

DIVISION III GENERAL PROVISIONS AND REGULATIONS

Section 3.01 Amendments

Whenever a power is granted to any portion of this Chapter, such reference applies to all amendments and additions thereto.

Section 3.02 Delegation of Powers

Whenever a power is granted to or a duty imposed upon the District by provisions of this Chapter, the power may be exercised or the duty performed by an authorized person or agent of the District.

Section 3.03 Validity

In any provisions of this Chapter or the application thereof to any person or circumstance, is held invalid, the remainder of the Chapter, and the application of such provisions to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

Section 3.04 Enforcement

This District Manager shall enforce the provisions of this Chapter and for such purpose shall have the powers of a peace officer. Such powers shall not limit or otherwise affect the powers and duties of the Placer County Health Officer.

Section 3.05 Minimum Standards

Facilities shall be designed so as to produce an effect which will not pollute underground or surface waters, create a nuisance, or menace the public peace, health, or safety. The District 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.

The minimum acceptable standards for design and construction of sewage collection systems within the District shall be the latest version of the Squaw Valley Public Service District's Standard Specifications. [Amended by Ord. 99-02]

Section 3.06 Penalty for Violation

Every person violating any provision of this Chapter or any conditions or limitation of permit issued pursuant thereto is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable in the manner provided by law.

Section 3.07 Continued Violation

Each day during which any violation described in this Chapter as willful continues shall constitute a separate offense punishable as provided by this Chapter.

Section 3.08 Notice

Unless otherwise provided herein, any notice required to be given by the District Manager under this Chapter shall be in writing and may be mailed by regular first-class mail to the last address known to the District Manager. Where the address is unknown, service may be made as above provided upon the owner of record of the property.

Section 3.09 Time Limits

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

Section 3.10 Identification

Inspectors and maintenance men shall identify themselves upon request when entering upon the work of any contractor or property owner for any inspection or work required by this Chapter.

Section 3.11 Maintenance Inspections

The District Manager may inspect, as often as he deems necessary, every main line sewer, sewage pumping plant, sewage connection, interceptor, or similar appurtenances to ascertain whether such facilities are maintained and operated in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter. All persons shall permit and provide the District Manager with access to all such facilities at all reasonable times.

Section 3.12 Access Requirements

No physical object or structure, including but not necessarily limited to permanent or temporary structures, plantings, landscaping, fill, boulders, rockery walls or irrigation systems shall be located on or within a District sewer line easement or placed in such a position as to unreasonably interfere with District's access, maintenance or repair of any facility located within a sewer line easement and as described in Section 3.11. Any such obstruction, upon request of the District's General Manager, or his designee, shall immediately be removed by the property owner at no expense to the District and once removed shall not be replaced on or within the easement. (Revised by Ord. 2008-07)

Upon the District's written notification to the property owner, any and all obstructions which impede or prevent access to the utility easement shall be removed by the owner at no cost to the District. If, after 45-days notice, the Owner has failed or refused to remove the obstruction(s) affecting the utility easement, District shall, at its election, remove the obstructions and bill the Owner to recover District expenses incurred in connection therewith. Owner shall be responsible for payment of all District expenses, including staff time, administrative fees, legal fees, charges from independent contractors and/or as otherwise associated with removal of Owner's encroachments upon or within District's utility easement. (Added by Ord. 2008-07)

The obligation to pay District expenses shall become due upon presentation of a billing therefor and shall become delinquent if not paid within forty-five (45) days from date of billing presentation. Any delinquent payment shall gather interest at the Annual Percentage Rate of twelve percent (12%) from date of delinquency until paid. If the bill remains unpaid for a period of forty five (45) days from presentation of the original billing, the District will forward the delinquent charges to

Placer County for collection on the Owner's property tax bill. (Added by Ord. 2008-07)

Section 3.13 Interference with Inspectors

No person shall, during reasonable hours, refuse, resist, or attempt to resist the entrance of the District Manager into any building, plant, yard, field, or other place or portions thereof in the performance of his duty within the power conferred upon him by law or by this Chapter.

Section 3.14 Maintenance of Plants, Interceptors, and Other Facilities

The requirements contained in this Chapter, covering the maintenance of sewage pumping plants, interceptors, or other appurtenances, shall apply to all such facilities now existing or hereafter constructed. All such facilities shall be maintained by owners thereof in a safe and sanitary condition, and all devices or safeguards which are required by this Chapter for the operation of such facilities shall be maintained in good working order.

This section shall not be construed as permitting the removal or non-maintenance of any devices or safeguards on existing facilities unless authorized in writing by the District Manager.

