CITY OF ORANGE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT ENGINEERING DIVISION

NEW SEWER CONNECTION

The following is a general guideline for property owners requesting new sewer connections.

- 1. **Feasibility** Contact the Public Works Department to determine if a public sewer is available near the property.
- 2. Which Sewer Agency Most sewer mains belong to the City of Orange, in which case, processing will be handled at City Hall. However, on some of the streets the sewer mains belong to Orange County Sanitation District (OCSD) or Irvine Ranch Water District (IRWD). In such situations, the property owner will be advised to contact the appropriate agency.
- 3. **Do I have to Connect to Public Sewer** California Plumbing Code (Section 713) requires that a building must connect to a public or private sewer if one is available within 200 feet from the building.
- 4. **Sewer Lateral** The sewer pipe connecting from the property all the way to the sewer main is the sewer lateral. The property owner is responsible for the installation and maintenance of the sewer lateral. The Public Works staff can help evaluate if a sewer lateral is available to the property using available records. If a sewer lateral does not exist for the property, the property owner must hire a contractor with a qualified contractor license and apply for the necessary permits to install a new sewer lateral.
- 5. **Fees** Once it is determined that a sewer connection can be made, the property owner will need to obtain an encroachment permit from Public Works Department for constructions within the street section or public easement. The owner also needs to obtain a plumbing permit from the Building Division for the construction within the private property. The fees vary depending on the actual location of the property. The table below summarized the fees that may be associated with the sewer connection.

Fees Associated with Sewer Connection

City Sewer Frontage Fee (Connection Fee)	The fee is determined from total construction cost of the sewer main line fronting the property at current value. See Public Works staff to determine the cost.
Sanitation District Connection Fee	The connection fee for Orange County Sanitation District is collected by City Building Division. It is generally collected at the time of plumbing permit application.
Plumbing Permit Fee (Building Division)	This permit is required for on-site sewer lines.
Encroachment Permit Fee (Public Works Department)	This permit is required for sewer lateral construction in the public right of way.

In addition to the above fees, the property owner should also add the cost of the construction into the total cost estimate.

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