COUNCIL POLICY

NAME: Sewer Service Area – Boundary Extension for Health Hazard where Pump Station Required

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POLICY

Extend the boundaries of the Sewer Service Area to include those properties that meet all of the following five conditions, provided the property owners agree to pay all capital costs for the installation of the pump station and connecting sewer line and to operate and maintain the pump station at their own expense:

1. The Vancouver Island Health Authority has given notice to Saanich that a health hazard exists as the result of a malfunctioning sewage disposal system and there is no other acceptable method of sewage disposal;
2. The building on the property is located such that sewage must be pumped to be discharged and cannot be discharged into the sewer system by means of gravity flow;
3. The property either abuts or is across the street from the present boundary of the Sewer Service Area;
4. An existing sewer line abuts the property; and,
5. The Director of Engineering or his/her designate has determined that there is adequate capacity in the existing sewer system to handle the additional flow from the property.

BACKGROUND

Prior to 1980 it was Council’s policy to extend the boundaries of the Sewer Service Area to include only those properties which could be serviced by gravity flow. In the interest of public health and safety, Council adopted this new policy in 1980 to address those situations where health hazards exist and the buildings can only be connected to the sewer system by means of on-site lift stations.

See Also: Sanitary Sewer Bylaw, 2006, No. 8792
Official Community Plan Policies
Council and Administrative Sewer Service Area Policies