

## CHAPTER 2

**SEWER**

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- 7-2-1: **DEFINITIONS:** For the purposes of this chapter, the following words or phrases are defined as follows:

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR:	The town public works director or his duly authorized representative.
SEWER SERVICE LINE:	The line running from the town sewer main to the structure or property to be served.
TOWN:	The town of LaGrange, Wyoming. (Ord. 45, 3-4-2004)

7-2-2: **PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR:**

- A. Office Created: There is hereby created the office of the public works director.
- B. Appointment: The public works director shall be appointed by the mayor by and with the consent of the town council.
- C. Qualifications: The public works director shall have such required certification as shall be necessary for the faithful performance of the duties of his office. He shall not engage in or be in any manner interested in the business of a plumber.
- D. Duties:
  - 1. Compliance With Rules And Regulations: The public works director shall see that the construction, maintenance and control of the plumbing, drainage and ventilation of all buildings in the town shall conform to and comply with the rules and regulations of this chapter. (Ord. 45, 3-4-2004)
  - 2. Approval Of Plans: All plans filed with the town clerk, as herein-after provided, shall be submitted to the public works director for his approval. (Ord. 45, 3-4-2004; amd. 2011 Code)
  - 3. Management Of System: As such public works director, he shall have charge and management of the town sewer system and all property belonging or pertaining thereto, and shall see that the system is kept properly cleaned and in good working order and repair. He shall perform all such duties in connection with such system as shall be required of him by the town council. (Ord. 45, 3-4-2004)

4. Inspections: The public works director shall have the authority to inspect the plumbing in houses in the course of erection, undergoing alteration or repair as often as may be necessary, and shall see that all work for plumbing, drainage and ventilation is done in accordance with the provisions of the ordinances of the town. (Ord. 62, 9-10-2015)

5. Notations: The public works director shall note on all plans and specifications submitted to him, whether approved or rejected, whether for new or old buildings, notations of the plumbing or want of plumbing and sewer connections in each such building as will enable his successors to trace sources of filth in cases of sickness and to enforce the best sanitary conditions. Plans shall be approved or rejected within three (3) days from the receipt thereof. (Ord. 45, 3-4-2004; amd. 2011 Code)

- E. Authority: The public works director shall have the right and power, where a building is under construction or being remodeled, to enter and examine all work pertaining to plumbing at any time and shall have the power to stop any and all work not complying with the regulations of this chapter and other ordinances of the town.
- F. Interference Or Obstruction: Any person refusing to allow such right of entry or who hinders or obstructs the public works director in carrying out the power conferred by this section shall be brought before the town council. (Ord. 45, 3-4-2004)

**7-2-3: PLUMBING OR SEWERAGE CONDITIONS CONSTITUTING A NUISANCE:**

- A. Complaint; Examination By Public Works Director: Whenever it shall come to the knowledge of the public works director or complaint shall be made that the plumbing in any building constitutes a nuisance or is contrary to the requirements of the appropriate ordinances of the town or is faulty in construction or liable to injure the health of the occupants or occupants of the neighborhood or upon the request of any owner, agent or occupant of any building, the public works director shall examine the plumbing in any such building.
- B. Report To Council; Notice To Owner: The public works director shall report his findings to the town council and suggest such changes as may be necessary to make the same conform to existing rules, and the town council shall thereupon notify the owner or agent of any

such building of the changes which are necessary in the water or sewerage plumbing.

