

# Sewer Ordinance Revision

## For Homeowners



### SEWER ORDINANCE REVISION SUMMARY:

The Sacramento Area Sewer District (District) currently maintains numerous ordinances covering topics from sewer line maintenance responsibilities to requirements on when connection to the public sewer is required. Consolidating all of the ordinances into a single document will improve readability, eliminate redundancies, and allow future changes to be more seamlessly incorporated.

### CHANGES OF INTEREST:

Section 1	
1.12	The ordinances have been changed to remove the rates and fees that were previously distributed amongst several documents. The proposed solution is to consolidate all of the SASD's rates and fees into a single document called the Rate and Fee Schedule that will be adopted by resolution.
Section 2	
2.4	Provides a clearer listing of prohibited discharges to SASD sewer facilities to minimize overflows or other damage effects to the public sewers.
2.10	The changes provide a better description of what portion of the sewer system is owned by the homeowner (private) and what portion is owned by the SASD (public).
2.10.1	Identifies ownership and maintenance responsibilities for the different parts of the sewer system (public and private).
Section 3	
This Section typically does not apply to the interests of homeowners	
Section 4	
4.2.8-9	Identifies the sewer impact fee refund and adjustment policies.
Section 5	
Identifies fees that are collected by the District, other than sewer impact fees. Adds the requirement that if a person modifies or constructs a District cleanout they shall contact the District for inspection of the facilities and that a fee will be charged for this according to the Fee and Rate Schedule.	
Section 6	
Largely a carryover from the old ordinances. Adds specific language authorizing the District to place a lien on property for failure to pay sewer rates and penalties.	
Section 7	
Modifies provisions of SASD's current business practice so that SASD will no longer construct lower sewer laterals and manholes. Homeowner's would continue to contract with private contractors to provide this service.	
7-7.15	The changes provide authority for the SASD to adopt, and for users to comply with, the SASD Design and Construction Standards and Specifications which might affect you if you were building or remodeling a home. Identifies the two year warranty period for work completed by District staff.
7.7	The changes establish clear authority for the SASD to require easements and SASD's authority to access easements. This is necessary for SASD staff to access the sewer system during times of maintenance or disaster.
7.10	Identifies "Backflow prevention device" installation requirements to prevent the backup of sewage into homes at lower elevations in relation to the public sewer.
7.14	Specifies the warranty time limit on SASD work connecting to or repairing private sewers.
Section 8	
Changes generally not directly related to homeowner use of the sewer system.	
Section 9	
9 – 9.14	The changed ordinance describes in more detail the SASD's authority and processes of taking enforcement action for violations of this Sewer Ordinance.

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