Section 3.15 Operation and Maintenance of House Laterals and Private Sewage Lines

- A. The owner of the property served and customer served by the District's collection system shall be responsible for the operation and maintenance of the private sewage line, and all devices or safeguards required by this Chapter, which are located upon the property owned by the property owner or occupied by the customer.
- B. The District shall be responsible for the operation and maintenance of that portion of the collection system which is in the state or county right-of-way or District easement, which has been dedicated to the District or which is not located upon the property of the person served by the District's collection system.
- C. With the exception of those sanitary sewer facilities which have not been dedicated to the District or are not located within a state or county right-of-way or District easement, the owner or their contractor or agent shall, at their own risk and expense, install, keep and maintain in good repair all sanitary sewer facilities (sanitary sewer pipelines, force mains, manholes, equipment, pump stations, and related appurtenances) situated on the premises so served. The District shall not be responsible for any losses, damages, claims or demands caused by improper or defective installation of sanitary sewer facilities by the owner, its contractors, agents or employees, whether inspected and/or approved by the District. All such installations of sanitary sewer facilities shall conform with all federal, state, county, and local laws, ordinances, rules and regulations. [Amended by Ord. 00-01]
- D. The property owner or customer served by the District's collection system shall be responsible and solely liable for all costs incurred by the District in connection with the repair or replacement of all damage to the system caused by the property owner, customer, or their respective contractors, agents, or employees, including but not limited to sewage line obstructions, wherever located. [Added by Ord. 00-01]
- E. All sanitary sewer facilities found in need of repair as a result of testing procedures conducted as required by this Chapter shall be repaired or replaced to the current standards set forth in the District Code. [Added by Ord. 00-01]

Section 3.16 Conditions Requiring Testing of Existing Sanitary Sewer Facilities

[Added by Ord. 00-01]

It shall be unlawful for any owner of a house, building, or property connected to the District's sanitary sewer system to maintain private sanitary sewer facilities in a condition such that the tests contained herein cannot be successfully accomplished.

All private sanitary sewer collection systems and related facilities, including those serving single family residential living units, multiple family residential living units, commercial, and industrial connected to the District's sanitary sewer system shall be tested when any of the following conditions occur:

- A. Issuance of a building permit for remodel which allows for changes or additions to plumbing fixtures, or
- B. Installation of additional plumbing fixtures in the house, building or property served, or
- C. Change of use of the house, building or property serviced from residential to business or commercial, or from non-restaurant commercial to restaurant commercial, or
- D. Repair or replacement of all or part of the building sewer lateral(s), equipment, or appurtenances, or
- E. The addition of living units, such as guest cabins on the property served or conversion of garages into living quarters with plumbing fixtures, or
- F. An inspection by the District indicates reasonable cause, or
- G. Upon a determination of the General Manager that testing or sanitary sewer facility replacement is required for the protection of the public health, safety and welfare.

Section 3.17 Pool, Rain and Surface Water Drainage

No private pool, receptacle, area, or roof which receives or disposes of rainwater or surface water shall be connected to the collection system. All swimming pools may discharge backwash and drain wastewater to the public sewer as set forth in this section.

If swimming pool draining and backwash is discharged to the main system, prior written approval must be obtained from the District Manager. No person shall discharge any substance in the District's collection system without first applying for a permit from the District. The District Manager reserves the right to prohibit the draining of swimming pools when, in his opinion, such activity would deleteriously affect the operation of the sewage works. Draining operations shall take place only between the hours of 9 p.m. and 7 a.m. or at any other time with prior approval of the District Manager.

Section 3.18 Notice to Stop Work

Whenever any construction is being done contrary to the provisions of any law, standard, or ordinance, the District Manager shall issue a written notice to the responsible party to stop work on that portion of the work on which the violation has occurred. No work shall be done on that

portion until corrective measures have been taken and approved by the District Manager.

Section 3.19 Mandatory Sewer Connections

All occupancies requiring sanitation facilities as defined in the Uniform Building Code or as determined by the appropriate state agency shall be connected to the public sewer system. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, structures shall be connected to the public sewer system by July 1, 1989, if the public sewer system is available. Availability shall mean a public sewer system which has been constructed and is in use within two hundred (200) feet of the premises.

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

Section 3.20 Location of Lateral Inconsistent With District Record Maps

Whenever a house lateral is not located as shown on District record maps, District personnel shall assist to the extent possible to determine the location of the house lateral by use of surface and underground line detectors. However, the District shall bear no expense for equipment, excavation and/or labor expenses incurred by any person in determining the location of District lines, house laterals and other facilities.

Section 3.21 Non-existent Laterals Shown on Record Maps

- A. Before a house lateral, which is shown to exist on District maps, is determined to be non-existent, the person attempting to locate the house lateral shall contact the District Manager for a determination relative to the amount of digging and/or research to be required of the person in locating the house lateral. The District shall not be liable for any expenses for equipment, excavation, and/or labor incurred by any person in determining the existence of any laterals, lines or other facilities.
- B. When the District has previously been provided with record maps and the Manager has made a determination that no house lateral exists as shown on the District record maps, the Manager may:
 - 1. Waive any applicable main line tap fees; and,
 - 2. Install the house lateral at the District's expense if there is an existing main servicing the property.