



Applying for a Building Permit?

IS YOUR SEWER LATERAL IN COMPLIANCE?

What you need to know!

BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATION

The City reviews building permit applications for a valid private sewer lateral Certificate of Compliance issued within the last 10 years. If none is on file, compliance with PMC 13.20 is required to protect public health and safety. Construction may proceed during compliance efforts, but final inspections will be held until compliance is achieved.

WHY THIS MATTERS

Aging private sewer laterals can crack and leak, allowing excess water into the sewer system. This can overwhelm the Pinole-Hercules Wastewater Pollution Control Plant, causing:

- Sewer overflows into streets, creeks, and waterways
- Increased treatment costs
- Environmental and public health concerns

ORDINANCE BACKGROUND

Adopted in 2012, the Private Sewer Lateral Ordinance ensures compliance with the City's NPDES permit, required by the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Board.

The City has repaired public sewer lines, but private laterals remain a major source of Inflow and Infiltration (I&I).

WHEN IS THIS REQUIRED

A sewer lateral inspection may be required under certain conditions, including but not limited to:

- Certain building permit applications
- Sale or transfer of property
- City determination that testing, repair, or replacement is necessary for public health and safety

HOW TO COMPLY

If you do not have a current, valid Certificate of Compliance, submit a Sewer Lateral Video Application meeting City standards.

If deficiencies exist, repairs are required. If replacement is needed, obtain a Private Sewer Lateral Permit, complete the work, and pass all tests.

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

Once issued, a Certificate of Compliance remains valid for 10 years, unless a future issue requires re-evaluation.

We appreciate your cooperation in maintaining your property and protecting our community's sewer system.

For more information, visit:
<https://www.pinole.gov/sanitary-sewer-lateral>

