

SECTION 9 CONNECTIONS & SERVICE LINES: SEWER

9.1 Authority Service Line

New connections to existing sewer mains shall be at the expense of the applicant, including tapping (if Approved by the Authority), fittings, pipe, labor and related materials. Such new connections and laterals will become the property of the Authority to the curb line, except when the sewer main is located in the sidewalk area, then the Authority's ownership shall extend to the right-of-way line. The Authority will maintain such new connection and new laterals from the sewer main to the curb line or property line (depending on the location of the sewer main) after installation, and inspection and approval by the representative of the Authority. Applicant will be fully responsible for acquiring and the costs of street permits, excavation and restoration.

9.2 Size and Kind of Service Lateral

The Authority reserves the right to determine the size and kind of the service lateral from the main to the vicinity of the curb line, from the vicinity of the curb line to the property to be served, or from the main in the right-of-way, to the property to be served. Laterals of all sizes shall be constructed of medium strength cast iron soil pipe or other piping materials specifically approved by the Authority.

The service lateral from the curb to the property line including the sewer clean-out shall be furnished, installed and maintained by the owner of the property. A size 4" lateral shall be laid at a minimum grade of 1/4" per foot and in a straight line from the point of connection to the main, where the main is in a right-of-way, or from the end of the Authority constructed service lateral, to the structure to be served and where possible shall be at least four (4) feet below the surface of the ground when final grading of the property has been completed. That portion of the service lateral and sewer clean-out installed and maintained by the owner shall be installed in accordance with the Township Plumbing Code and shall be inspected and approved by the Township Plumbing Inspector prior to backfilling the trench. Any construction not approved shall be immediately removed and reconstructed in an approved manner.

9.3 Service Lateral Placement

No service lateral shall be laid in the same trench with any gas pipe, water service, or any other facility of any public utility company, nor within three (3) feet of any open excavation, vault, meter pit; nor shall the location be in conflict with any sidewalk or driveway, or subject to vehicular traffic. All laterals shall be installed within the limits of the customer's property and be a minimum of three (3) feet from any property line(s).

9.4 Elevation of Sanitary Fixtures

Under no circumstances shall any sanitary fixtures be installed in a building at an elevation lower than the front curb or street centerline elevation whichever is higher.

9.5 Maintenance By Customer

All connections, service laterals, sewer clean-outs and fixtures furnished by the customer, shall be maintained by him/her in good order, and all piping and connections furnished and owned by the Authority and on the property of the customer, shall be protected properly and cared for by the customer. All leaks in the service lateral or any other pipe or fixture in or upon the premises served, must be repaired immediately by the owner or occupant of the premises. The customer shall be responsible for notifying the Authority of the party, e.g. plumber, engaged by said customer to do any maintenance work in the customer's service lateral, prior to work being commenced, and said party shall not backfill any trench until the work has been inspected and approved by the Authority's representative such as the Mantua Township Plumbing Inspector. Any work not acceptable shall be immediately removed and replaced by work which is acceptable.

9.6 Responsibility of Authority

The Authority shall in no way be responsible for maintaining any portion of the service lateral owned by the customer, or for damage done by sewage escaping therefrom; or for lines or fixtures on the customer's property; and the customer shall at all times comply with applicable municipal regulations with respect thereto, and make changes therein, required by reason of changes of grade, relocation of mains or otherwise.

9.7 Renewal of Service Lateral

Where the replacement of the service lateral from the main curb is necessary, the Authority will replace the service in the location as previously used. If the property owner or customer, for his own convenience, desires the new service lateral at some other location, all expenses of such relocation in excess of the cost of laying the service lateral in the same location as previously used, and cutting and disconnecting the old service lateral, shall be the responsibility of the customer.

