

SECTION 1 – DEFINITIONS

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Unless the context specifically indicates otherwise, the following words and terms, as used in This Guide, shall have the meanings hereinafter designated:

1. **Act.** The Federal Water Pollution Control Act, also known as the Clean Water Act, as amended, 33 U.S.C. 1251, et. seq.
2. **Annexation.** A minor boundary change according to the provisions of ORS Chapter 198.
3. **Applicant.** The person or persons applying for a Public Sewer Extension Permit.
4. **ASTM Specifications.** The Standard specifications or methods of the American Society for Testing and Materials. Unless otherwise stated, it shall refer to the latest adopted revisions of said specifications.
5. **Board.** The Board of County Commissioners of Clackamas County, acting as the governing body of Clackamas County Service District No. 1.
6. **Building Drain.** That part of the lowest piping of a sewerage system which receives the discharge from the drainage pipes inside the walls of the building and conveys it to the building sewer, extending five (5) feet outside the building wall.
7. **Building Sewer.** The extension from the building drain to the service connection.
8. **Capital Improvement(s).** Facilities or assets used for the purpose of providing sanitary sewerage collection, transmission, treatment and/or disposal.
9. **Capital Improvement Plan.** The Capital Improvement Plan adopted by the District and any updates of the plan.
10. **Cleanout.** A sealed aperture permitting access to a sewer pipe for cleaning purposes.
11. **Collection Sewer Charge.** A proportionate share of the cost of installation of the sanitary sewers.
12. **Combined Sewer System.** A conduit or system of conduits in which both sewage and storm water are transported.
13. **Commercial User.** Any user of the sanitary sewer who is neither a residential nor industrial user.
14. **Contractor.** A person duly licensed or approved by the State of Oregon and the District to perform the type of work to be done under a permit or contract issued by the District.
15. **Conveyance System.** The sanitary sewer conveyance system includes all gravity mains, force mains, pumping or lift facilities, manholes and related facilities.
16. **County.** Clackamas County, Oregon.
17. **Day.** A continuous twenty-four (24) hour period from 12:01 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

18. **Department of Environmental Quality, or DEQ.** The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, or where appropriate, the term may also be used as a designation of the Regional Water Management Division Director or other duly authorized official of said agency.
19. **Developer.** An individual or organized group of partnerships, corporations, etc. proposing to subdivide or improve land which will contribute sewage to the District.
20. **Development.** The act of conducting a building operation, or making a physical change in the use or appearance of a structure or land, which increases the usage of any capital improvements or which creates the need for additional capital improvements.
21. **Director.** The Director of Water Environment Services, a Department of Clackamas County.
22. **District.** Clackamas County Service District No. 1 – A County service district organized under ORS Chapter 451.
23. **District’s Engineer.** A Professional Engineer (P.E.) registered with the State of Oregon and selected by the Director.
24. **Domestic Sewage.** Sewage derived from the ordinary living processes free from industrial wastes and of such character as to permit satisfactory disposal without special treatment into the District sewerage system.
25. **Dwelling Unit.** A living unit with kitchen facilities including those in multiple dwellings, apartment, hotels, motels, mobile homes, or trailers.
26. **Easement.** Areas along the line of all public sewers which are outside of dedicated road rights-of-way, and shall be prepared on forms granting rights along the line of the sewer to the District.
27. **Emergency Work.** Work which must be performed immediately to insure the safety and health of the Public or the environment.
28. **Engineer.** A registered professional engineer licensed to practice in the State of Oregon by The Oregon Board Of Engineering Examiners.
29. **Environmental Protection Agency, or EPA.** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, or where appropriate the term may also be used as a designation for the Administrator or other duly authorized official of said agency.
30. **Equivalent Dwelling Unit, or EDU.** A unit of measurement of sewer usage which is assumed to be equivalent to the usage of an average dwelling unit.
31. **Government Agency.** Any municipal or quasi-municipal corporation, state or federal agency.
32. **Industrial User.** Any person who discharges industrial waste into the District sewerage system.
33. **Industrial Waste.** Any liquid, gaseous, radioactive or solid waste substance, or a combination thereof, resulting from any process of industry, manufacturing, trade or business, or from the development or recovery of any natural resources, or as defined by the Oregon State Department of Environmental Quality or the United States Environmental Protection Agency, exclusive of domestic sewage.

