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2021 FEES & PROCESS FOR SEWER SERVICE CONNECTION

Determine if the property is included in the NOACA's Water Quality Management Plan (208 Plan) and near a public sewer line. If not included in the township's 208 Plan, property owner will have to request the township add the property/parcel to the 208 Plan (6+ month process); contact the Township Offices. If the property is in the 208 Plan and near a sewer line, then:

Property Owner obtains the sewer permit application either in person at Geauga County Department of Water Resources' (GCDWR) Office (470 Center Street, Chardon) or online at the GCDWR website <https://www.gcdwr.org/forms.htm>

Property Owner completes the application and submits it to GCDWR along with the appropriate fees. The 2021 sewer service connection fees are:

- Permit fee - \$50
- Capacity fee charge - \$6,200
- Inspection fee - \$300
- Plus any cost recovery or other fee associated with the sewer system.

GCDWR will issue a sewer permit and send a copy to the property owner.

Property Owner is responsible for hiring a contractor to install the service line from the sewer line (or from the existing service line stub if installed) to the building, connect the service line to the building's plumbing and abandon the existing treatment/septic system (contact the Geauga County Health District 440-279-1900 for these requirements). A list of licensed installers is available on the GCDWR website listed above (click on the Sewer tab and then pick Approved Installers). The property owner may also do this work themselves with the understanding that they are responsible for any damage done to the County's sewer system.

Once the permit is issued, the property owner or the installer shall contact GCDWR to schedule an inspection of the service line when it is being installed. The scheduling of the inspection shall occur a minimum of 48 hours (not including Saturdays, Sundays or Holidays) prior to the sewer service line installation. (i.e. an inspection requested on Monday at 9:00 AM cannot occur before Wednesday at 9:00 AM and an inspection called in on Friday at 9:00 AM cannot occur before Tuesday at 9:00 AM).

GCDWR inspector shall be present whenever sewer pipe is being installed or excavation is occurring near the existing sewer line or service stub.

The property owner or installer shall follow all GCDWR rules & regulations for service line connections.