

ORDINANCE NO. 58

Mariposa Public Utility District

PRIVATE SEWER LATERAL REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

The Board of Directors of the Mariposa Public Utility District (District) does ordain as follows:

SECTION 1 – Sewer Lateral Replacement

Purpose

The Board of Directors of the District desires to set forth and enact requirements for private sewer lateral repairs and replacement for properties within its jurisdiction. The Ordinance is a tool to mitigate the potential for harmful discharges of untreated wastewater into the environment through leaking or unsound sewer laterals which in turn provides protection for the sewer collection system from inflow and infiltration.

Responsibility

The General Manager and/or the Wastewater System Operations Supervisor shall be responsible for the protection of the sewer collection system and wastewater treatment facility from inflow and infiltration due to aging and unsound sewer laterals. District staff shall also be responsible for enforcement of this Ordinance through notification of Building Permits, Bed & Breakfast and Vacation Rental applications.

SECTION 2 – Definitions

The definitions given in this section shall be used in the interpretation of all provisions of this Ordinance.

2.1 Application shall mean a Mariposa County application for Bed & Breakfast, Vacation Rental or Building Permit.

2.2 Board shall mean the Board of Directors of said District.

2.3 Building Sewer shall mean pipe that is connected to the building drain and extends outside of the building to the building cleanout.

2.4 Contractor shall mean an individual, firm, corporation, partnership, or association duly licensed by the State of California to perform the type of work to be done under the permit.

2.5 District shall mean the Mariposa Public Utility District, Mariposa County, Mariposa, California.

2.6 District Staff shall mean employees of the District.

2.7 Infiltration shall mean groundwater that enters through cracks, joints, or defects in sewer pipes.

2.8 Inflow shall mean water other than sanitary wastewater that enters a sewer system from sources such as roof leaders and yard drains that are illegally connected to the public sewer collection system.

2.9 General Manager shall mean the person or persons appointed by the Board to administer and enforce the rules and regulations of the District.

2.10 Property Owner shall mean the legal person who holds the legal title to a property.

2.11 Public Sewer shall mean a sewer which is controlled by or under the jurisdiction of the District.

2.12 Sanitary Sewer shall mean a sewer which carries sewage and to which storm, surface and ground waters are not intentionally admitted.

2.13 Sewer Lateral shall mean the portion of sewer piping connecting the building sewer to the property line cleanout and is owned and maintained by the property owner.

2.14 Sewer Main shall mean a public sewer designed to accommodate more than one sewer lateral.

2.15 Sewage Treatment Facility shall mean any arrangement of devices and structures used for treatment of sewage.

2.16 Standard Specifications shall mean a document that contains current specifications and drawings that shall govern, guide and control planning, construction, modification and extension of the Districts sanitary sewer collection system, domestic water supply and distribution system.

2.17 Additional Definitions for the purpose of this Ordinance, additional terms shall have the meaning indicated in the Uniform Plumbing Code.

SECTION 3 – Requirements

This Ordinance applies to all public sewer service connections within the District's service area. Work shall conform to the current District Standard Specifications.

3.1 Every Property Owner shall cause an inspection to be conducted of the Sewer Lateral in any one or more of the following circumstances:

- a. Upon issuance of a Building Permit.
- b. Upon application for Bed & Breakfast or Vacation Rental.
- c. The occurrence of one (1) sanitary sewer overflow caused by the sewer lateral.
- d. A change in the use of the structure served by public sewer.

3.2 A Property Owner shall replace the Sewer Lateral if the inspection reveals that the Sewer Lateral does not conform to District's current standards for pipe type, size, sand bedding and shall include a cleanout at the property line. In older homes, the sewer service lateral may consist of orangeburg pipe. If so, the pipe shall be replaced with PVC SDR-35 or equivalent piping. Orangeburg pipe over time deteriorates in the ground and collapses causing sewer stoppages, infiltration, and flooding of homes. The actions required to be taken by the Property Owner in determining whether replacement is required include, but may not be limited to the following:

- a. Expose the sewer lateral in two locations to determine the existing pipe type. Orangeburg pipe shall be replaced, PVC SDR-35 or equivalent is acceptable.
 - i. Condition No. 1 - Orangeburg pipe is detected, or pipe type does not meet current District standards – replace the pipe with PVC SDR-35 or equivalent according to the District's Standard Specifications.
 - ii. Condition No. 2 - PVC pipe is detected – contact the administrative office at 209-966-2515 and request a field inspection of the exposed pipe.
 - iii. Condition No. 3 – Provide video footage from a Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV) inspection that allows the viewer to identify the integrity and type of piping.

SECTION 4 – Inspections

4.1 The District shall require the number of inspections it deems necessary relating to the construction, repair, and replacement of Sewer Laterals.

4.2 The District shall inspect all required work pursuant to this Ordinance. If work does not meet the District's Standard Specifications, the District may order disconnection, or corrective measures to be taken at the expense of the property owner.

4.3 Inspections shall be conducted during normal business hours. The property owner or contractor shall advise the District that work is ready for inspection by giving at least

24 hours' notice during normal business hours in advance of the inspection time requested.

4.4 Deficient work shall be corrected within ten (10) business days to avoid possible disconnection of services.

4.5 The District shall provide the permitting agency notification that project conditions have been met within five (5) business days of the approved inspection.

Section 5 – Enforcement

The Property Owner shall complete one condition from Section 3.2 a. and receive written approval from the District within 6-months from the date of notification of project conditions or risk discontinuation of District provided services.

The foregoing Ordinance was duly passed and adopted by the Directors of the Mariposa Public Utility District, at a regular meeting thereof, held on the **7th** day of **May 2024** by the following vote:

AYES: Directors Bondshu, Finney, and Mock

NOES: Director Dulcich

ABSENT: Director Cleary

Dana L. Finney
Chairman, MPUD Board of Directors

ATTEST:

Susan A. Wages
Clerk, Ex-officio, Secretary