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1. General Provisions and Authority

1.1 Purpose

These Rules, Regulations, and Procedures are hereby established to provide for the orderly planning, design, construction, operation, and maintenance of sanitary sewerage systems within Allen County, Ohio; promote uniform standards for all public and private sanitary sewer improvements; protect public health, safety, and welfare; prevent environmental degradation and system failure; and ensure long-term reliability and efficiency of County-owned and operated sanitary sewer systems.

1.2 Legal Authority

The Board of County Commissioners of Allen County, Ohio is authorized to adopt and enforce these Rules, Regulations, and Procedures pursuant to Chapter 6117 of the Ohio Revised Code. These Rules, Regulations, and Procedures govern the construction, installation, use, maintenance, and protection of all sanitary sewerage systems within the jurisdiction of the County.

1.3 Applicability and Jurisdiction

These Rules, Regulations, and Procedures shall apply to:

1. All sanitary sewer systems owned, operated, or maintained by the County;
2. All properties connected or proposed to be connected to County systems; and
3. All developers, contractors, engineers, and property owners engaged in sewer-related activities.

This includes work performed within established sewer districts, in areas proposed for sewer service, and within municipalities where the County is authorized to act.

1.4 Interpretation and Hierarchy of Regulations

The provisions of these Rules, Regulations, and Procedures shall be considered minimum standards. Where conflicts occur between these regulations, local ordinances, state or federal laws, and/or other applicable standards, the more stringent requirement shall govern. Nothing in these Rules, Regulations, and Procedures shall be construed to limit the authority of the Commissioners or Sanitary Engineer or prevent the imposition of additional requirements when deemed necessary.

1.5 Referenced Standards and Regulations

The following documents are incorporated by reference and shall be considered part of these Rules, Regulations, and Procedures, as applicable:

1. City of Lima, Ohio – Standards and Specifications

2. Ohio Administrative Code provisions governing water supply, sewerage, and sewage treatment
3. Recommended Standards for Wastewater Facilities (Ten States Standards)
4. Allen County Subdivision Regulations (latest edition)
5. The Combined Allen County General Health District Plumbing Regulations (latest edition)
6. Chapter 6117 of the Ohio Revised Code

Where referenced standards conflict, the Sanitary Engineer shall determine applicability based on the specific project conditions.

1.6 Administration

The Sanitary Engineer or authorized representative shall administer and enforce these Rules, Regulations, and Procedures, including, but not limited to, plan review and approval, inspection of construction, interpretation of standards, and enforcement actions. The Sanitary Engineer may establish supplemental policies, technical guidelines, and administrative procedures as necessary to implement these Rules, Regulations, and Procedures.

1.7 Definitions

For the purpose of these Rules, Regulations, Procedures, and General Specifications, the following words, terms, and phrases shall have the meanings herein assigned to them. Where not specifically defined, terms shall be interpreted in accordance with common engineering practice, applicable provisions of the Ohio Revised Code, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) guidance, and/or their common usage. Words in the singular shall include the plural, and words in the plural shall include the singular. The use of the masculine gender shall include the feminine and neuter. The Sanitary Engineer shall have the authority to interpret the meaning and applicability of any term or provision within these regulations.

Agent
Any person authorized to act on behalf of another, including property owners, developers, or contractors.

As-Built (Record) Drawings
Final construction drawings reflecting the actual location, dimensions, elevations, and materials of installed facilities, including all field changes.

Bill of Sale
A legal instrument executed by the Developer and accepted by the Commissioners, formally transferring ownership, title, and interest in all constructed infrastructure improvements—including associated appurtenances, easements (where applicable),

and supporting documentation—to the County for operation, maintenance, and public use.

Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD)
The quantity of oxygen required for biological decomposition of organic matter in wastewater, measured in mg/L.

Board / Commissioners
The Board of County Commissioners of Allen County, Ohio.

Building Sewer (Service Lateral)
The pipe extending from the building plumbing system to the sanitary sewer main, including all fittings and appurtenances.

Capital Charge (Connection Fee)
A fee established by the Commissioners for the privilege of connecting to the sanitary sewer system, intended to recover capital costs of infrastructure.

Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD)
A measure of the amount of oxygen required to chemically oxidize organic and inorganic matter in a water or wastewater sample, expressed in milligrams per liter (mg/L).

Combined Sewer
A sewer designed to carry both sanitary sewage and stormwater. (Note: Combined sewers are prohibited unless specifically approved.)

Commercial Establishment
Any building or property engaged in the sale of goods or services, or providing services to the public or private sector.

Contractor
Any person or entity performing construction, installation, repair, or maintenance of sanitary sewer facilities.

County
Allen County, Ohio.

County Health Department
The Allen County Combined Health District.

Department
The Allen County Sanitary Engineering Department.

Developer
Any person, firm, corporation, or entity undertaking the subdivision or improvement of land requiring sanitary sewer service.

Developer's Agreement
A legally binding agreement entered into between the Developer and the Commissioners establishing the terms, conditions, and obligations required for the design, construction, financing, inspection, and acceptance of sanitary sewer improvements within a designated development area, including requirements for connection to, or extension of, County-owned sanitary sewer facilities.

Easement
A legal right granted for the use of land for specific purposes, including installation, operation, and maintenance of sanitary sewer facilities.

Equivalent Single-Family Unit (ESFU)
A standardized unit used to measure and assign sewer service charges based on estimated wastewater flow relative to a typical single-family residence.

Force Main
A pressurized sanitary sewer pipeline used to convey wastewater from a pump station to a gravity sewer or treatment facility.

Garbage
Solid wastes derived from the preparation, cooking, and dispensing of food.

Gravity Sewer
A sanitary sewer that conveys wastewater by gravity flow.

Industrial User
Any non-residential user discharging wastewater resulting from manufacturing, processing, or industrial activities.

Infiltration
Groundwater entering a sanitary sewer system through defective pipes, joints, or structures.

Inflow
Surface water entering a sanitary sewer system through improper connections such as roof drains, sump pumps, or yard drains.

Inspector
A representative authorized by the Sanitary Engineer to observe and inspect construction, testing, and compliance.

Manhole
A structure providing access to sanitary sewer lines for inspection, maintenance, and cleaning.

