

# Sewer Information

## DEVELOPMENT & USE REVIEW

[Lake Forest Park Municipal Code 13.08](#) regulates sewer use and service by providing minimum requirements for using and connecting to the public sewer system. This help topic provides a brief overview of the City's requirements.

### SEWER AVAILABILITY

Application for a certificate of sewer availability is required at the time of building permit application for new structure(s) and subdivisions of land.

The certificate of sewer availability application shall be made on a form furnished by the sewer district the property is located in (see [Sewer Service Area Map](#)).

Sewer availability requests to the Lake Forest Park Sewer District must include one 11-inch by 17-inch scaled site plan of the property that includes:

- the proposed improvements
- a brief description of the project including intended use, square foot area of structures and proposed side sewer installation specifications

Sewer availability requests for Northshore Utility District can be found [here](#).

### CONNECTION TO AVAILABLE SEWER

Any building or structure constructed or made available for human occupation or use for any purpose shall be connected to the public sewer system of the city prior to the completion of construction or before any occupancy or use.

- **The installation or repair of on-site wastewater systems serving property to which wastewater service is available from the public sewer system is prohibited.**
- In the event that connection to the public sewer system is not available, an on-site wastewater system may be installed or repaired in accordance with the King County department of health wastewater program requirements.
- Connections must be made at the point approved by the director at time of permit issuance.

### SIDE SEWER REPAIRS

Any needed repair to a side sewer shall be made within 10 working days after notice by the director to the owner of the property notifying such owner to make such repair. In the event of an emergency, the director may establish a shorter period of time for the repair to be made or, if the owner cannot be located or does not promptly make such repairs, the city may make the repairs at the owner's expense.

### SPECIFICATIONS

Sewer installations, repairs and developer extensions shall meet the requirements of the most recent [Lake Forest Park Standard Sewer Details, Materials and Methods](#) at the time of application.

### INSPECTIONS

#### **"As-built" drawings must be provided to the inspector at the time of final inspection**

- The applicant for the side sewer permit shall notify the director when the side sewer is ready for inspection and the "as-built" drawings and dimensions have been entered upon the required form.

### ASSOCIATED COSTS

All costs and expense incident to the installation and connection of the side sewer to the public sanitary sewer main shall be borne by the owner of the real property. The owner shall indemnify the city from any loss or damage that may directly or indirectly be occasioned by the installation of the side sewer.

#### **Additional charges may incur if:**

- The side sewer fails to pass inspection or is not ready to be inspected or tested when the inspector arrives.
- The "as-built" drawing is not properly completed so that it may be checked against the installation.
- Inspection is desired in two or more stages during construction

## PRETREATMENT OF FATS, OILS & GREASES

- Newly constructed or remodeled restaurants, cafes, lunch counters, cafeterias, bars, or clubs; or hotel, hospital, sanitarium, factory or school kitchens; or other establishments that serve or prepare food where grease may be introduced into the sewer system shall have pretreatment facilities to prevent the discharge of fat waste, oil, or grease (FOG)
- Take-out food establishments or other establishments that prepare food, but do not cook in oil or grease, and who serve food only in disposable containers, may be exempted from this requirement, provided their discharges will not violate the general discharge prohibitions of this chapter.
- These pretreatment facilities must be grease interceptors installed in the waste line leading from sinks, drains, or other fixtures where grease may be discharged. Dischargers must maintain these facilities in a manner that will always prevent fat waste, oil, or grease from being carried into the sewer system.
- Fat waste, oil, or grease removed from such a facility shall not be disposed of in sanitary or storm sewers.
- For more information on how to manage FOG in residential properties, see the [Fight Fog brochure](#)

Any person who makes or causes to be made any connection to the public sewers of the city without receiving a permit provided by the city before such connection shall be subject to the penalties set forth in [LFPMC 13.08](#), and double the regular fee for the side sewer connection charge, in addition to any other charges payable to the city

### Access to Information

Electronic versions of all forms, permits, applications, and codes

are available on the Lake Forest Park website:

<http://www.cityofflp.com/>

Paper copies of all of the above are available at City Hall:

## USE OF PUBLIC SEWERS REQUIRED

- It is unlawful for any person to place, deposit or permit to be deposited any sewage or industrial waste upon public or private property into any natural outlet or watercourse subject to the jurisdiction of the city
- **It is unlawful to construct or maintain any privy, privy vault, septic tank, cesspool or other facility intended or used for the disposal of sewage in the city**

## ON-SITE WASTEWATER SYSTEMS

- Properties with functioning on-site septic systems are not required to connect to the sanitary sewer system. However, all households with septic systems that have public sewers available (within 100' of the property line) are subject to an On-Site Wastewater Excise Tax, which is set by City Council and may change annually
- Any property served by a failing on-site wastewater system shall be required to connect to the public system
- Installation of an on-site wastewater system or repair of failing on-site wastewater system is prohibited when public sewer is available

Examples of failure include:

1. Sewage on the surface of the ground
2. Sewage backing up into a structure caused by slow soil absorption of septic tank effluent
3. Sewage leaking from a septic tank, pump chamber, holding tank, or collection system
4. Inadequately treated effluent contaminating groundwater or surface water

### Questions?

For more information, please contact the Planning Department

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**DISCLAIMER:** This information is meant to provide general information and guidance into basic sewer requirements in accordance with official City regulations only and is not intended to be a substitute for the actual codes. These requirements can and do sometimes change after action by the City Council. Interested parties should always verify current requirements with the City Planning and Building Department.