



FULTON COUNTY SEWER DESIGN GUIDE – SEWER REVIEW CHECKLIST

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Project Name: _____

Project Number: _____

Date: _____ Reviewed By: _____

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General Comments

Review of sewer plans includes points of connection to Fulton County's (FC) sanitary sewer system, extensions of sewer main, sewers that are to be the responsibility of Fulton County for maintenance, sewers in utility easements dedicated to Fulton County. Private sewers generally fall under plumbing codes administered by local cities. Fulton County reserves the right to set criteria for construction and arrangement of any sewer that connects to FC sewer system or to deny connection for reasons of capacity, method of construction or failure to follow good engineering practices in design of sewers or due to the nature of the discharge to the sewer.

- ____1. Provide Fulton County Project Name, Project Number, and site address on all water and sewer related sheets (Cover, Utility Plans, Profiles and Details).
- ____2. Cover sheets shall contain the note: Wastewater services provided by Fulton County.
- ____3. Add Fulton County Standard Sewer Notes. Please see Sewer and Water Notes Form at the following link: <http://www.fultoncountygga.gov/services/water-services/development-permitting/permitting-process> if there is a conflict between Fulton County Notes and the General Notes, then priority shall be given to Fulton County Notes.
- ____4. Replace covers on existing manholes with new (landscape and/or pavement) manhole cover.
- ____5. Please utilize Fulton County's standard utility details. A list of the most used sanitary sewer details can be found at the following link: <http://www.fultoncountygga.gov/fcwr-developer-information/fcwr-standard-details>
- ____6. Add all road names on the overall utility plan of the entire property and if the sanitary sewer line that serves the site is within the ROW of an existing roadway, the speed limit must be shown. The term "variable right-of way" or similar shall not be used. If ROW varies, show approximate dimensions in areas of interest.

- ____7. For resubmittals, the engineer must submit written responses to each of the specific review comments along with the revised plans. These comments are valid for ninety (90) days. If after the 90-days period, the reviewer has not received amended drawings with written responses, the submitted construction plans will be discarded and a new submittal (including payment of the review fee) will be required.

Utility Plan/Profiles

- ____8. Developer shall network gravity pipeline through site to serve upstream property owners. A new manhole will be required at the upstream property line. This will be at the developer's expense. This requirement is per Fulton County Sanitary Sewer Regulations.
- ____9. Manhole inverts shall have a minimum 2/10 of a foot (.20') drop across the manhole.
- ____10. Minimum slopes for wastewater pipes are as follows:
- a. 1.0 % on 6" lines
 - b. 0.7 % on 8" lines
 - c. 0.5 % on 10" lines
 - d. 0.4 % on 12" lines
 - e. 0.3 % on 15" lines
 - f. 0.25 % on 18" lines
 - g. 18" & larger sizes, maintain 2 feet/sec. at 1/4 capacity
 - h. Slopes less than 0.7 % shall be pre-approved based on a minimum velocity of 2.0 ft/s based on normal flow.
- ____11. HDPE and C900 PVC pipes to be used with wastewater applications only.
- a. For 6" and larger private sewer lines, the pipe material shall match the County standards (b – g).
 - b. For new developments, service line material shall match the sewer main material.
 - c. Minimum thickness for HDPE pipes shall be DR 17.
 - d. For sewer installations with no live load and not along stream banks, the standard pipe shall be SDR 26 PVC or HDPE DR 17 in ductile iron pipe size (DIPS) for pipe sizes 8-inch through 48-inch with maximum bury depth of 20 feet.
 - e. For sewer installations with HS20/25 live loads, or with bury depth greater than 20 feet and not along stream banks, the standard pipe shall be SDR 18 PVC or HDPE DR17 in ductile iron pipe size (DIPS) for pipe sizes 8-inch through 30-inch.
 - f. For force mains, regardless of bury depth, live load requirements and not along riverbanks, the standard pipe shall be SDR 18 PVC or HDPE DR 11 in ductile iron pipe size (DIPS) for pipe sizes 8-inch through 30-inch.
 - g. For sewer installations with no live loads and located along stream banks, the standard pipe shall be DR 17 HDPE in ductile iron pipe size (DIPS) for pipe sizes 8-inch through 48-inch and maximum bury depth of 20 feet.
- ____12. State size, material type, percent grade, and length of all pipes. Show direction of sewer flow on utility plan.
- ____13. Show location of all existing and proposed sanitary sewer, water, storm sewer, power, and gas lines. Please review Fulton County Standard Detail 101 for underground utility location requirements. Power and gas lines

locations should be based on (sketch) drawings prepared by utility.