Ohio EPA
The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency.

Owner
Any person, firm, corporation, or entity holding legal title to property.

Person
Any individual, partnership, firm, company, corporation, association, or governmental entity.

Pretreatment
The reduction, elimination, or alteration of pollutants in wastewater prior to discharge into a sanitary sewer system.

Professional Engineer
An engineer licensed to practice in the State of Ohio.

Public Sanitary Sewer System
A system of pipes, structures, and facilities owned or operated by the County for the collection, conveyance, and treatment of sanitary sewage.

Sanitary Engineer
The duly appointed Sanitary Engineer of Allen County, Ohio, or their authorized representative.

Sanitary Sewer
A sewer designed to carry wastewater from residences, commercial buildings, and industries, excluding stormwater and surface water.

Sanitary Sewage (Wastewater)
Liquid and water-carried wastes from residential, commercial, and industrial sources.

Service Connection (Tap)
The physical connection between a building sewer and the public sanitary sewer system.

Sewer District
A designated geographic area established by the Commissioners for the provision of sanitary sewer services.

Sewer Main
A public sanitary sewer designed to receive wastewater from multiple service connections.

Sewerage System
All facilities for collecting, pumping, treating, and disposing of sanitary sewage.

Stormwater
Water resulting from precipitation, including rain, snowmelt, and surface runoff.

Subdivision
The division of land into two or more parcels for development or sale, requiring approval under County regulations.

Suspended Solids (TSS)
Solids in wastewater that can be removed by filtration, measured in milligrams per liter (mg/L).

User
Any person or entity that contributes, causes, or permits the discharge of wastewater into the sanitary sewer system.

Watercourse
A natural or artificial channel through which water flows, including streams, ditches, and drainageways.

Wye Connection
A pipe fitting used to connect a service lateral to a sewer main at an angle.

2. Project Development Procedures

2.1 Assessment/Debt Service Sanitary Sewer Projects

2.1.1 Establishment of Sewer District

A resolution shall be adopted by the Commissioners establishing the sanitary sewer district in accordance with applicable provisions of the Ohio Revised Code.

2.1.2 Initiation of Project

The Commissioners may initiate a project upon receipt of a petition from affected property owners; or a formal request from a Board of Township Trustees, the County Health Department, or the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA).

2.1.3 General Plan Approval

A General Plan of sanitary sewerage for the proposed district or sub-district shall be prepared and approved by the Commissioners and the Ohio EPA.

2.1.4 Preparation of Detailed Engineering Documents

The Sanitary Engineer shall prepare detailed construction plans, technical specifications, Engineer's cost estimates, and tentative special assessments/debt service.

2.1.5 Agency Approvals

All detailed plans and supporting documents shall be approved by the Commissioners, the applicable municipality (if within jurisdiction), the County Health Department, and the Ohio EPA.

2.1.6 Resolution of Necessity

The Commissioners shall adopt and publish a Resolution of Necessity and provide notice to all affected property owners and municipal officials (if applicable). Notice shall include the time and place of the public hearing.

2.1.7 Public Hearing

The Commissioners shall conduct a public hearing to receive testimony regarding the proposed improvement. Written comments shall be accepted for five (5) days following the hearing.

2.1.8 Resolution to Proceed

A Resolution to Proceed shall be adopted by the Commissioners not less than five (5) days following the public hearing.

2.1.9 Advertisement for Bids

The project shall be advertised for construction bids in a newspaper of general circulation within the County not less than ten (10) days after passage of the Resolution to Proceed.

2.1.10 Receipt and Tabulation of Bids

Bids shall be received by the Commissioners and opened and tabulated by the Sanitary Engineer.

2.1.11 Project Financing
The Commissioners shall authorize the issuance of notes or other financial instruments necessary to fund the improvement.

2.1.12 Award of Contract
The construction contract shall be awarded to the lowest and best responsive and responsible bidder, as determined by the Commissioners.

2.1.13 Construction
Construction shall proceed in accordance with approved plans and specifications, applicable County standards, and all regulatory approvals.

2.1.14 Final Cost Determination
Upon completion final costs shall be determined and tentative assessments/debt service shall be proportionally adjusted. In no case shall final assessments exceed those presented at the public hearing.

2.1.15 Assessment/Debt Service Payment
Property owners shall be notified and may pay assessments/debt service in full without interest within thirty (30) days of notification.

2.1.16 Bond Issuance
The Commissioners shall issue bonds and redeem any interim financing instruments.

2.1.17 Final Assessment/Debt Service Calculation
Unpaid assessments/debt service shall be calculated to include applicable interest and financing costs.

2.1.18 Certification to County Auditor/Debt Service Payment
Final assessments shall be certified to the County Auditor and placed on the tax duplicate for collection. Debt service payments shall be placed on the sewer bill for collection.

2.2 Non-Assessment Projects (Development-Driven Extensions)

2.2.1 Pre-Application Consultation
The Developer shall consult with the Sanitary Engineer and execute a Developer's Agreement with the Commissioners prior to project initiation.

2.2.2 Plan Submission Requirements
The Developer shall submit to the Sanitary Engineer one hardcopy and an electronic copy of detailed plans, specifications, and cost estimates prepared by a Professional Engineer.

2.2.3 Regulatory Review
All plans shall comply with all applicable local, state, and federal regulations and are subject to approval by the Sanitary Engineer.

2.2.4 Shop Drawings
Shop drawings and supporting technical data shall be submitted in electronic format at the time of plan submission.

2.2.5 Financial Guarantees and Easements
The Developer shall provide a performance bond for up to One Hundred Percent (100%) of the project cost or equivalent financial guarantee, as determined in the discretion of the Sanitary Engineer, and all required easements and rights-of-way. No infrastructure shall be approved for use until all easements are recorded by Developer.

2.2.6 Construction and Testing
All construction and testing shall be performed by qualified, bonded, and insured contractors in accordance with County standards.

2.2.7 Project Closeout Requirements
Prior to acceptance, the Developer shall submit to the Sanitary Engineer one hardcopy and an electronic copy of As-Built Drawings, certified test results, and recorded easements. A Bill of Sale transferring ownership to the County shall be executed following approval.

