

Chapter 3-7

EXTENSIONS OF SEWER AND WATER LINES WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS

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Section 3-7-1	Purpose

The purpose of this Chapter is to set forth the extent to which the City will pay for all or part of the cost of extending water, sanitary or storm sewer service to a property located within the City that is not so served.

Section 3-7-2 Definitions, Measurements And Rules Of Construction

For the purposes of this Chapter:

- (A) The term "property" shall mean one or more lots or tracts of land, or a subdivision or proposed subdivision, or an entire parcel of land that has been annexed to the City;
- (B) The phrase "useable public service line" or similar phrase, shall mean the sewer or water line owned by the City that, in the judgment of the City, is adequate to service the particular property;
- (C) Measurements relating to any new service line shall begin from a point on the property line of the entire property to be served where such service line will enter the property. Such point of entrance on the property line shall be as close as is feasible to the nearest useable service line, employing the most direct available route from the particular property to such useable public service line;
- (D) The phrase "additional equipment" shall mean pumping or lift stations and like equipment. Force mains shall be considered standard equipment rather than additional equipment for the purposes of this Chapter.

Section 3-7-3 Cost Paid By Owner

Whenever a property is located not more than one hundred feet (100') from an existing useable public sewer or water line, all costs of construction of a service line (including all costs of additional equipment) from the property line of the property to be served to the existing useable service line shall be paid by the owner of the property to be served.

Section 3-7-4 Costs Paid In Whole Or In Part By The City

If the property to be served is located more than one hundred feet (100') from an existing useable public sewer or water service line, the property owner will construct the first one hundred feet (100') of the service line (including any additional equipment) in accordance with the terms of Section 3-7-3 of this Chapter. To the extent that the service line exceeds one hundred feet (100'), the City will construct or cause to be constructed, at its expense, not more than one hundred feet (100') of the remaining portion of the service line.

Section 3-7-5 Computation Of Costs To Be Paid By The City

The portion of any such service line to be constructed at the expense of the City shall be computed on an average per foot basis in the following manner:

(A) The costs of construction of the first one hundred feet (100') of the service line, to be paid for entirely by the owner as provided in this Chapter, shall be disregarded;

(B) The cost of construction of the remaining portion of the line shall be computed and that cost will be divided by the number of linear feet of pipe included in such remaining portion. The City will pay for the construction of not more than one hundred feet (100') of such remaining portion of the service line at the average cost computed in accordance with this Section;

(C) If additional equipment is required to be installed in connection with the remaining portion of the service line, the cost of such additional equipment shall not be used in computing the City's share of the cost of construction of the remaining portion of the service line. However, if the City Council determines that any such additional equipment would be of some benefit to the City in general, the Council may, in its discretion, agree to pay for a portion of the costs of such additional equipment, but in no event shall the City's contribution in this regard exceed one-half (1/2) of the total cost of such additional equipment. It is further expressly stated that if the City requires installation of sanitary sewer pipe in excess of eight inches (8") in diameter, or, a water pipe in excess of six inches (6") in diameter, the additional costs resulting from such requirement shall be paid for by the City.

Section 3-7-6 Extension Connection Fee

If any property owner shall apply to connect to a sewer service line or water service line which has been installed within the preceding ten (10) years by the City, or by the City and another property owner in combination, the new connecting property owner shall pay to the City an extension connection fee, which shall be in addition to the connection fees provided in Section 3-2-4B and 3-4-5, and subject to the following limitations and requirements:

(A) The actual cost of constructing the original service line must have been certified to the City Clerk within one hundred twenty (120) days of completion of the construction by the constructing property owner unless the service line extension was included in a City improvement project and paid for by the City.

(B) If the service line installed was greater than eight inches (8") in diameter for a sewer line, or six inches (6") in diameter for a water line, the cost of construction will be reduced as necessary to what the cost of construction would have been for an eight inch (8") sewer line or six inch (6") water line, as appropriate.

(C) The maximum connection fee shall be that portion of the total construction cost [reduced as necessary pursuant to subsection (B)] as the frontage of the connecting property owner's property bears to the total length of the original service line construction project. If a service line is designed to serve both sides of a street or alley, and both sides of the street or alley are within the City limits, the maximum connection fee shall be reduced by one-half (

Section 3-7-7 Developer Reimbursement

The City may by private contract agree to reimburse an original property owner, or developer for the cost of installing a water service line or sewer service line if new property owners make connection to it and pay to the City an extension connection fee, but the contract must provide that the total reimbursement will not exceed the share actually paid by the property owner or developer after credit for any costs paid by the City pursuant to 3-7-4, 3-7-5 and 3-7-6. The maximum amount which the City may reimburse to an original property owner or developer upon collection of a particular extension connection fee as the share of the original construction cost actually paid by the property owner or developer after credits as provided above bears to the total actual construction cost for the service line. Payments due a property owner or developer shall be paid within thirty (30) days from receipt of an extension connection fee.

Section 3-7-8 Relationship To Other Laws

This Chapter shall be construed to be in addition to the powers granted to cities under State law and in addition to this City's zoning and subdivision ordinances, rules and regulations.