9.8 Prohibited Connections

Under no circumstances will any of the following be connected to the sanitary sewers, either directly or indirectly:

- (a) Foundation underdrains, sump pumps.
- (b) Floor drain, area drain or yard drain, or drain from swimming pools.
- (c) Rain conductor or downspout.
- (d) Grease pit.
- (e) Air conditioning equipment, except condensate which will be permitted under conditions approved by the Authority.
- (f) Storm water inlets or catch basins.
- (g) Drains from pieces of equipment or manufacturing process, except when specifically authorized under the provisions of these Rates, Rules and Regulations.

9.9 Special Connections

Service laterals to public buildings, churches, apartment houses, commercial establishments, and industrial establishments, shall be installed to conform to detailed plans and specifications approved by the Authority Engineer.

9.10 Special Precautions in Wet Ground

Where ground water is normally above the invert elevation of the service lateral, cast iron soil pipe, with rubber "O"-Ring joints, shall be used in construction of the size 4" service laterals. An approved Static Test shall be witnessed by the M.U.A. Superintendent. Where the trench bottom is soft and yielding, the Authority Engineer reserves the right to require that the service be cast iron soil pipe laid in partial or total concrete encasement. Junctions of two different types of pipe, may, at the option of the Authority Engineer be required to be encased in concrete of mix determined by the Authority Engineer.

9.11 Property Served by Single Service Lateral

A service lateral from the vicinity of the curb, or the main in a right-of-way to a property, shall not serve more than one property but any such property upon proper application of the owner may be served by two or more service laterals, each of which, for billing purposes, shall be considered as being one customer account.

9.12 Single Service Lateral With Two or More Customers

Where two or more customers are now served through a single service lateral, any violation of the Rates, Rules and Regulations of the Authority, with respect to either or any of said customers, shall be deemed a violation as to all, and unless said violation is corrected after reasonable notice, the Authority may take such action as may be taken for a single customer, except that such action will not be taken until a customer who has not violated the Authority's Rates, Rules and Regulations has been given a reasonable opportunity to connect his pipe to a separately controlled service lateral. Such installations will be billed by the number of customers on the lateral.

9.13 Policy on Blockages

While the Authority has no responsibility beyond the curb line, it will, as a public service, clear the curb clean-out at the request of the customer on his initial request. The Authority will also verify that the portion of the service line between the curb and main is clear and, when necessary, take action to clear that section of the line.

9.13.1 Clean-out - Distance Behind Curb

If the curb clean-out is so positioned on the property that there is a distance between it and the curb, the Authority may clear the line and if it is determined that the blockage was between the curb clean-out and the curb, the Authority will charge the customer for clearing the blockage, if requested. The M.U.A. will not be held responsible for any damages to piping or property.

9.13.2 If Authority Opens Street

If the customer requests that the Authority open the street to clear a blockage and the result of the excavation clearly indicates that the blockage is on the service line belonging to the customer, the customer will be assessed all costs of the excavation, service and repairs.

9.13.3 No Clean-out - Responsibility

If the customer has no curb clean-out, any blockage in the service line between the dwelling and the main shall be considered the responsibility of the customer. It is recommended that the customer install a cleanout during any repairs as they may occur.

9.14 Policy on Missing or Damaged Curb Clean-out Caps

When the Authority inspection indicates that a sewer cap is missing or damaged, the customer will be notified that the cap must be repaired or replaced within seven (7) days. After that time period, the Authority will replace or repair the clean-out cap and the customer will be charged for parts and service.

9.15 Unauthorized Connection

No person(s) shall uncover, make any connections, use, alter, or disturb any public M.U.A. sewer, service lateral or appurtenance thereof without first obtaining a written permit from the Authority, accompanied by the required fee.

9.16 Construction Safeguards

All excavations for service lateral installation shall be adequately guarded with barricades and lights so as to protect the public from hazard. No excavations on Township property shall be left open after working hours. Streets, sidewalks, parkways and other public property disturbed in the course of the work shall be restored in a manner satisfactory to the Township of Mantua.