- C. Failure To Comply: Upon the failure or refusal of such owner or agent to make such changes within the time prescribed by the town council, which must be for a reasonable time, the public works director shall file a complaint with the town council. (Ord. 45, 3-4-2004)

7-2-4:           **APPROVAL OF TAPPER:** By and with the consent of the town council, the public works director shall approve a contractor for the town and such other assistants as the council may authorize. He shall be held responsible for the fidelity of his approvals and may remove any person approved by him for any reason that he may deem proper. (Ord. 45, 3-4-2004)

7-2-5:           **OUTDOOR PRIVIES:** The use of outdoor privies is prohibited. Porta-pots can be approved by a town official for a temporary service or special event. (Ord. 62, 9-10-2015)

7-2-6:           **CONNECTION REQUIRED:** Every person, firm, corporation, and association within the town, if it is possible to do so, shall be required to connect their residence, business or industrial property to the town sewerage disposal system and no septic tank or cesspool shall be operated or maintained within the incorporated limits of the town. (Ord. 45, 3-4-2004)

7-2-7:           **PUBLIC POLICY:** For the protection of the welfare, health and safety of the town and for the purpose of providing funds for the repayment of the sewerage loans, including principal and interest, and to provide for the costs of maintenance and operation of the sanitary sewage system of the town, it is hereby declared to be the public policy of the town that the use of its sanitary sewerage system should be regulated and uniform rates and charges provided. (Ord. 45, 3-4-2004)

7-2-8:           **ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS:**

- A. Designated: The public works director, the town clerk and other authorized employees of the town shall be and they are hereby dele-



gated as administrative officers for the purpose of carrying this chapter in effect.

- B. Right Of Entry: Every customer using the sewer system of this town shall permit the public works director or his duly authorized agent, at all hours of the day between seven o'clock (7:00) A.M. and six o'clock (6:00) P.M., to enter his premises for the inspection of sewer drains, pipes and items used in connection with the town sewerage system. (Ord. 45, 3-4-2004; amd. Ord. 79, 6-8-2023)

**7-2-9: TAP FEES:**

The town of LaGrange, Wyoming shall charge a sewer tap fee for the use of its sanitary sewer system.

- A. The rate schedule for the sewer tap fee for any new connection and/or reconnection shall be set by the LaGrange Town Council on an annual basis prior to the annual budget. The rate schedule policy will be kept in the office of the Town Clerk.
- B. The tap fee shall be paid in full at the time a permit for connection is granted or the fee may be paid in twelve (12) monthly installments with the first installment being paid at the time a permit for connection is granted with each additional payment being made for the next consecutive eleven (11) months.
- C. Connection will be made within twelve (12) months of the initial payment and approval of permit application. Permit will be voided after twelve (12) months without refund of initial payment. A onetime extension for an additional year may be considered by the town council at the cost of ten percent (10%) of the current tap fee. (Ord. 62, 9-10-2015; amd. Ord. 79, 6-8-2023)

**7-2-10: STUBS AND SERVICE LINES:**

Any town customer contracting for sewer service shall be required to pay the full cost of labor and materials for the installation of the sewer service "stub" from the sewer main to his property line, shall pay the tap fee provided for in section 7-2-9 of this chapter, and shall, of course, be required to pay the regular monthly service charges. (Ord. 45, 3-4-2004)

**7-2-11: SERVICE CHARGES:**

The town of LaGrange, Wyoming, shall make the following service charges for the use of its sanitary sewage system:

