

Sanitary Sewer Extension Project

Frequently Asked Questions

- 1. Where are the properties in the City that currently do not have sewer service?**
Unsewered areas are noted on the map located on this website at this link:
<http://www.cityoffp.com/city/sewer/documents/proparea.pdf>
- 2. My property currently does not have sewer service, but is in the area scheduled to receive sewers. Will I be required to connect?** At this time, properties for which sewer is available are not required to connect. However, unconnected properties with sewer available are responsible for paying the City's capital facilities charge (currently \$3,819) upon change of property ownership.
- 3. What will happen if I choose to not connect?** The City will file a document with King County Records Division stating the City's requirement that the capital facilities charge be paid if there is a change in ownership. In addition, properties with onsite sewage systems will be required to obtain an annual license to operate the onsite system under a City program to be implemented in 2006. This charge for this license is \$25.
- 4. Even if I don't connect, will there be a charge for service?** Properties with onsite sewer systems for which sewer service is available in accordance with Lake Forest Park Municipal Code Section 13.08.320 will be charged an excise tax. This tax will be billed bi-monthly and is currently set at \$12.06 per month. This monthly charge is currently equivalent to the monthly rate charged residential customers less the amount passed on to King County Metro for sewage conveyance and treatment.
- 5. What type of sewer service will be provided to my property? Will I need a pump?** The project will be designed to take advantage of gravity sewers where possible. In areas where gravity service is not available, it is anticipated that our design will result in the need for a number of low pressure grinder pump systems.
- 6. How do low pressure grinder pump systems work?** Each home has a small pump that grinds sewage effluent and pumps it to a small pressurized main in the street. Homes with grinder pump systems are connected to this common main which outlets at a manhole in a gravity system at a higher elevation.
- 7. What will it cost to connect?** In addition to the \$3,819 capital facilities charge, a \$300 sewer permit from the City will be required. The homeowner is responsible for the cost of the side sewer connecting the home to the sewer stub at the property line.

8. **How much does a side sewer cost?** Side sewer costs vary depending on a number of factors such as distance from the home to the sewer stub and the amount of property restoration. A typical range for gravity side sewers is \$3,000-\$5000. Grinder pump systems can typically range from \$6,000-\$12,000.
9. **If I connect, what will be my monthly bill?** Currently residential customers pay \$40.01 per month, of which the LFP portion is \$12.06 and the King County Wastewater Treatment Division (KCWTD) portion is \$27.95. Additionally, new sewer customers are responsible for a KCWTD capital facilities charge that is billed to customers directly by King County . Information about this charge is explained on the County's web site at <http://dnr.metrokc.gov/wtd/capchrg/index.htm>.
10. **What is the schedule for extending sewers to unsewered areas in the City?** It is anticipated that a sewer project will be performed each year for three successive years, with construction for the first project beginning in fall 2006.

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