2.2.8 Acceptance and Operation
Upon formal acceptance by the Commissioners the County shall assume responsibility for operation and maintenance.

2.2.9 Connection Permits
A Capital Permit shall be required for each connection to the system following acceptance.

2.3 Package Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Developments

2.3.1 Feasibility Consultation
Developers shall consult with the County Health Department and the Sanitary Engineer to evaluate feasible wastewater disposal options.

2.3.2 Engineering Requirements
The Developer shall retain a Professional Engineer experienced in wastewater design.

2.3.3 Preliminary Plan Submission
The Developer shall submit to the Sanitary Engineer one hardcopy and an electronic copy of a preliminary wastewater plan for agency review.

2.3.4 Site Evaluation
A joint site evaluation shall be conducted by the Developer and their Engineer, the Ohio EPA, the County Health Department, the Sanitary Engineer, and the Municipality (if applicable).

2.3.5 Discharge Authorization
Written authorization for effluent discharge shall be obtained from the appropriate regulatory authority prior to submission of detailed design plans.

2.3.6 Developer's Agreement
A Developer's Agreement with the Commissioners shall govern design, construction, and operation of the wastewater facilities.

2.3.7 Pre-Approval Submittals
All required legal, financial and property documentation shall be submitted prior to plan approval.

2.3.8 Final Plan Submission
The Developer shall submit to the Sanitary Engineer one hardcopy and an electronic copy of detailed plans, specifications and cost estimates for approval.

2.3.9 Shop Drawing Review
Shop drawings, catalog data and performance information shall be submitted for approval by the Sanitary Engineer.

2.3.10 Construction Authorization
No construction shall commence until all plans and specifications are approved and all required permits are obtained.

2.3.11 Final Acceptance
Final acceptance shall require completion of construction to approved standards, approval by all regulatory agencies, submission of As-Built Drawings, payment of all fees, execution of a Bill of Sale.

2.3.12 Connection Permits
Individual sewer permits shall be required for all service connections following system acceptance.

3. Approval of Plans

3.1 Plan Submittal Requirements

3.1.1 Preliminary Drawings

The Developer's Engineer shall submit one hardcopy and an electronic copy of preliminary drawings to the Sanitary Engineer in accordance with the Project Development Procedures. Preliminary drawings shall:

1. Be prepared on sheets measuring 24 inches by 36 inches;
2. Be drawn at a scale of not less than 1 inch = 100 feet (1" = 100); and
3. Include, at a minimum, the following information:
   A. Name of sewer district and improvement number;
   B. Subdivision or project name;
   C. Owner/Developer name;
   D. Name and seal of the Professional Engineer preparing the drawings;
   E. Lot layout;
   F. Locations of existing and proposed utilities and facilities;
   G. General site features; and
   H. Existing and proposed contours at 5-foot intervals where slope exceeds 10% and 1-foot intervals where slope is less than 10%.

3.1.2 Detailed Construction Drawings

The Developer's Engineer shall submit one hardcopy and an electronic copy of detailed construction drawings, together with all design calculations and supporting data, to the Sanitary Engineer for review and approval. They shall meet the following requirements:

Drawing Sheet Requirements.

Each drawing sheet shall include:

1. A title block containing:
   A. Name of sewer district and improvement number;
   B. Subdivision or project name;
   C. Professional Engineer s name, seal, and signature;
   D. Sheet number and total number of sheets; and
   E. Drawing scale.
2. A revision block;
3. A graphic scale;
4. A north arrow on each sheet; and
5. Standard drawing scales shall be:
   A. Horizontal: 1" = 50
   B. Vertical: 1" = 5

Cover Sheet Requirements.

A cover sheet shall be included and shall contain:

1. A vicinity map;
2. A sheet index; and
3. An approval signature block for the Commissioners, Sanitary Engineer, County Engineer (when applicable), and other governing agencies as required by law.

Plan and Profile Requirements.

1. Plan and profile views shall be shown on the same sheet;
2. Proposed sanitary sewer lines shall be shown as dark solid lines; and
3. Profiles shall be clearly delineated and legible.

Existing Features.

The drawings shall clearly indicate the size, location, and elevation of all existing utilities and structures, including, but not limited to:

1. Waterlines and sewer lines;
2. Storm sewers;
3. Gas mains;
4. Electric and communication lines;
5. Poles and conduits;
6. Manholes, catch basins, and inlets;
7. Streetlights and appurtenances; and
8. All above- and below-ground structures affecting construction.

Boundary and Survey Information.

Drawings shall include:

1. Property lines;
2. Corporation and municipal boundaries;
3. Section lines;
4. Subdivision plats (including plat book and page references);
5. Lot numbers;
6. Easements and rights-of-way (shown dashed with dimensions); and
7. Driveways and access points.

Vertical Control.

Benchmarks shall be provided with description, location, and elevation. All elevations shall reference the latest Ohio North State Plane Coordinate System datum.

Materials and Notes.

Pipe materials, joints, and strength classifications shall be specified using ASTM and/or AWWA standards. The current edition of the Sanitary Engineer s *Sanitary Sewer Construction General Notes* shall be included in each plan set.

Approval Duration.

Approval of construction drawings shall be valid for six (6) months from the date of approval. If construction has not commenced within this period, plans shall be resubmitted for review and approval.

3.1.3 As-Built (Record) Drawings

Upon completion of construction, the Developer's Professional Engineer shall submit As-Built Drawings reflecting all field changes. They shall meet the following requirements:

Requirements.

All structures, including, but not limited to manholes, valves, flush stations, and laterals shall be referenced by a minimum of two (2) horizontal measurements, recorded to the nearest tenth (0.1) foot, with no single measurement exceeding 100 feet. Distances between valves within intersections shall also be shown.

Acceptable Reference Points Include.

1. Fire hydrants;
2. Curbs (perpendicular offset);
3. Manholes;
4. Utility poles (with identification);
5. Building corners (with address);
6. Driveways (with address); and
7. Permanent landscape features (e.g., trees with markers).

Submittal Requirements.

An electronic copy of the review set of As-Built Drawings shall be submitted initially. Upon approval, the Developer shall provide one hardcopy set of permanent reproducible tracings and an electronic copy of final As-Built Drawing set.

