

General Information

Allen County Regional Water and Sewer District (ACRWS D) Sewer Projects

- A. **Establishing Service:** State Law (IC 13-26-5-2, Sec.2, (8)(A)(iii)) requires that if your home is located within 300 feet of a sanitary sewer that you connect to that sewer within 90 days after the sewer becomes available to tap. When you have been directed to connect to an available sewer and are ready to connect to the new sewer line, you or your sewer tap contractor will need to adhere to the following guidelines listed below:
- B. **Fort Wayne-District Sewer Taps:** Sanitary sewer taps were installed by the contractor on the project and are available for your connection. New Service Connections in each of the District's construction project areas will need to come into the New Water and Sewer Permit office on the 1st floor, Suite 140 of the Citizen's Square Building at 200 East Berry Street to obtain a sewer tap permit, pay the applicable FTW Area Connection Fee (ACF), if required, and pay an inspection fee of \$75.00. If you have further questions, the New Water and Sewer Permit office can be reached at (260) 427-1161. The ACRWSD will inspect the new lateral connection. Appointments for the inspection of the lateral installations can be coordinated with the New Water and Sewer Permit office – please provide 24-hour notice of inspection needs.
- C. **Fort Wayne Service Area Connection Fees:** All sewer connections in select areas are subject to certain connection fees per equivalent house (ERU). The current Area Connection Fees for the new sewer service areas are the following:

2017 Project Areas: N/A

ACF waived per FTW Septic Elimination Resolution No. 96-12-02-09-3 dated December 2, 2009.

- D. **Installation of Private Service Lateral:** The private service lateral is the sewer line from your house to the tap provided by the contractor at the sewer main. Per IC 13-26-5-2.5 (h) - a property owner who connects to a district's sewer system may provide, at the owner's expense, labor, equipment, materials, or any combination of labor, equipment, and materials from any source to accomplish the connection to the sewer system, subject to inspection and approval by the board or a designee of the board. Property owners are responsible for either doing this work themselves per state law or for hiring a sewer tap contractor to install this service lateral in accordance with the local building code. A list of contractors is available through the District. You may call contractors to obtain estimates for this 6³/₄" PVC service lateral installation. Again, the City of Fort Wayne and the Allen County Regional Water & Sewer District must have a 24-

hour notification to inspect the connection. This inspection must be done prior to backfilling.

- E. Installation of Grinder Pump Station Electrical Service:** Grinder pump station connections in new service areas will require power to be supplied from the property owner's electrical service panel to the electrical disconnect located on the grinder pump station's control panel post. This work will require a permit from the building department as well as an appropriate inspection to ensure the work was done properly. Homeowners can hire a licensed electrician or perform this work independently subject to inspection and approval by the building department. Permits can be obtained at the Allen County Building Department, 200 East Berry St., Suite 180 for a fee based upon the value of the electrical improvements with a minimum permit fee of \$35. The establishment of power to the grinder pump station must be performed in advance of the sewer lateral connection.
- F. Septic System Elimination:** If you currently have a septic tank, it must be drained and backfilled with compacted material following your connection to the municipal sanitary sewer. The same contractor who installs your private service lateral may also be able to perform this service. More information on these requirements may be obtained from the Fort Wayne-Allen County Department of Health or per ISDH 410 IAC 6-8.2-86. As of March 1, 2012, the Fort Wayne-Allen County Department of Health requires a permit coupled with an inspection to abandon the user's existing onsite system following their connection to the new sewers. The permit can be obtained from the FW-AC Department of Health, 200 East Berry Street, Suite 360 and costs \$65. More information regarding this permit requirement can be obtained by contacting the Department of Health at (260) 449-7530.

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