

POLICY
CITY OF SEVIERVILLE
WATER AND SEWER LINE
EXTENSION AND CONNECTION

April 3, 2023

PURPOSE

The City of Sevierville Board of Mayor and Aldermen recognizes that water is a natural resource of limited supply and sewage treatment, and disposal is a necessity for public health. Thus, the water supply must be regulated and controlled and subjected only to reasonable and beneficial use to assure an adequate supply of water and adequate sewage treatment capacity for all members of the public served by the City of Sevierville Water and Sewer Department. Therefore, the supply of water and sewage disposal service by the Water and Sewer Department to any development is subject to regulation, prohibition, limitation, and restriction by local, state, and federal governmental agencies, including the Board of Health, as well as the City of Sevierville. Water and sewer service **is not guaranteed** by merely following these procedures, but is based on available capacity, the Department's ability to serve existing and future customers, and benefit to the City of Sevierville's economic development.

New connections and developments to the existing Water and Sewer Department systems are subject to all Department standards, specifications, codes, agreements, fees, and ordinances as they pertain to water and sewer systems and/or facilities.

WATER DEPARTMENT DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Water Department Development Committee shall consist of the City of Sevierville Mayor, City Administrator, Deputy City Administrator, Water Department Director, and the Public Works Department Director. The Committee is responsible for reviewing applications, to determine adherence to requirements, as outlined below, and benefit to the City prior to recommendation to The Board of Mayor and Aldermen.

WATER

New connections (a tap for one single metering point for one property), inside or outside City limits, to existing water mains adjacent to a property that have available capacity are allowed for all single-family dwellings, multi-family dwellings up to 10 units, and commercial businesses with the equivalent flow of up to 10 residential units through City tap application procedures and fees. Any required capacity upgrades are the responsibility of the applicant.

New extensions (new water mains for one or more units) or developments, including all commercial developments, outside City limits and outside the Urban Growth Boundary, for water mains must be presented to the Water Department Development Committee for approval prior to recommendation to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen for approval and must show benefit to the City. The City will

prioritize housing over commercial development. New extensions or developments are at the expense of the developer. Any required capacity upgrades are the responsibility of the applicant.

New connections, extensions, or developments, inside City limits, greater than 10 residential units or the equivalent flow, are subject to formal review including capacity, specifications, and placement prior to City Water Department approval. City Planning and Development approval **does not constitute** approval by the City Water Department for water lines. New extensions or developments are at the expense of the developer. Any required capacity upgrades are the responsibility of the applicant.

SEWER

New connections (a tap for one single sewer lateral for one property), inside City limits, to existing sewer mains adjacent to a property that have available capacity are allowed for all single-family dwellings, multi-family dwellings up to 10 units, and commercial businesses with the equivalent flow of up to 10 residential units through City tap application procedures and fees. Any required capacity upgrades are the responsibility of the applicant.

New connections, extensions, or developments, outside City limits and outside the Urban Growth Boundary, for sewer service shall **NOT** be allowed unless supported by an extant written “will-serve” letter or previous Board approval (i.e., previously recorded subdivisions). Exigent circumstances may allow connections, as a last resort, with approval from the Water Department, Water Development Committee, and Board of Mayor and Aldermen.

New connections, extensions, or developments, inside City limits, greater than 10 residential units or the equivalent flow, are subject to formal review including capacity, specifications, and placement prior to City Water Department approval. City Planning and Development approval **does not constitute** approval by the City Water Department for sewer lines. New extensions or developments are at the expense of the developer. Any required capacity upgrades are the responsibility of the applicant.

ANNEXATION

At its discretion, the Water Department Development Committee and the Board of Mayor and Aldermen may consider requests for extensions and developments for water or sewer outside the City and inside the Planning Region or the Urban Growth Boundary on a case-by-case basis and must be accompanied by a written statement agreeing to be annexed. Annexation will be at the discretion of the City. Any agreement to be annexed may not be revoked.

APPROVAL TERM

Any approvals shall be valid for a period not to exceed three years from the date approved by the Board.