3.2 Applicability and Jurisdiction

Plans for sanitary sewer improvements shall be prepared by a Professional Engineer and submitted to the Sanitary Engineer for approval when such improvements are located within unincorporated areas of the County, located within a municipality with authorization for County review, or connecting to or affecting any County-operated sewer system. Following County approval, plans shall be submitted to the Ohio EPA and other applicable agencies prior to construction.

3.2.1 Classification of Improvements

Class A – Residential.

Public sanitary sewer systems serving **three (3) or more dwellings or buildings**, including collection systems and treatment facilities, or systems capable of future extension as determined by the Sanitary Engineer.

Class B – Commercial/Industrial.

Sanitary sewer systems serving commercial or industrial facilities discharging to a County system.

3.3 Location-Based Requirements

3.3.1 Case 1 – Undedicated Thoroughfares or Private Rights-of-Way

The Owner shall dedicate the thoroughfare or provide a right-of-way deed or easement acceptable to the County. A bond may be required, at the discretion of the Sanitary Engineer, to guarantee dedication and required improvements. Design and construction shall be performed under the supervision of a Professional Engineer.

3.3.2 Case 2 – Dedicated Public Thoroughfares

Improvements within established sewer districts and dedicated rights-of-way shall comply with these Rules, Regulations and Procedures and Ohio Revised Code Chapter 6117. Design and construction shall be under the supervision of a Professional Engineer.

3.4 Required Submittals for Approval

The following shall be submitted to the Sanitary Engineer:

1. One hardcopy and an electronic copy of plans and specifications
2. Cost estimates
3. Shop drawings and product data
4. Pump performance curves (if applicable)
5. Engineering report detailing design basis
6. Formal request for approval signed by the Owner and addressed to the Commissioners

Incomplete or inaccurate submissions may be rejected.

3.5 Ohio Environmental Protection Agency Compliance

Approval by the Sanitary Engineer does not relieve the Owner of compliance with Ohio EPA requirements. All applicable state approvals must be obtained prior to construction.

3.6 Authorization to Construct

Authorization to commence construction shall be issued in writing by the Sanitary Engineer. Such authorization shall not be granted until all required approvals, including those from the Commissioners and Ohio EPA (where applicable), have been obtained.

4. General Construction and Design Requirements

4.1 Plan Approval and Authorization to Construct

No sanitary sewer construction shall commence until plans and specifications have been approved by the Sanitary Engineer and the Ohio EPA (where required) and written authorization to construct has been issued by the Sanitary Engineer. All construction shall conform strictly to the approved plans, specifications, and shop drawings. Construction of sanitary sewer facilities intended for County ownership shall not proceed until shop drawings have been submitted and approved by the Sanitary Engineer.

4.2 Revisions to Approved Plans

Any proposed changes or modifications to approved plans, whether prior to or during construction shall be incorporated into As-Built Drawings and shall be submitted for review and approval in the same manner as the original plans. No field changes shall be implemented without prior written approval from the Sanitary Engineer.

4.3 Public Right-of-Way Permits

Prior to performing any work within a public right-of-way, the Contractor shall obtain all required permits from the authority having jurisdiction and comply with all conditions of the issued permit. Where no permit is required, written confirmation from the governing authority shall be provided to the Sanitary Engineer.

4.4 Compliance with County Standards

All materials, equipment, and workmanship shall conform to these Rules, Regulations, and Procedures, the Sanitary Engineer s Specifications and Standard Construction Drawings and applicable industry standards. These requirements shall be considered minimum standards, and all construction contracts shall incorporate them by reference.

4.5 Inspection Requirements

No construction shall occur without the presence of an authorized Sanitary Engineer inspector. A minimum of forty-eight (48) hours notice shall be provided prior to commencing work. The Sanitary Engineer shall assign inspection personnel as required. The Owner s Professional Engineer may serve as Resident Project Representative, but this does not replace Sanitary Engineer inspection authority.

4.6 Defective or Improper Work

If construction is determined to be defective or not in compliance, the Sanitary Engineer may issue a stop work order and work shall not resume until written authorization is provided.

4.7 Location of Appurtenances

The location of all appurtenances, including but not limited to, manholes, wyes, cleanouts, valves, flush stations, and laterals shall be subject to approval and direction by the Sanitary Engineer.

4.8 Sanitary Sewer Connections

All building connections shall comply with the requirements of Chapter 5 of these Rules, Regulations, and Procedures.

4.9 As-Built (Record) Drawings

Prior to final acceptance and release of payment, complete As-Built drawings shall be submitted. Drawings shall reflect all field changes and constructed conditions.

4.10 Private Systems Transferred to County

Privately constructed sanitary sewer systems may be accepted for County ownership provided:

1. Construction was completed in accordance with approved plans;
2. All inspections and testing are satisfactory;
3. Required easements and rights-of-way are conveyed; and
4. Legal transfer documents are executed.

4.11 Owner Responsibility for Engineering Services

Nothing herein shall relieve the Owner from responsibility to provide engineering, surveying, construction staking, and quality control.

4.12 Disclaimer of Existing Conditions

The County assumes no responsibility for the accuracy or completeness of information regarding existing utilities or structures. The Contractor shall verify all field conditions and assume full responsibility for construction impacts.

4.13 Protection of Existing Facilities

All existing utilities and structures shall be protected during construction. The Contractor shall support, brace, or relocate facilities as required, maintain continuous operation of affected utilities, and repair any damage at no cost to the County.

4.14 Materials and Workmanship Approval

All materials and workmanship are subject to approval by the Sanitary Engineer. The Sanitary Engineer may require independent laboratory testing and factory inspection. All costs shall be borne by the Owner or Contractor.

4.15 Gravity Sanitary Sewer Design and Construction Requirements

4.15.1 Acceptable Pipe Materials

Acceptable materials include:

1. PVC (ASTM-D-3034 SDR 35 with joints meeting ASTM-D-3212) – All diameters;
2. PVC profile wall gravity sewer pipe – one-piece seamless extruded (ASTM F-794) joints shall conform to ASTM-C-443-63T and C425 and any changes thereto) – 15 inches and larger; and
3. Other materials subject to approval.

