited to authorized personnel.** No person except the Superintendent shall uncover, make any connection with, make an opening into, use, alter, or disturb any public sewer. No person except the Superintendent shall open, alter, or disturb the streets or alleys of the City for the purpose of connecting or joining any building sewer line with the public sewer system. (Ord. 667, 1998; Ord. 405 S1 (part), 1981.)

13A.12.100 **Building sewer connection permit--Required.** No person shall construct, extend, or connect a building sewer without first obtaining a written permit from the City Clerk and having the permit approved by the Superintendent, confirming that the construction, connection, or extension is in compliance with this chapter. (Ord. 667, 1998; Ord. 405 S1 (part), 1981.)

13A.12.110 **Building sewer connection permit--Application.** All applications for building sewer connections to the public sewer system shall be made by the property owner or his authorized agent in writing. An application for a building sewer connection permit shall be made on a form furnished by the City which the applicant shall complete and supplement with such plans, specifications, and other information as are deemed necessary by the Superintendent. The application shall include but not be limited to the date of application, the name and signature of the applicant, the name and authorizing signatures of the property owner, the location by street address and legal description of the property to be serviced by the connection, the location of the building sewer line referenced from a property corner to where the building sewer line crosses the property boundary line, the cover depth of the building sewer line at property boundary line, the size and type of the building sewer line, and the depth and location of the building sewer line connection to the public sewer line. (Ord. 667, 1998; Ord. 405 S1 (part),

1981.)

13A.12.120 Building sewer connection permit--Issuance procedure. A non-refundable application and investigation fee pursuant to the current City Fee Schedule Resolution, shall be paid to the City Clerk to obtain the application form. The City Clerk shall sign the application to verify the payment of the application fee. The Superintendent shall review the application, determine the availability of the public sewer system to service the property, and determine the impact to the public sewer system that would be caused by the building sewer. The results of the determination shall be recorded on the application. The installation of any building sewer line or connection is dependent on the availability of the public sewer system and the public sewer system capacity and the Superintendent is not required to approve or install a public sewer line in areas not served by the existing public sewer system or where the public sewer system is inadequate to accommodate the increased load that would result from the applicant's proposed use. Building sewer connections are subject to the approval of the Superintendent; provided, however, the decisions of the Superintendent may be appealed to the City Council within thirty days (30) by giving written notice to the Council of the appeal. Upon receiving notice of appeal, a hearing date shall be set by the Council which date shall be within thirty (30) days of receipt of the notice by the Council. After approval of an application for a building sewer connection by the Superintendent, a sewer connection permit shall be issued to the property owner by the City Clerk upon receipt of payment of an additional permit and assessment fee as provided in this chapter. Usage shall not be allowed until after the Superintendent has inspected and approved the construction and/or installation as completed, which inspection shall be before any part of the underground portions of the building sewer line, which has not been inspected, is covered. Inspection shall be made by the Superintendent within two (2) working days after his receipt of written request to so inspect. The Superintendent shall effect the connection of the building sewer to the public sewer within five (5) working days after his inspection; provided that all other ordinances of the City are complied with. (Ord. 667, 1998; Ord. 622, 1995; Ord. 405 S1 (part), 1981.)

13A.12.130 Building sewer connection permit--Time limit. A permit for a building sewer connection shall be valid for a period of one hundred eighty (180) days after the date of its issue. Installations which have not been completed as provided in this chapter within one hundred eighty (180) days from the date of the issue of the permit shall not be connected by the Superintendent until such time as reapplication is made and approved. No application, permit, or assessment fee shall be refunded to the applicant. Each application or reapplication shall be subject to the applicable permit and area fees. (Ord. 667, 1998; Ord. 405 S1 (part), 1981.)

13A.12.140 Building sewer connection permit--Limitation on effect. A granted

application or permit shall in no way be construed to constitute a permit or authorization to build any structure or to imply that a permit to build any structure will be granted by the City. (Ord. 667, 1998; Ord. 405 S1 (part), 1981.)

13A.12.150 Building sewers - - Required. After March 1, 1978, a separate and independent building sewer line shall be provided for each residential lot or commercial unit in connection with the public sewer system. Each residential lot or commercial unit connected must pay the connection permit and area charge fee. Buildings constructed before March 1, 1978, may be considered a permissible, nonconforming use, when two (2) or more building sewer lines are joined together into a single lateral which then connects to the public sewer main. In such cases, any and all maintenance and/or replacement costs of the single lateral that delivers sewage to the public main, shall be equally and jointly the responsibility of all property owners whose building sewers join to the single lateral. Any such single lateral having multiple building sewers connecting into it prior to connection with the public main, shall be considered a building sewer line, even where and after it enters the public right-of-way to connect to the public sewer main. (Ord. 958, July 2016; Ord. 667, 1998; Ord. 405 S1 (part), 1981.)