- ___14. A minimum of eighteen 18-inches of vertical clearance between sewer mains and other utilities crossing must be obtained. When local conditions prevent a vertical separation of 18-inches, the sewer passing over or under water mains shall be constructed of a minimum of DR17 HDPE pipe in ductile Iron pipe size (DIPS).
- ___15. When local conditions prevent a horizontal separation of 10' between a Fulton water main and a stormwater pipe, a variance shall be obtained by the PW Director. The following conditions shall be obtained:
 - a. Minimum 10' separation between water and sewer mains. The sewer shall be at least 18" deeper than water line.
 - b. Minimum 5' horizontal separation (from wall to wall) between stormwater line and sewer line. The sewer pipe needs to be at least 18" deeper (from wall to wall) than the stormwater.
- ___16. Pipe material cannot be changed between manholes.
- ___17. When different size pipes are connected to a MH, the crest crown of each is required to be aligned.
- ___18. Concrete collars on wastewater lines are required when the slope is greater than 20% of conditions. The maximum allowable slope is 35%.
- ___19. For all wastewater pipes above the ground (except for Force mains), SDR 26 C900 PVC or DR 17 HDPE pipe shall be used. All bored sewers shall be steel encased and field welded (Standard Detail 100).
- ___20. Maximum distance between manholes is 700-feet.
- ___21. Provide reflection angles at all manholes. Minimum angle between influent and effluent wastewater line at a manhole is 90 degrees.
- ___22. No more than 4 connections are allowed per manhole. Provide 12" minimum between pipes penetrations.
- ___23. All service lines connecting to an existing wastewater line shall be made with either a manhole or a sleeve connection (for lines of 10-inches diameter or less). Trunk lines of 12-inches or greater require a manhole connection (Standard Detail 714).
- ___24. Profile all existing lines that will have new utility crossings and all proposed wastewater pipes showing all utility with crossings. Existing wastewater lines will be CCTV inspected over which construction occurs for as-built approval.
- ___25. When laterals connect to manholes indicate invert in elevation on wastewater profiles.
- ___26. Split lateral connections are not allowed. A single lateral is required for each individual building site.

- ___ 27. Laterals shall be provided for each lot, building, and unit. Laterals to serve a single lot or building may extend a maximum of 125 linear feet, off site. Laterals must be 6" pipe from the main sewer line to the first cleanout at a minimum 1% slope. The lateral connecting the building/unit to the first 6" cleanout on owner's property must be of sufficient size to handle the intended flow.
- ___ 28. Sewer service lateral cleanouts shall be installed at the edge of public road right-of-way or County easement on owner's property (Standard Detail 101).
- ___ 29. No structure can be within 5 feet of a sewer cleanout. Including, but not limited to any type of building, porches, foundations, stairs, signs, fences, retaining wall, etc.
- ___ 30. Laterals shall achieve a 90-degree bend to the main line through the use of a tee-wye. DIP will require an additional 45-degree bend to achieve perpendicular lateral service.
- ___ 31. If sanitary sewer laterals cross storm sewer, please provide a profile sketch or other information to document vertical separation on the same sanitary sewer profile sheet.
- ___ 32. Profile all laterals from the building to the tie-in location for non-residential projects. Profile all laterals from the dumpster drains to the tie-in location. Profile all laterals from the building through the grease trap to the tie-in location.
- ___ 33. An outside drop is required at a manhole when the following conditions are exceeded (Standard Detail 115).

Incoming Pipe Size (inches) Maximum Drop (in inches)

8	27
10	27
12	30
15	39
18	41

- ___ 34. An inside drop may be allowed for existing manholes deeper than 8 feet, when the following conditions apply (Standard Detail 115).

