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## **Connection to Hamilton County Regional Utility District Sewer System**

Connection to the Hamilton County Regional Utility District sewer system is available for homeowners within 300 feet of a District sewer.

If a gravity or low-pressure sewer is installed within 300 feet of a homeowner's home and the homeowner has a septic system, in accordance with Indiana Code, you may be required to discontinue the use of the septic system. However, if the septic system is not failing and the homeowner desires to continue using the septic system, they are eligible to apply to the Hamilton County Health Department for a Sewer Connection Exemption from connecting to the sewer system.

For properties adjacent to sanitary force main, a property owner will not be required to connect to a force main and therefore is not required to apply for an exemption. Per the Sewer Use Ordinance,

### Section 1.2

(70) PUBLIC SEWER. A sewer owned by the District. These definitions are part of the public sewer:

(C) Force main shall mean a pressurized sewer main designed to transport sewage pumped from a lift station. A force main is not designed to and shall not collect wastewater from individual point source discharges, including individual customers, except under extraordinary conditions that are approved by the Boar

### Section 2.2

(F) A property owner is not required to connect to a force main; however, the Board may approve an application if a property owner voluntarily applies to connect under extraordinary conditions.

### **Exemption Process:**

The exemption process is outlined in the documents listed below:

- Flow Chart: Attached
- Detailed Steps: Attached
- Hamilton County Health Department Sewer Connection Exemption Application: Attached

## **Sewer Rates and Charges:**

**IMPORTANT: Connection Charges, System Development Charges, and Application Fees will be waived if connected within first 180 days of the service being available.**

### **Sewer One-Time Charges**

- Connection Charge - \$2,000 per EDU (1 EDU = 1 home)
- System Development Charge - \$5,200 per EDU
- Application Fee - \$250 per connection, non-refundable
- New Account Fee - \$20, one time paid at time of connection

### **Sewer Monthly Rates:**

- For homeowners also connected to the Hamilton County Regional Utility District Water System:
  - Base charge – \$45.23 per month for 5/8” water meter (residential)
  - Usage charge - \$4.95 per 1,000 gallons used based on metered water usage
- For homeowners not connected to the Hamilton County Regional Utility District Water System:
  - Flat rate charge - \$74.93 per EDU

Additional charges for late fees and bounced checks are outlined in the Rate Ordinance NO. 2025-2, Exhibit 1.

## **How to Abandon a Septic System:**

To abandon an on-site septic system, a homeowner will need to follow requirements of the Hamilton County Health Department, Indiana Department of Health, and all other regulations. The following are some resources regarding septic system abandonment:

- Hamilton County Health Department On-site Septic System Abandonment Form:  
<https://www.hamiltoncounty.in.gov/DocumentCenter/View/23988/On-Site-Septic-System-Abandonment-Form-PDF>
- Indiana Department of Health On-site Septic System Abandonment Form:  
[Health: Environmental Public Health: Protocol for Onsite Sewage System Abandonment](#)

### **Grinder Pumps:**

Some of the sewers in the District are gravity sewers, and others are low-pressure sewers. Low-pressure sewers are small-diameter pressure sewers. If a homeowner is along a low-pressure sewer, the homeowners connecting to the sewer will need a grinder pump station. The following are the District-standard grinder pumps:

- E-One DH071
- Zoeller 815 Shark

The District standards include requirements for the grinder pump basin.

### **Connection Point**

If a homeowner is connecting to a District sewer, the District will provide a service from the sewer main to the homeowner's property line. The location of any existing services to the property line can be located at the request of the homeowner. The homeowner is responsible to connect from their home to the service at the property line. The homeowner is also responsible for building plumbing and septic system abandonment if applicable.

For homeowners along a gravity sewer, the service will be a 6-inch PVC SDR 35 lateral. For homeowners along a low pressure sewer, the service will be 1.25-inch HDPE DR 11. The low pressure sewer tie-in will be made to the District-provided 1.25-inch HDPE DR 11 service on the homeowner's side of the District-provided lateral kit. The District's lateral kit includes a curb stop valve and integral check valve.

## **Connection to Hamilton County Regional Utility District Water System**

Connection to the Hamilton County Regional Utility District water system is voluntary, and is available to homeowners whose property is within 300 feet of a District water main.

### **Water Rates and Charges:**

#### **Water One-Time Charges**

**IMPORTANT: Connection Charges, System Development Charges, and Application Fees will be waived if connected within first 180 days of the service being available.**

- Connection Charge - \$2,000 per EDU (1 EDU = 1 home)
- System Development Charge - \$3,300 per EDU
- Application Fee - \$250 per connection, non-refundable
- New Account Fee - \$20, one time paid at time of connection
- For irrigation service:
  - System Development Charge - \$8.250
  - Permit Fee - \$500
  - Service Inspection - \$150

#### **Water Monthly Charges:**

- Base Charge – \$24.36 per month for 5/8” meter (residential)
- Usage Charge - \$4.06 per 1,000 gallons used based on metered water usage

Additional charges for late fees, bounced checks, theft, and water turn off/on are outlined in the Rate Ordinance NO. 2025-1, Exhibit 1.

#### **Abandonment of Well:**

Homeowners connecting to the Hamilton County Regional Utility District water system that are currently connected to a well must disconnect the well from in-home plumbing but may continue to use the well for outdoor uses such as irrigation. The homeowner will need to follow 312 IAC 13-10 and can coordinate with Indiana Department of Natural Resources, who has jurisdiction over wells, for additional information on well abandonment.

## **Connection Point**

If a homeowner is connecting to a District water main, the District will provide a 1" service from the water main to a curb stop valve at the homeowner's property line. The homeowner is responsible to connect from their home to the curb stop valve, including the meter pit lid, setter and piping per District standards. The District will provide the 5/8"x3/4" meter. The homeowner's service can be 3/4" or 1". The homeowner is responsible for building plumbing and well abandonment if applicable.