13A.12.160 Building sewers--Installation. All building sewer lines and connections with the public sewer system shall be constructed, installed, and connected in such a manner as to insure a permanent and sanitary sewer, watertight throughout. The pipe used in the installation shall be of a quality as required by the Uniform Plumbing Code and not less than four inches in diameter. The jointing compound, where mechanical joints are used, shall be of a quality as required by the Uniform Plumbing Code. Where mechanical joints are used, they shall be of such construction that an absolutely watertight joint is insured. The building sewer shall be sufficient to carry all sewage into the public sewer system, and each toilet, sink, stationary washstand, and every other piece or type of equipment of facility having waste fluids or sewage shall be connected therewith. The slope of the building sewer line shall be in compliance with the Uniform Plumbing Code. The pipe of the building sewer shall be laid so that the flow line therein will be at a depth of not less than thirty inches from the surface of the ground at any place. Commercial establishments may be required to install grease traps or other approved BMPs to pretreat wastes prior to discharge to the public sewer. (Ord. 667, 1998; Ord. 405 S1 (part), 1981.)

13A.12.170 Building sewer--Procedure when not connected. In the event that the building sewer and/or its connection is not made within the time provided for in Section 13A.12.070, a letter to the property owner shall be sent by certified mail at his last known address as given by the county treasurer's tax rolls, giving the property owner an additional thirty (30) days within which to comply. Following notice, if there has been no compliance, the

Superintendent is authorized and directed to cause the connection to be made. He shall then file a statement of the cost thereof with the City Clerk, and thereupon a warrant shall be issued under the direction of the City Council against the Water and Sewer Revenue Fund for the payment of such cost. Such amount, together with the application, permit, connection, and assessment fees as provided for in this chapter and a penalty of ten percent (10%) thereof, plus interest at the rate of ten percent (10%) per year upon the total amount of the costs, fees and penalties, shall be assessed against the real property upon which such building sewer and connection has been placed, and shall become a lien thereon as provided in this Chapter 13A.12. Such amounts, when collected, shall be paid into the Water and Sewer Revenue Fund. (Ord. 667, 1998; Ord. 405 S1 (part), 1981.)

13A.12.180 **New sewer mains.** When it is necessary for the convenience of the City or because of the installation of new public sewer mains or for any other reason deemed necessary by the City Council to change an existing building sewer connection location, such new location shall be made at the cost and expense of the Water and Sewer Department, except that the property owner shall reinstall his building sewer to connect with the public sewer, as relocated, at his own expense. (Ord. 667, 1998; Ord. 405 S1 (part), 1981.)

13A.12.190 **Excavations.** All excavations for building sewers shall be properly safeguarded with lights and barricades so that the same may not be a menace to public safety. All streets, sidewalks, alleys, parkways, and other public property disturbed in the course of the excavation shall be restored to a condition equal to that condition which existed immediately prior to such excavation, or better. (Ord. 667, 1998; Ord. 405 S1 (part), 1981.)

13A.12.200 **Responsibility for building sewer leaks.** The property owner shall be responsible for all leaks and/or damages resulting from leaks in his building sewer. (Ord. 667, 1998; Ord. 405 S1 (part), 1981.)

13A.12.210 **Shutoffs for repairs.** The Superintendent is directed and authorized to immediately shutoff all building sewer lines whenever such lines develop leaks or their condition is such as to constitute a danger to the City. Such sewer lines shall remain shut-off until properly repaired or replaced. Such repairs and replacements as may be necessary shall be accomplished by and at the sole expense of the owner of the property to which the service is provided, subject to the supervision and final approval of the Superintendent. (Ord. 667, 1998; Ord. 405 S1 (part), 1981.)

13A.12.220 **Sewer caps.** The property owner shall provide and maintain on all openings to the sanitary sewer system, including cleanouts, connection facilities for recreational vehicle or mobile homes, sewer traps, or similar openings, except required vents, to the sewer system located on private property a water-tight cap of no less than PVC construction to prevent water and any

other external matter from being introduced into the sanitary sewer system. (Ord. 667, 1998; Ord. 450, 1983.)

13A.12.230 Temporary connections for recreational vehicles. A temporary connection to an existing residence's sanitary sewer and water service by a recreational vehicle shall be allowed. Such connection shall be conditioned upon the use of proper connection equipment and in such a manner as to prevent risk of hazard to the health and well-being of the surrounding residents or damage to the sanitary sewer and water systems. The connection shall be allowed for a maximum of thirty (30) days within any twelve (12) month period. (Ord. 667, 1998; Ord. 453, 1983.)