Material selection shall consider waste characteristics, soil conditions, and compatibility with existing systems.

4.15.2 Minimum Pipe Size

The minimum diameter for public sanitary sewer mains shall be 8 inches.

4.15.3 Minimum Slopes and Velocity

Sewers shall be designed to achieve a minimum velocity of 2.0 feet per second at half-full flow. Minimum slopes shall comply with the requirements of the *Recommended Standards for Wastewater Facilities (Ten States Standards)*.

4.15.4 Testing Requirements

All sanitary sewers shall be tested in the presence of a Sanitary Engineer inspector as noted below:

Required Testing.

1. Low-pressure air testing (gravity);
2. Exfiltration testing;
3. Deflection testing;
4. Manhole vacuum testing; and
5. Hydrostatic testing (force mains).

Deflection Testing.

1. Conducted no sooner than 30 days after backfill; and
2. Maximum allowable deflection of 5%.

Leakage Limits.

1. Maximum: 100 gallons/inch diameter/mile/day.

All test results shall be certified and submitted on Sanitary Engineer forms.

4.15.5 Manhole Standards

Manhole standards are as follows:

1. Minimum inside diameter of 4 feet;
2. Kor-N-Seal connections shall be used when connecting to an existing manhole;
3. Watertight connections required;
4. Interior chimney seals required (ASTM C-923 or approved equal);
5. Maximum adjustment ring height of 12 inches; and
6. Inflow prevention inserts required (ASTM-D-1248 or approved equal).

4.15.6 Manhole Construction

Manhole construction standards are as follows:

1. Watertight construction required;
2. Covers set slightly above grade;
3. Machined frames and covers required; and
4. Flexible pipe connections required.

4.15.7 Flow Channels

Manhole channels shall:

1. Match pipe geometry;
2. Maintain flow velocity; and
3. Prevent turbulence and deposition.

4.15.8 Drop Manholes

Drop manholes are required where invert difference ≥ 2 feet. External drops are preferred. An encasement is required. Internal drops are only allowed subject to the approval of the Sanitary Engineer.

4.15.9 Manhole Spacing

Maximum spacing for manholes shall be 400 feet.

4.15.10 Bedding and Backfill

Bedding shall be #57 stone or an approved equivalent. The bedding shall, at a minimum, be 4 inches below the pipe and to the spring line. Initial backfill shall be hand placed, compacted in 6-inch lifts, and cover at least 12 inches above the pipe.

4.15.11 Special Conditions

The following special conditions must be met:

Casing.
Steel casing required where specified by governing agencies.

Encasement.
Concrete encasement:

1. Minimum thickness of 4 inches or 1/6 pipe diameter; and

2. Minimum strength of 2,500 psi.

Rail/Highway Crossing.
A Casing is required and must have minimum 4-inch clearance.

Stream Crossing.
Shall have a minimum cover of 1 foot in rock and 4 feet in soil. Perpendicular alignment preferred.

Above-Ground Sewers
Must be protected from freezing and structural movement.

4.16 Extension Requirements

Sanitary sewer mains shall be extended to the limits of the development and along public rights-of-way or approved easements.

4.17 Separation from Water Mains

Preferred to be on opposite sides of roadway. Shall have a minimum horizontal separation of 10 feet. Rear-yard sewer construction is discouraged and subject to approval by the Sanitary Engineer.

4.18 Safety and Regulatory Compliance

All construction shall comply with, at a minimum, federal regulations (Occupational Safety and Health Administration), state regulations, and local requirements. The Sanitary Engineer shall have the right to halt construction for unsafe conditions.

5. Sanitary Sewer Service Connections and Repairs

5.1 Mandatory Connection to Public Sewer

No private sewage disposal system shall be installed, used, or maintained on any property where an "accessible" public sanitary sewer is available. For the purposes of these regulations, "accessible" shall mean that the public sanitary sewer is within Two Hundred (200) Feet of the right of way nearest to the foundation of the home and the home either: 1) has no existing household sewage treatment system ("HSTS system"), or 2) the HSTS system does not meet the terms or conditions established by law and/or the County Health Department. Once a public sanitary sewer line has been constructed within Two Hundred (200) Feet of the right of way nearest to the foundation of the home, no new HSTS system shall be permitted and the public sanitary sewer shall be deemed accessible once any existing HSTS system does not meet the terms or conditions established by law and/or the County Health Department.

Upon availability of a public sanitary sewer, property owners shall connect to the system within ninety (90) days of notification. Connection shall be required by the County Health Department. All abandoned sewage disposal systems (including septic tanks, cesspools, and vaults) shall be pumped clean, broken or removed, and filled with approved material. All work shall be performed in accordance with County Health Department requirements.

5.2 Health Department Requirements

Prior to issuance of a sewer connection permit, the property owner shall complete an in-home inspection conducted by the County Health Department. No permit shall be issued until compliance is verified. All plumbing fixtures installed below grade or in basements shall be drained through a sewage lift station.

5.3 Sewer Permits Required

No person shall install, connect, repair, replace, or excavate any sanitary sewer service connection without first obtaining a permit from the Sanitary Engineer. Applicable fees shall be paid in accordance with Sanitary Engineer policy. All taps into County mains shall be performed exclusively by the Sanitary Engineer. The Sanitary Engineer shall furnish and install all tapping saddles. The Contractor shall ensure that excavations comply with all applicable safety regulations and the site is properly prepared prior to Sanitary Engineer access.

5.4 Permit Display and Compliance

The sewer permit shall be maintained on-site at all times and be available for inspection during construction.

5.5 Materials, Workmanship, and Inspection

All materials and workmanship shall conform to these Rules, Regulations, and Procedures, the Sanitary Engineer s Specifications and Standard Construction Drawings (Appendices), and applicable codes and standards.

Inspection Requirements

All work shall be inspected by the Sanitary Engineer or authorized representative. A minimum of 48 hours notice shall be provided prior to construction or repair. All work shall remain exposed until inspected and approved. The Sanitary Engineer shall have authority to reject defective materials, require removal and replacement of unsatisfactory work, and inspect all connected facilities and plumbing.