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- A. **Monthly Minimum Charge:** The monthly minimum charge for sewer service shall be as follows:
1. **Single-Family Dwellings:** Twenty dollars (\$20.00).
  2. **Multi-Family Dwelling** per unit on the same hook-up: Twenty dollars (\$20.00).
  3. **Commercial Property:** Twenty dollars (\$20.00). All over ten thousand (10,000) gallons will be subject to review by the town of LaGrange.
  4. **Mobile Home Park:** Mobile Home park with two (2) or more hookups on one meter will be charged for each filled space (connected or not): Twenty dollars (\$20.00).
  5. **Public School:** The public school shall pay a monthly fee of one hundred five dollars and twenty five cents (\$105.25).
  6. **Frontier School of the Bible:** The average daily occupancy of its dormitories shall be ascertained for the preceding school year. This daily average enrollment figure shall be divided by seven (7), and multiplied by twenty dollars (\$20.00). The resultant number shall be the monthly minimum payable by the bible school for each dormitory. As to buildings other than dormitories, the monthly service charge shall be twenty dollars (\$20.00) per month for each building or apartment. (Ord. 45A-4, 10-10-2013)
- B. **Due Date:** The foregoing charges shall be due and payable, whether the premises are vacant or occupied, on or before the twentieth day of each month for the sewer service for the preceding calendar month. All payments made toward the monthly utility billing of water, sewer and garbage will be applied to the balance incurred for all utilities. Any unpaid balance is a delinquency in payment of all utilities.
- C. **Annual Payment:** If any customer chooses to pay the entire utility service including water, sewer and garbage on an annual basis, a discount fee of two percent (2%) will be given to the customer at time of payment.
- D. **Delinquency:** If any customer fails to pay the monthly minimum charge, when the same is due, under the terms of this section, the town shall have the right to charge a recurring ten percent (10%) service charge on the unpaid balance of the entire bill after the first month of delinquency.

- E. Annual Review: The town council, on an annual basis, shall review the income from its sanitary sewer systems, its bond debt service requirements, its operation and maintenance costs, and if necessary, it may require an increased rate for sanitary sewer usage by the consumers. The rate schedules for sewer service shall be set by the LaGrange Town Council on an annual basis prior to the annual budget. The rate schedule policy will be kept in the office of the Town Clerk.
- F. Disconnection: After the third month of delinquency, the customer's water service to the premises shall be disconnected and no further sewer or water service shall be provided to such customer until all delinquencies have been paid in full.
- G. Resumption Of Service; Civil Action: Prior to the resumption of service, the customer shall pay unto the town a fee which will include all associated disconnection and reconnection costs as stated in the Disconnection; Reconnection Rate Policy. In addition, thereto, the town shall have the right to take civil action as permitted by law. Reconnection fees will be waived if delinquent accounts are paid in full within two (2) business days of disconnection. (Ord. 62, 9-10-2015; amd. Ord. 67, 5-9-2019; Ord. 79, 6-8-2023)

**7-2-12: DAMAGE TO PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT OF SEWER UTILITY:**

It shall be unlawful for any person to in any way damage any property, equipment or appliance, constituting or being a part of the town sewer utility. (Ord. 45, 3-4-2004)

**7-2-13: TRESPASS, INTERFERENCE, DEPOSIT OF REFUSE:**

It shall be unlawful for any person to trespass upon the property of the town, to tap any sewer main or to make any connection therewith, to deposit any type of refuse in manholes, or in any manner to interfere with the town or the property, equipment, manholes, piping or appliances of the town sewerage system. (Ord. 45, 3-4-2004)

**7-2-14: CONNECTION WITH SEWER LINES OR SEWER MAINS:**

It shall be unlawful for any person to make any connection with or extend any sewer pipeline or sewer equipment or sewer main which forms a part of the sewer

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utility of the town except pursuant to and in accordance with the permit required by this chapter. When installed, and until used, the open ends of all sewer services shall be supplied with a tightfitting cap to prevent the escape of sewer gas and the infiltration of water. (Ord. 45, 3-4-2004)

**7-2-15: PERMIT REQUIRED TO CONNECT TO OR OPEN TOWN SEWERS:**

No person shall make any connection to, uncover, or open any town sewer without first obtaining a permit therefor from the town clerk. (Ord. 45, 3-4-2004)

**7-2-16: SEWER PERMIT:**

- A. Application: Any person desiring to make any connection to the sewer utility or any enlargement of any sewer service line shall obtain the sewer permit from the town clerk to be completed and submitted to the town council for approval.
- B. Required Information: All such permits must contain the name and address of the person making the connection or excavation, a description of the property to be connected, the kind and size of the service line, the kind of fixtures to be served, the location of the tap to the town sewer main and the size of the tap.
- C. Fees: No permit shall be issued unless the fees prescribed by the town are tendered when submitting the permit for approval. (Ord. 45, 3-4-2004)