Incoming Pipe Size (inches) Maximum Drop (in inches)

8	27
10	27
12	30
15	39
18	41

- ___ 35. Manholes in excess of 24-feet shall be pre-approved by the Development Permitting Section, on an individual basis.
- ___ 36. All manholes outside of roadways and ROW shall be a minimum 18" aboveground and shall be shown in

sanitary sewer profile. If a manhole is in a flood plain or high-water area, they shall have watertight covers and extend above the 25-year floodplain level: clearly indicate and provide details. Manholes flush with the ground may be allowed, on a pre-approved basis.

- ___ 37. Proposed depths of wastewater lines in excess of 24-feet are not allowed except as approved by Fulton County Development Permitting Section.
- ___ 38. Manholes that receive discharge from force mains shall be coated with Epoxy Tech CPP series epoxy or approved equal.

Grease-Trap/Test-Manhole

- ___ 39. Grease trap, oil interceptor, pretreatment, etc., approval required from Water and Pollution Control Division of Public Works. Please call the Water Quality Superintendent at (404) 612-9425. Copy of approval certificate must be sent to Development Permitting Engineer before issuance of the construction permit.
- ___ 40. Test manholes must be downstream of the grease traps and have a minimum of 1-foot of fall. The test manholes must have a 180-degree connection between the effluent and influent lines with no other connections to the manhole. The test manhole is the last discharge point of the pretreatment system before the sanitary sewer. The sanitary sewer connection from the pretreatment system will not be allowed to connect to the site sanitary sewer line by going under or through the building. The connection to the sanitary sewer line must be kept to the exterior of the building structure. The connection from the building to the pretreatment system will be a direct straight line. One 90- or 45-degree angle will be allowed with a clean out if a straight line is not obtainable.
- ___ 41. The test manhole will be located a maximum of 4-feet from the last tank in the pretreatment system and must have an invert in the test manhole. The test manhole shall have a minimum depth of 4-feet and a maximum depth of 12-feet.
- ___ 42. The pipe between the grease trap and test manhole must be PVC.

Dumpster Pad

- ___ 43. Obtain approval from Fulton County Board of Health, Environmental Health Division for the dumpster pad for any non-single family residential and commercial project. Copy of this approval or, if not required, copy of the variance must be provided to Development Permitting Engineer prior to issuance of the construction permit.
- ___ 44. Provide drains for the dumpster pads. The drain shall be an ABT S-2900B-02 Catch basin or equivalent with a galvanized trash bucket and a bolt down cast iron frame and grate. A foul air trap or p-trap shall be placed on the outlet pipes. The outlet pipe shall be a 6" DIP to the first cleanout. All portions of the dumpster pad shall drain to this cleanout/MH.
- ___ 45. No storm water from upside the dumpster pad shall flow onto the pad. This drain shall connect to the adjacent wastewater sewer system. Do not drain the dumpster pad to the storm sewer system.

- ___46. Provide a 5/8-inch freeze-proof hose bibb with a reduced pressure (RP) backflow preventer within 50 feet of all portions of the dumpster pads.

Additional Design Considerations

- ___47. If a manhole is in a flood plain or high-water area, they shall have watertight covers and extend above the ten year floodplain level: clearly indicate and provide details.
- ___48. Riprap shall be placed for the full width of the excavation at all creeks crossings where wastewater pipelines cross and shall extend to the top of bank.
- ___49. If wastewater pipes are to be constructed adjacent to rivers and other waterways (may require state waters buffer variance), a registered Land Surveyor shall certify the location of the waterway. Offset distance from the top of bank of the creek shall be provided to all manholes. All creek banks within 10feet of the centerline of the pipe shall be reinforced with riprap per County Standards.
- ___50. Force main effluent manholes shall conform to Fulton County Standard Detail 116.
- ___51. Individual single-family residential pump stations to be approved by the County.
- ___52. Pavement to be repaired to local City standards.
- ___53. Jack and Bore to be performed in accordance with Fulton County Standard Details 107 and 129. Show steel casing for jack and bore installations.
- ___54. Show steel casing where wastewater line crosses under a retaining wall footing, approved hardscape features, creeks, where the line is aerial, and other cases where it is determined that additional protection is required.

