

SANITARY SEWER EXTENSION POLICY SUMMARY

Septic Tank Neighborhoods

1. Extension of service to septic tank neighborhoods will be in response to either: (a) a petition signed by at least 65% of property owners in a designated service area and at least 25% of the property owners in this area agree to connect to sewer as soon as it becomes available, or (b) an identified threat to the environment or public health.
2. The connection fee will be the sum of the Sewer Extension Fee of \$2,300.00 and the standard Single Family Residential System Development Fee (SDF) of \$2,900.00 currently, for a total of \$5,200.00. There will be additional costs to the homeowner for re-plumbing the private property and connecting to the sewer tap provided by the county.
3. The \$5,200 fee will be discounted by \$600 if fee is paid in full (for a single payment of \$4,600).
4. The \$5,200 initial charge may be financed by the Cobb County Water System (CCWS) with no interest over ten years (payable each month on the water bill). A lien is placed against the property for those choosing to finance the charge. Any outstanding balance must be paid off at the time a property is sold or ownership transferred.
5. Property owners are not obligated to connect to sewer if their septic system is functioning properly. However, once sanitary sewer service becomes available, the County Board of Health may require property owners to connect to County sewer if a septic system is determined to be inadequate, requires major repair, or other issues.
6. Property owners are not required to pay any fees until they are ready to connect to the sewer; however, the fees stated herein are only guaranteed for six months after the sewer is available. After six months, the fees in effect at the time of connection must be paid in order to connect.

SEWER EXTENSION POLICY FEES

The following fees and payment options are available when signing the petition:

Sewer Extension Fee (one time):	\$2,300.00
System Development Fee (one time):	+ \$2,900.00
	= \$5,200.00
Discount, if all fees paid in full (one payment):	- \$600.00
Total due →	= \$4,600.00
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Sewer Extension Fee (one time):	\$2,300.00
System Development Fee (one time):	+ \$2,900.00
Total due (amount financed at 0% for up to ten years)*	= \$5,200.00

*Financing adds about **\$43.33** per month to the regular CCWS water bill (10 years)

THESE COSTS DO NOT INCLUDE YOUR MONTHLY SEWER SERVICE CHARGES AND DO NOT INCLUDE THE COSTS FOR YOUR PLUMBER TO CONNECT YOU TO THE SEWER TAP LEFT FOR YOUR PROPERTY

Questions about this policy?

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