**7-2-17: SEWER SERVICES ON PRIVATE PROPERTY:**

The sewer service line from the property line to the building or structure to be served shall be installed by the property owner at the property owner's expense. (Ord. 45, 3-4-2004)



**7-2-18: SEWER SERVICE LINE:****A. Size And Construction Generally:**

1. Size: The normal size of any sewer service line shall be not less than four inches (4") nor more than six inches (6") in diameter inside of the pipe and pipe shall meet the material requirements of ASTM specification D 3034, and thickness requirements of SDR-35. Each joint shall be constructed with a rubber ring inserted into the internal bell end of the pipe. A nontoxic lubricant shall be used to assemble the pipe and fittings. Each length of pipe and all fittings shall contain the following information marked clearly in the exterior of the pipe:

ASTM-D-3034

Manufacturer's name or trademark

Nominal pipe size

PVC cell classification

Type PSM SDR-35

or such pipe and materials as may be approved by the town council. All new service lines, as well as line exposed for alteration or repair, shall have installed a backwater device to prevent the backflow of sewage. (Ord. 62, 9-10-2015)

2. Disconnection: Once service has been established, no sewer user shall be permitted to disconnect his premises unless the dwelling house or commercial building is removed from the lot, in which event, he shall not be permitted to take up that portion of the service line between the main and the property line; but at his expense, the sewer service from the property line to the premises shall be dug up, cut and tightly capped and all of the service line from the main to such cap shall remain in the ground and remain the property of the town.

3. Replacement Of Old Service Lines: New service lines to replace existing services shall not be approved by the town until old service lines are dug up and properly capped. Such cap shall be sufficiently tight to prevent the escaping of sewer gas or the infiltration of water. (Ord. 29A, 12-13-2007)

- B. Fall: All sewer service lines shall be laid with a fall, or grade, so that velocities in the service lines, when flowing full will not be less than two feet (2') per second. Where sufficient total fall is available, the minimum grade or fall of one-fourth inch ( $\frac{1}{4}$ " ) per foot shall be used.
- C. Depth: All service lines shall be laid at least three feet six inches (3'6") below the established grade.
- D. Excavation And Backfilling: All excavation and backfill in the street or alley shall be in conformity with this chapter and other ordinances of the town. (Ord. 45, 3-4-2004)
- E. Foreign Objects: The inside of every sewer service line connecting with the sewer utility must be left smooth and perfectly clean throughout its entire length, and the ends of all lines not to be immediately used must be securely guarded against the introduction of earth, sand or other foreign materials by watertight cap. (Ord. 62, 9-10-2015)

7-2-19:       **CONNECTION WITH SEWER UTILITY:** Each property shall be served by its own sewer service line and no connection shall be made by extending the service from one property to another property. All plumbing fixtures in any building or structure on any land adjoining, abutting or reasonably near any street or alley or other place through which there is a sewer of the sanitary sewer utility of the town shall be connected to the same by the owner of the property upon notice from the public works director, which notice shall be served upon the owner of such property by registered mail to his last known address. (Ord. 45, 3-4-2004)

7-2-20:       **CONNECTION OF SANITARY SEWER WITH STORM DRAINS, DOWNPOUTS, STEAM EXHAUSTS:** It shall be unlawful to connect any stormwater drains, downspouts, subsurface drainage systems or steam exhausts or blowoff from a steam boiler to the sanitary sewer system. (Ord. 45, 3-4-2004)

7-2-21:       **PROHIBITED DEPOSITS:** The discharge of any waters containing toxic or poisonous solids, liquids or gases in sufficient quantity, either singly or by interaction with other wastes, to contaminate the sludge of any municipal systems, or to injure or interfere with any sewage treatment process, constitute a hazard to humans or animals, create a public nuisance, or create any hazard in or have an adverse effect

on the waters receiving any discharge from the treatment works is hereby prohibited. (Ord. 45, 3-4-2004)