5.6 Approved Uses of Sanitary Sewers

Sanitary sewers shall be used only for the conveyance of sanitary wastewater, including domestic wastewater from residential, commercial, and institutional sources and waste from plumbing fixtures such as toilets, sinks, showers, and laundry equipment. No discharge shall enter storm sewers or watercourses, interfere with treatment processes, or cause damage, obstruction, or hazardous conditions.

5.7 Prohibited Discharges

The following shall not be discharged into sanitary sewers:

1. Stormwater or surface water;
2. Groundwater or foundation drains;
3. Roof drains or downspouts;
4. Cooling water;
5. Industrial waste without approval; or
6. Any substance that may damage or obstruct the system.

Exceptions require written approval from the Sanitary Engineer.

5.8 Septic System Regulation

Septic systems and related facilities shall be regulated by the Ohio EPA and the County Health Department.

5.9 Public Right-of-Way Permits

Prior to performing any work within a public right-of-way, the Contractor shall obtain all required permits from the authority having jurisdiction and comply with all conditions of the issued permit. Where no permit is required, written confirmation from the governing authority shall be provided to the Sanitary Engineer.

5.10 Non-Compliance and Corrective Action

If a Contractor or Owner fails to comply with these requirements the Sanitary Engineer may order corrective work. Costs shall be charged to the non-compliant party. Contractor performance may be considered in future permitting decisions.

5.11 Restoration Requirements

All disturbed areas, including, but not limited to, pavement, sidewalks, driveways, and lawns shall be restored to original or better condition. If deficiencies occur within one (1) year the Owner shall complete repairs upon written notice. Failure to act within Ninety-six (96) hours may result in County repair with costs shall be billed to the Owner.

5.12 Temporary Sewer Connections

Connections to temporary or private sewers may require execution of an agreement acknowledging future connection obligations and acceptance of future assessments at the discretion of the Sanitary Engineer.

5.13 Individual Building Connections

Each building shall have a **separate and independent connection**. Shared connections are prohibited unless specifically approved by the Sanitary Engineer.

5.14 Material Approval Authority

The Sanitary Engineer shall have the right to approve or reject materials and modify approved materials at any time.

5.15 Gravity Service Laterals

5.15.1 Installation Requirements

Service laterals shall:

1. Be installed on firm, undisturbed soil or approved granular bedding;
2. Be laid in straight alignment with uniform slope; and
3. Be installed in a trench of minimum practical width.

5.15.2 Minimum Standards

Minimum standards include:

1. A minimum diameter of 6 inches within right-of-way or easement. For Single-family Residential a minimum diameter of 4 inches outside the right-of-way or easement and for commercial a minimum diameter of 6 inches outside the right-of-way or easement;
2. A minimum slope of 1.0% (1/8 inch per foot); and
3. Minimum bedding of 4 inches of granular material.

5.16 Low Pressure Sewer Connections

Low pressure sewer systems shall be installed in accordance with approved plans, the manufacturer's specifications, and the current editions of the Sanitary Engineer s:

1. *Sanitary Sewer Construction General Notes;*
2. *Procedures, Requirements, and Specifications for Sanitary Sewer Connections; and*
3. *Low Pressure Pump System Installation and Inspection Requirements and Procedures.*

5.17 Trench Backfill

Initial backfill shall be placed in 6-inch compacted lifts. Material shall be free of rocks (>1 inch), debris, or frozen material. Backfill shall not be dumped directly onto the pipe. Final backfill shall comply with roadway authority requirements and compaction standards.

5.18 Right of Entry

The Sanitary Engineer is authorized to enter properties for inspection, sample wastewater, and verify compliance.

5.19 Protection of Property

The Contractor shall protect all structures and utilities and repair any damage within 96 hours. Failure to timely repair may result in County-performed repairs with direct billing to the Contractor.

5.20 Maintenance Responsibilities

The County is responsible for mainline sewer maintenance. The property owner is responsible for service lateral maintenance outside of the right-of-way. If the County performs repairs to a service lateral, costs shall be billed to the property owner. The County assumes no liability for damages caused by sewer backups.

5.21 Building Connection Location

The connection between interior plumbing and the service lateral shall be made approximately 3 feet outside the foundation wall.

5.22 Adapters and Connections

Adapters shall be used when connecting dissimilar pipe materials and/or different pipe sizes. Where adapters are not available, concrete encasement or other approved methods shall be used.

6. Industrial and Damaging Wastes

6.1 Prohibited Discharges

No person, industry, or commercial establishment shall discharge, or cause to be discharged, any substance into the sanitary sewer system that may:

1. Damage or corrode sewer infrastructure;
2. Interfere with wastewater treatment processes;
3. Create a fire or explosion hazard;
4. Cause obstruction, blockage, or maintenance issues; or
5. Endanger public health, safety, or the environment.

Prohibited discharges include, but are not limited to:

1. Oils, grease, or petroleum products in excessive quantities;
2. Gasoline, solvents, and thinners;
3. Highly flammable or explosive substances;
4. Strong acids or alkalis outside acceptable pH ranges;
5. Toxic or poisonous substances; and
6. Any substance capable of causing pass-through or interference at the treatment facility.

The Sanitary Engineer is authorized to enter any property for the purpose of inspection and sampling of wastewater discharges.

6.2 Wastewater Characterization Requirements

As a condition of sewer service, industrial and commercial users shall submit to the Sanitary Engineer:

1. A complete chemical analysis of proposed wastewater discharges;
2. Estimated or measured flow volumes; and
3. Description of industrial processes generating the wastewater.

Where actual data is unavailable, the applicant shall provide representative data from similar operations and engineering estimates acceptable to the Sanitary Engineer.

6.3 Pretreatment Requirements

Where necessary to protect the sewer system or treatment processes, the Sanitary Engineer may require installation of pretreatment facilities, including, but not limited to:

1. Oil/water separators;
2. Grease interceptors;
3. Neutralization systems; and
4. Sedimentation or filtration systems.

All pretreatment facilities shall be designed by a qualified Professional Engineer, are subject to review and approval, and shall be maintained in continuous and effective operation at the Owner s expense.