34. **Inspector.** For the purposes of This Guide, a person designated by the District to inspect public sewer extensions and service connections to be connected to the District sewerage system.
35. **Installer.** Either the owner of the property being served or a contractor doing work in connection with the installation of a service connection or building sewer under a permit from the District or the County.
36. **Lateral Sewer.** Any public sewer which has a primary purpose of serving adjacent property (normally eight (8) inches in diameter). The lateral sewers are located within public right-of-way or easements.
37. **Local Collection Facilities.** All sewerage facilities that are owned, operated and maintained by a city which collect and convey sewage to the District sewerage system.
38. **May.** The word “may” is permissive.
39. **Owner.** Owner of record of real property as shown on the latest tax rolls or deed records of the County, and includes a person who furnishes evidence he/she is purchasing a parcel of property under written recorded or unrecorded land sale contract.
40. **Performance Bond Agreement.** An agreement signed by the Applicant containing all assurances deemed necessary by the District that all public improvements will be constructed in accordance the Approved plans and Specifications.
41. **Permit.** Any authorization required pursuant to the regulation of the District for connection of facilities to the public sewerage system and/or continued discharge of sewage to the public sewerage system.
42. **Person.** Any individual, public or private corporation, political subdivision, governmental agency, municipality, industry, partnership, association, firm, trust or any other legal entity.
43. **Plans.** Construction plans, including system plans, sewer plans and profiles, cross section, detailed drawings, etc., or reproductions thereof, approved or to be approved by the District, which show the location, character, dimensions and details for the work to be done.
44. **Private Collection System.** A privately owned and maintained sewer system installed to serve multiunit structures on single ownership properties, which cannot legally be further divided, such as apartments, mobile home parks and schools or installed in commercial or industrial subdivisions. A single family residence with an unattached garage or shop with sanitary facilities is exempt from this definition.
45. **Private Sanitary Sewer Easement.** An easement that grants rights to a private owner to install and maintain a service connection to a public sewer.
46. **Public Right-of-Way.** Any public highway, road, street, avenue, alleyway, public place, public easement, or public right-of-way.
47. **Public Sewer or Public Sewerage System.** Any or any part of the facilities for collection, pumping, treating and disposing of sewage as acquired, constructed, or used by the District within the boundaries of the District.

48. **Public Sanitary Sewer Easement.** Areas along the line of all public sewers which are outside dedicated road right-of-ways granting rights to the District to construct, maintain and connect to a public sewer.
49. **Qualified Public Improvements.** A capital improvement that is: (a) required as a condition of development approval; (b) identified in the District's adopted Capital Improvement Plan pursuant to ORS 223; and (c) not located on or contiguous to a parcel of land that is the subject of the development approval.
50. **Right-of-Way.** All land or interest therein which by deed, conveyance, agreement, easement, dedication, usage or process of law is reserved for or dedicated to the use of the general public for roadway purposes, within which the District shall have the right to install and maintain sewers. (ORS758.010)
51. **Roadway.** All of the right-of-way dedicated, granted, used or to be used, for vehicle movement.
52. **Sanitary Sewer.** A conduit intended to carry liquid and water-carried wastes from residences, commercial buildings, industrial plants and institutions, together with minor quantities of ground, storm, and surface waters that are not admitted intentionally.
53. **Service Connection.** That portion of a private sewer which has been constructed from the public sewer to the edge of the public right-of-way or sewer easement in which the public sewer is located.
54. **Sewage.** The water-carried human, animal, or vegetable wastes from residences, business buildings, institutions, and industrial establishments, together with groundwater infiltration and surface water as may be present. The admixture with sewage of industrial wastes or water shall be considered "sewage" within the meaning of this definition.
55. **Sewage Treatment Plant.** An arrangement of devices, structures, and equipment for treating sewage.
56. **Sewer.** For the purposes of This Guide, unless identified otherwise the word sewer shall mean the Public Sanitary Sewer.
57. **Sewer Extension.** Any extension or addition of the public sanitary sewer.
58. **Shall.** The word "shall" is mandatory.
59. **Storm Sewer.** A sewer designed to carry only storm waters, surface runoff, street washwater or drainage.
60. **Storm Water.** Waters on the surface of the ground or underground resulting from precipitation.
61. **This Guide.** This Guide as adopted, any and all rules and orders adopted pursuant hereto, and any and all amendments to the Guide and such rules or amendments.
62. **Trunk Sewer.** Any public sewer sized and located to serve general topographical areas and lateral sewers (normally twelve (12) inches in diameter or larger). Trunk sewers are located within public right-of-way or easements.
63. **Useful Life.** The period during which a treatment works or other specific facility operates.

64. **Water of the State.** All streams, lakes, ponds, marshes, watercourses, waterways, wells, springs, reservoirs, aquifers, irrigation systems, drainage systems, and all other bodies or accumulations of water, surface or underground, natural or artificial, public or private, which are contained within, flow through, or border upon the State of Oregon or any portion thereof.
65. **Water Environment Services.** A department of Clackamas County responsible for the administration of County service districts engaged in wastewater collection and treatment and surface water management.