Easements

- ___55. Show all private and/or Fulton County easements. All offsite and onsite wastewater easements documents must be reviewed and approved by the Fulton County Department of Public Works before a permit will be issued. The document package must be completed and sent to the Development Permitting Engineer for initial review. Construction permits will not be issued until the easement package has been reviewed and approved by the Land Division.
- ___56. All easements shall allow adequate room to construct the sanitary sewer and appurtenances. Permanent easements shall be a minimum of 20-feet wide, 10-feet on each side of the line, except that when the depth of the sanitary sewer exceeds 10-feet the required sanitary sewer easement width shall increase such that the easement width is at least twice the depth from the ground surface to bottom of the pipe.
- ___57. Utilities and systems, publicly or privately owned and maintained, shall NOT be designed, installed, or permitted to run within a water and/or sewer easement except for perpendicular crossings. All utilities and systems crossing existing or proposed water easements shall have permanent markers designating the

existence and type of utility or system placed at the locations where the utility or system crosses the sewer easement boundaries.

- ___ 58. Utilities and systems not regulated by the Georgia Public Service Commission (PSC) shall be considered privately owned and maintained. The PSC regulates Natural Gas, Electrical and Telecommunications utilities.
- ___ 59. All privately owned utilities and systems encroaching into existing or proposed sewer easements shall be required to provide a Fulton County standard Encroachment and Indemnification Agreement. Examples of privately owned utilities include but are not limited to: storm sewer piping maintained by the HOA, irrigation system piping, private water and sewer piping, cable TV, internet coax or fiber, control wiring, etc.
- ___ 60. If there is a recorded offsite easement dedicated to Fulton County, show book number and date of existing recorded offsite easement; this shall also be shown on the final plat if residential property.
- ___ 61. No retaining wall, building, pole, sign, or other vertical structure shall be constructed in sanitary sewer easements, including vehicular access easements around structures, without approval from the Department of Public Works.
- ___ 62. No surface water shall be impounded on a sanitary sewer easement.
- ___ 63. No other pipeline or utility shall be placed in a sanitary sewer easement without an encroachment agreement.
- ___ 64. All fences or other barriers crossing the Wastewater easement will be installed with a 12-feet locked double gate so that Fulton County can have access. Fulton County will provide the lock and key.

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- ___ 65. A City utility encroachment permit or Georgia D.O.T. encroachment permit will be required before the utility's construction will be allowed within the ROW. For all planned encroachment of state routes, please ensure the surveyor identifies all existing utility elevations and locations along the length of your project site on all state routes. The surveyor should obtain data from ROW limit to ROW limit.
- ___ 67. Provide to Fulton County Development Permitting Engineer all information required for state.

Flow Calculations

- ___ 68. For all residential projects of 5 lots or more, and all commercial developments; please complete the "Certificate of Water and Sewer Utility Availability" and send it to Development Permitting Engineer for determination of adequate capacity. Link to form: <https://www.fultoncountyga.gov/services/water-services/development-permitting/permitting-process>
- ___ 69. For commercial development projects, please complete the "Wastewater Discharge Survey", and send it to Development Permitting Engineer and copy Ngozi Daramola at Ngozi.Daramola@fultoncountyga.gov Link to form: <https://www.fultoncountyga.gov/services/water-services/development-permitting/permitting-process>

____70. Please complete the table below and submit total sewer requirements with construction plans. Use sewage flows reported in Table JT-1 - Sewage Flow Schedule of the Georgia Department of Public Health Manual for On-Site Sewage Management Systems:<https://dph.georgia.gov/document/document/manual-site-sewage-management-systems-rules/download> Use peaking factor from 10 State Standards. This calculation report shall have the seal and signature of a Georgia Registered Engineer.

Facility Type	Quantity/ Number of Units	Water Usage per Unit (GPD)	Total Sewer Requirement (GPD) (column 2 x column 3)
Total Sewer Requirement (GPD)			