6.4 Industrial Connection Permits and Fees

Industrial sewer connections shall require a special permit. Permit fees shall be based on actual cost of plan review, inspection services, and administrative overhead. Additional fees may be imposed at the discretion of the Sanitary Engineer for pretreatment system review and monitoring and compliance activities.

6.5 Monitoring and Reporting Requirements

Industrial users shall submit monthly reports to the Sanitary Engineer, unless otherwise approved in writing, including wastewater flow volumes, analytical results of discharge characteristics, and operational status of pretreatment systems. Reports shall be submitted no later than the 15th day of the following month. The Sanitary Engineer may require additional sampling, third-party laboratory testing, or the installation of monitoring equipment.

6.6 Surcharges for High-Strength Waste

Users discharging wastewater exceeding normal domestic strength shall be subject to surcharges. Thresholds include:

1. Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD): greater than 200 mg/L;
2. Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD): greater than 500 mg/L; or
3. Suspended Solids (TSS): greater than 250 mg/L.

Surcharges shall be calculated based on excess loading subject to approval by the Commissioners.

6.7 Prevention of Accidental Discharges

Industrial users shall provide adequate safeguards to prevent accidental discharge of prohibited materials, including spill containment systems, secondary containment, emergency shutoff controls, and appropriate operating procedures/staff training. All costs for such protective measures shall be the responsibility of the Owner.

6.8 Non-Compliance and Notification

In the event of a discharge that violates these regulations, or may pose a threat to the sewer system or treatment facility the user shall immediately notify the County Sanitary Engineering Department and take all necessary steps to contain and mitigate the discharge. All costs associated with emergency response, system protection, and cleanup shall be the responsibility of the User.

6.9 Enforcement and Corrective Action

The Sanitary Engineer may take enforcement action for non-compliance, including, but not limited to:

1. The issuance of violation notices;
2. Suspension or revocation of sewer service;
3. Requirement for corrective measures; and/or
4. Recovery of damages and costs.

Continued violations may result in legal action and/or termination of service.

7. Use of Public Sanitary Sewers

7.1 Prohibition of Storm and Clear Water Discharges

No person, firm, or corporation shall discharge, or cause to be discharged, any of the following into a sanitary sewer:

1. Stormwater;
2. Groundwater;
3. Roof runoff or downspouts;
4. Subsurface or foundation drainage;
5. Cooling water; or
6. Unpolluted industrial process water.

Such discharges are strictly prohibited unless specifically authorized in writing by the Sanitary Engineer.

7.2 Basement and Foundation Drainage

It shall be unlawful to discharge water collected from basements, crawl spaces, or foundation excavations into any sanitary sewer system. Where a building sewer has been installed, but not yet connected to the interior plumbing, the open end of the building sewer shall be securely sealed with a watertight plug and the seal shall remain in place until final connection is made.

7.3 Prohibited Wastes and Materials

No person shall discharge or permit the discharge of any substance that may interfere with the proper operation of the sanitary sewer system or wastewater treatment facilities. Prohibited materials include, but are not limited to:

Hazardous and Damaging Substances.

1. Oils, grease, or petroleum products in harmful quantities;
2. Acids or alkalis outside acceptable pH ranges;
3. Cyanides or toxic compounds;
4. Explosive or flammable materials;
5. Industrial chemicals or poisons; or
6. Any substance that may create a fire, explosion, or health hazard.

Improperly Prepared Garbage.

1. Garbage that has not been properly shredded or ground.

Obstructive Solids and Viscous Materials.

1. Ashes, cinders, sand, or mud;
2. Straw, shavings, or wood;
3. Metal, glass, or plastics;
4. Rags, feathers, or similar debris;
5. Tar, grease in solid form, or viscous substances; or
6. Animal waste products such as paunch manure.

Any material capable of causing obstruction, blockage, or interference with system operation is prohibited.

High-Strength or Difficult-to-Treat Waste.

1. Wastes containing excessive suspended solids;
2. Wastes requiring unusual treatment or operational expense; or
3. Wastes with chlorine demand greater than 25 mg/L, or as otherwise determined by the Sanitary Engineer.

7.4 Authority of the Sanitary Engineer

The Sanitary Engineer shall have authority to determine acceptable discharge limits, require testing and sampling, and prohibit or restrict discharges that may harm the system.

7.5 Enforcement

Violation of this Section may result in immediate suspension of discharge privileges, corrective action being required, the assessment of damages and costs, and additional enforcement actions as provided by the Sanitary Engineer's regulations.

8. Protection of Sanitary Sewer Systems

8.1 Prohibition of Damage and Tampering

No person shall, without proper authorization, damage, destroy, alter, remove, uncover, deface, or tamper with any sanitary sewer infrastructure, including but not limited to, sewer mains, manholes, pump stations, appurtenances, or monitoring or control equipment. This prohibition applies to all actions that are intentional, malicious, willful, or negligent in nature.

8.2 Liability for Damages

Any person or entity causing damage to the sanitary sewer system shall be responsible for all costs associated with repair or replacement, labor, materials, and equipment, and administrative and inspection costs. The County reserves the right to perform emergency repairs without notice and recover all associated costs from the responsible party.

8.3 Enforcement and Penalties

Violation of Section 8 may result in the immediate cessation of work, civil liability for damages, criminal prosecution under applicable laws, and/or recovery of costs through legal action. Each day a violation continues may be considered a separate offense.

8.4 Authorized Access Only

Only personnel authorized by the Sanitary Engineer shall access, operate, or modify any portion of the sanitary sewer system. Unauthorized access to confined spaces (e.g., manholes, wet wells) is strictly prohibited and may be subject to additional penalties.

9. Sanitary Sewer Service Charges, Billing, and Collection

9.1 Authority and Purpose of Sewer Service Charges

Pursuant to Section 6117.02(A) of the Ohio Revised Code, the Commissioners shall establish, and periodically revise, reasonable rates and charges for the use of sanitary sewer facilities and the availability for use of such facilities. These charges shall apply to all persons, properties, and public agencies served by, or capable of being served by a sanitary sewer system owned or operated by the County. Where sanitary facilities are owned by another entity but utilized by the County, the applicable rate structure or methodology shall be subject to approval by the Commissioners at the time of contractual agreement. The purpose of sanitary sewer service charges is to ensure full cost recovery for operation and maintenance, repair and replacement, capital improvements and debt service and financing obligations. The Sanitary Engineer shall periodically review and recommend adjustments to ensure financial sustainability of all County sewer districts.

