

Sewer Accessibility Policy

Basis of Consideration:

Metro Water Services' (MWS) jurisdiction extends to areas outside of Davidson County where we interact with agencies with differing regulations. It is important that we develop policies and practices that are fair and equitable to all our customers. The Metropolitan Code of Laws, [15.40.060 Notice to connect--Accrual of charges upon expiration of notice] mandates both the payment for and connection to the public sewer system after due notice.

There are situations where connection to the public sewer system may present a significant hardship. These should be weighed against the benefits of connection. The intent of this policy is to define this Department's criteria for public sewer service accessibility.

Policy:

Sanitary sewer service is considered accessible to any parcel of land on which a structure suitable for occupancy is adjacent to the point of connection to a public sewer. The Director, or his designee, the Metro Water Services Plans Review Committee, may set aside this test for accessibility whenever the difficulty in connecting to the public sewer calls for such exemption. Parcels deemed to have accessibility will be billed and must connect to the public sewer system in accordance with Section 15.40.060 of the Metropolitan Code.

This policy in no way affects the ability of the appropriate public health agency to require connection to the public sewer system when they deem it necessary for the welfare of the public.

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