



CARROLL COUNTY GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT POLICY FOR CONNECTION TO SANITARY SEWER PER OHIO ADMINISTRATIVE CODE 3701-29

SEWER ACCESSIBILITY DETERMINATION

Sewer accessibility shall mean that a property has been provided with a lateral, wye, or main line on the property or to the property line, or to a public easement adjacent to the property line.

Additionally, the definition shall also mean that the available sewer and downstream sewerage facilities have capacity to accept the additional flows, and otherwise not be declared not accessible by the authority having jurisdiction over the sewer due to unusual topographical or other exceptional physical conditions. In the case of an existing structure where the sewage treatment system (STS) is operating in accordance with Ohio Law, Ohio Revised Code (ORC) 3718 and Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) 3701-29, the sewer is deemed not accessible when the distance from the sewer to the connection point at the structure is more than 400 feet. However, if the system is not operating in accordance with Ohio Law, the sewer may be deemed accessible to abate a public health nuisance or safety hazard; prevent the pollution of surface or ground water; or to prevent the installation of a discharging STS. When a property has been deemed not accessible, for any reason, written notice shall be sent to the property owner stating such, and copies shall be maintained by the applicable sewer authority and the Board of Health.

- I. **CONNECTION PROCEDURE**—After sanitary sewer is made available, a notice is sent to the property owner from the Carroll County General Health District, giving them 12 months to connect to the sanitary sewer and abandon the STS per OAC 3701-29. If the sewage treatment system is failing, then the procedure for environmental health nuisances must be followed to allow for a timely abatement of the public health nuisance.
- II. If no connection is made in the first 12 months, a Sanitarian Order will be sent to the property owner giving them 120 days to connect to the sanitary sewer and abandon the STS.
- III. If still no connection has been made a Board Order will be issued to the property owner giving the owner 90 days to connect to the sanitary sewer and abandon the STS.
- V. After the above 90 days has expired and connection has not been made, the case will be turned over to the Carroll County Prosecutor for further enforcement action.

CONNECTION TO A PUBLIC SEWER

- I. When a sanitary sewer becomes accessible to a property served by a sewage treatment system (STS), a direct connection shall be made thereto, by and at the expense of the owner, in compliance with the Carroll County General Health District's (CCGHD) **Connection Procedure**. The STS shall be pumped by a registered septage hauler and abandoned in accordance with Ohio Administrative Code 3701-29 within 14 days of connection to the sanitary sewer. This will require an abandonment permit which is issued by the CCGHD.
- II. Within 30 days of the date that the owner of a property served by an eligible STS, receives notification that the sanitary sewer is accessible for connection, the owner may choose to submit a written request for

connection deferment to the CCGHD. The CCGHD will examine the request for eligibility and, if conditions warrant, the requirement to connect to the sanitary sewer may be deferred for a reasonable time not less than 2 years and not more than 10 years.

III. The CCGHD will use the following guidelines in evaluating eligibility for the deferment:

1) Sanitary sewer that becomes available to a property treating wastewater by a NPDES discharging type STS may be relieved of connecting to the public system until the STS is no more than five (5) years in age from the date of its approval by the CCGHD at installation, provided it is operated in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. The deferment of five (5) years will be counted from the time of system installation approval and not when the public sewer becomes available. However, if less than two years remain on the five (5) year period when sewer becomes available, the property owner may be relieved for two (2) years. Any system not operated in accordance with the law or that creates a public health nuisance shall forfeit the deferment.

2) Sanitary sewer that becomes available to a property treating wastewater by a non-discharging, soil absorption type STS may be relieved of connecting to the public system until the STS is no more than ten (10) years in age from the date of its approval by the Health Department at installation, provided it is operated in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. The deferment of ten (10) years would start at the time of system installation approval and not when the public sewer becomes available. However, if less than two years remain on the ten (10) year period when sewer becomes available, the property owner may be relieved for two (2) years. Any system not operated in accordance with the law or that creates a public health nuisance shall forfeit the deferment.

IV. Eligibility for deferment will be determined by the CCGHD, in consultation and may be declined based on the factors listed below:

1) The system is creating a public health nuisance as defined by the Ohio Revised Code 3718.

2) The system has not been operated in accordance with Ohio Revised Code 3718 and Ohio Administrative Code 3701-29.

V. Properties for which deferment is declined or any system for which connection has been deferred and is not operated in accordance with the law or that creates a public health nuisance shall have the deferment revoked and be required to connect to the sanitary sewer.

VI. Any property for which connection has been deferred, upon conveyance to a new owner, shall be connected to the sanitary sewer within sixty (60) days of the conveyance or sixty (60) days of possession, whichever is later.

VII. Disposal of Septic Tank and Holding Tank Wastes

1) No person, firm, or corporation shall discharge septic tank or holding tank wastes into any water course or storm sewer.

2) No person, firm, or corporation shall discharge septic tank or holding tank wastes into any manhole or other appurtenance of any sewer which discharges either directly or indirectly into the sewage facilities.

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Dr. W.S. Stine, Board President

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Date