9.2 Billing Practices and Responsibility

9.2.1 Billing Method

Sewer service charges shall be billed on a quarterly basis, unless otherwise determined by the Commissioners. A monthly auto-pay option is available.

9.2.2 Responsible Party

Billing shall be issued to the property owner of record. Owners may authorize tenants or lessees to remit payment, but such tenants or lessees act solely as agents of the owner. The property owner remains ultimately responsible for all charges.

9.3 Billing Adjustments

Adjustments to sewer billing may be granted under limited and documented circumstances at the discretion of the Sanitary Engineer.

9.3.1 Administrative Adjustments (Without Engineer Approval)

Billing personnel may approve adjustments not exceeding one (1) billing quarter for minor billing discrepancies, one-time late payment considerations, or documented administrative errors.

9.3.2 Adjustments Requiring Engineer Approval

Adjustments exceeding one (1) billing quarter shall require approval by the Sanitary Engineer, or the Assistant Sanitary Engineer.

9.3.3 Special Circumstances – Temporary Closure

Owners of commercial or industrial properties billed at more than two (2) equivalent units may request a temporary reduction to two (2) equivalent units during periods of closure, subject to a written request on the approved Sanitary Engineer form and verification of closure status. The owner shall notify the Sanitary Engineer upon reopening of the business, or transfer of ownership.

9.4 Delinquent Accounts and Penalties

In accordance with Section 6117.02(C) of the Ohio Revised Code, charges not paid by the designated due date shall be deemed delinquent. A penalty of ten percent (10%) shall be applied to the outstanding balance. Failure to receive a bill does not relieve the property owner of payment responsibility.

9.5 Certification to Tax Duplicate

Any delinquent sewer service charges remaining unpaid after the last business day of September each year shall be certified to the County Auditor, placed on the property tax duplicate, and collected as a lien against the property. Certification shall occur at least annually.

9.6 Billing Address and Notification

Sewer service bills shall be mailed to the address provided by the property owner as a convenience. Failure to receive a bill shall not waive payment obligations. Property owners are responsible for notifying the County of any address changes or billing errors.

9.7 Payment of Bills

Payments for sewer service charges shall be made to the County Treasurer, or the Sanitary Engineering Department. Payment methods and locations shall be as established by County policy.

9.8 Connection (Capital) Charges

Pursuant to Section 6117.02(B) of the Ohio Revised Code, the Commissioners shall establish connection charges for access to the sanitary sewer system. No connection shall be permitted until the connection charge is paid in full, or acceptable arrangements for installment payment have been approved.

9.9 Installment Payment Option

The Commissioners may authorize installment payment of connection charges under approved conditions:

Terms of Installment Payment.

1. Maximum term: Five (5) years;
2. Carrying charges (interest): As established by the Commissioners;
3. Installments shall be structured in equal or approved increments.

Eligibility.

1. Residential customers must demonstrate eligibility (e.g., low-to-moderate income status).
2. Commercial or multi-unit customers shall provide equivalent unit calculations and verification acceptable to the Sanitary Engineer.

Certification to Auditor.
For installment agreements, the Commissioners shall certify to the County Auditor the parcel identification, the total charge amount, and the installment schedule. Such charges shall be recorded in accordance with Sections 6117.02(B) and 6117.33 of the Ohio Revised Code and may be included in regular billing.

9.10 Enforcement

Failure to comply with this Section may result in additional penalties, certification of charges as liens, denial of service or connection, and/or legal action for recovery of unpaid amounts.

10. Violations and Enforcement

10.1 Violations of Rules and Regulations

Any person or public agency that violates the provisions of these Rules, Regulations, and Procedures or applicable sections of the Ohio Revised Code, including but not limited to Sections 6103.29, 6103.99, 6117.45, and 6117.99, shall be subject to penalties, fines, and enforcement actions as provided by law. No person or public agency shall:

1. Tamper with, damage, alter, or interfere with any sanitary sewer facility, or any prevention or replacement facility owned, acquired, or constructed by the County;
2. Make any connection to such facilities without prior authorization from the Sanitary Engineer;
3. Use any facility in a manner inconsistent with the rules, regulations, or conditions prescribed by the Commissioners; or
4. Refuse to permit inspection of any connection or facility by the Sanitary Engineer or authorized representative.

10.2 Penalties

Violations of the Ohio Revised Code and these Rules shall be subject to the following penalties:

1. Any person or public agency violating Section 6117.45 or Section 6117.51 of the Ohio Revised Code shall be guilty of a minor misdemeanor;
2. Any person violating Section 6103.29 of the Ohio Revised Code shall be subject to a fine not exceeding One Hundred Dollars ($100.00); or
3. Additional penalties may be imposed as provided under Sections 6103.99 and 6117.99 of the Ohio Revised Code.

10.3 Enforcement Actions

In addition to criminal penalties, the County may pursue any and all available civil remedies, including, but not limited to:

1. Injunctive relief to prevent or halt violations;
2. Recovery of costs associated with damages, repairs, or unauthorized use;
3. Termination or denial of service; and/or
4. Any other legal or equitable remedies authorized under the Ohio Revised Code.

10.4 Disposition of Fines

All fines collected pursuant to Sections 6103.99 and 6117.99 of the Ohio Revised Code shall be paid to the County Treasurer and credited to the fund deemed most appropriate by the Commissioners, based on the nature and extent of the violation.

11. Severability and Supplemental Agreements

11.1 Severability

The provisions of these Rules, Regulations, and Procedures are hereby declared to be severable. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or provision is determined to be invalid, unlawful, or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, such determination shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining portions, which shall continue in full force and effect.

11.2 Supplemental Agreements

Nothing contained in these Rules, Regulations, and Procedures shall be construed to limit or prohibit the Commissioners or the Sanitary Engineer from entering into agreements with any person, firm, corporation, or governmental agency for the provision of services or the performance of activities not specifically addressed herein, provided such agreements are consistent with applicable laws and serve the public interest.