**7-2-22: BLOCKAGE:**

No person shall throw, deposit or cause or permit to be deposited in any vessel or receptacle connected with the sewer utility any rags, trash, or similar improper material whatsoever which might cause a blockage in the sewer line. The town shall not be responsible for any damage resulting from blockage of a sewer line because of the deposit of improper materials in the system. (Ord. 45, 3-4-2004)

**7-2-23: SAND AND GREASE TRAPS:**

All filling stations, restaurants, cafeterias, garages and similar places having was or grease racks connected with the sewer utility must have a sand or grease trap of suitable size and construction to be determined by a qualified plumber under the direction of the public works director. Table top units are not allowed. (Ord. 62, 9-10-2015; amd. Ord. 79, 6-8-2023)

**7-2-24: DUTY TO MAINTAIN SERVICE LINES AND FIXTURES:**

The owner of any property connecting to the town sewer utility shall be responsible for the maintenance of the sewer service line from the property line to the structure to be served and shall keep this line in good condition and, at his expense shall keep all pipes, fixtures and appliances on his property tight and in good working order. (Ord. 45, 3-4-2004)

**7-2-25: AGREEMENT TO RULES OF SEWER UTILITY:**

No person may be served by the sewer utility unless he agrees to abide by all rules and regulations of the town pertaining to such service. (Ord. 45, 3-4-2004)

**7-2-26: FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH RULES:**

If any user fails to pay the charges for sewer service when due or fails to comply with the rules and regulations of the town regarding the sewer utility, or uses his service for purposes not authorized, the town may disconnect water service and/or disconnect the sewer service until the sewer user has paid the required charges or is in compliance. (Ord. 45, 3-4-2004)

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**7-2-27: DRAINAGE SPECIFICATIONS:**

The construction, maintenance and control of plumbing, drainage, and ventilation of all buildings in the town shall conform to and comply with the state uniform building code. (Ord. 45, 3-4-2004)

**7-2-28: BOOSTER PUMPS, PRESSURE PUMPS AND LIFT STATIONS:**

No person, firm or corporation shall attach a booster pump, pressure pump or lift station of any nature whatsoever to the service lines of the town or to any distribution lines upon any premises without prior notice to and written approval from the town. (Ord. 51, 1-8-2009)

**7-2-29: FAILURE TO PAY TAP FEE:**

- A. Failure To Pay Installment: If a tap fee or hookup fee is payable in installments, as provided for in section 7-2-9 of this chapter, and any person, firm or corporation fails to pay any installment when the same is due, the entire remaining balance of the tap fee or hookup charge shall immediately become due and payable.
- B. Delinquency: In the event that any tap or hookup charge is not paid by the payment date fixed under section 7-2-11 of this chapter, then the delinquent customer shall be liable to the town for the total delinquency together with a penalty of ten percent (10%) of the delinquent charge, and all costs of collection including a reasonable attorney fee incurred. (Ord. 45, 3-4-2004)
- C. Disconnection; Reconnection: Furthermore, in the event any tap or hookup charge levied under section 7-2-9 of this chapter is not paid by the payment date fixed under section 7-2-11 of this chapter, then water service to the premises shall immediately be disconnected and no further service to the premises shall be provided to such customer until all delinquencies shall have been fully paid. Prior to the resumption of service, the customer shall pay a fee to the town which will include all associated disconnection and reconnection costs. (Ord. 62, 9-10-2015)

**7-2-30: PENALTY:**

Except where the penalty is expressly provided for in one of the preceding sections, any person, firm, corporation, or association violating any provision of this chapter shall, upon conviction, be subject to penalty as provided in section 1-4-1 of this code. (Ord. 45, 3-4-2004; amd. 2011 Code)