


CITY COMMISSION POLICY

GRAND RAPIDS  MICHIGAN	NUMBER: 1000-09	HISTORY
	DATE: May 11, 1976	FILE # DATE
	FILE NUMBER: 30270	
	DEPARTMENT: Engineering	

SUBJECT: **EXTENSION OF WATER AND SEWER FACILITIES**

PURPOSE: Extension of water and sewer facilities to serve properties within the City in cases where there is not a front footage majority in favor.

POLICY:

Background

In some cases, property owners who do not have City water or sanitary sewer facilities serving their properties find it necessary-

1. to provide a new individual water and/or waste water disposal system such as is the case of a new building, or
2. to repair or replace at considerable expense the existing individual water and/or waste water disposal system.

Such property owners may desire to connect to the City water and/or sewer facilities if they were available in prefer to avoid the double expense of installing or repairing their individual systems and later paying for the City water and sanitary sewer facilities when they are installed.

Policy

- A. When a property is not served by public watermains and the owner of an existing structure requests water service because of a failure of his present system, the City may extend the watermain to serve said property at the expense of the Water Supply Fund under the following conditions:
1. The requesting property is within 500 feet of an existing watermain.
 2. As shown by a poll of the other properties affected by the proposed extension, a majority of the front footage is opposed to the project.

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3. There is reasonable expectation that newly constructed or existing properties not presently desiring service will request such service in the foreseeable future as determined by the City Commission.
- B. When a property is not served by a public watermain and the owner desires to construct a new structure thereon and requests water service, the City may extend the watermain to serve said property at the expense of the Water Supply Fund under the following conditions:
1. The results of an assessment hearing for watermain do not result in a majority in favor of the watermain extension and the City Commission finds no justification for declaring the project necessary for reason of public health, safety and welfare under special assessment procedures.
 2. There is a reasonable expectation that newly constructed or existing properties not presently desiring service will request such service in the foreseeable future as determined by the City Commission.
 3. The proposed extension can be engineered and planned to fulfill future development needs in the area either in regard to the abutting properties or in regard to properties beyond the present extension.
- C. When a property is not served by a public sanitary sewer and the owner of an existing structure requests sanitary sewer service because of failure of his existing waste water disposal system, the City may extend the sanitary sewer to serve said property at the expense of the Waste Water Disposal Fund under the following conditions:
1. The requesting property may be served by gravity flow and is within 500 feet of the existing sanitary sewer.
 2. As shown by a poll of the other properties affected by the proposed extension, a majority of front footage is opposed to the sewer extension project.
 3. There is a reasonable expectation that newly constructed or existing properties not presently desiring service will request such service in the foreseeable future as determined by the City Commission.
- D. When a property is not served by a public sanitary sewer and the owner desires to construct a new structure thereon and requests sanitary sewer service, the City may extend the sanitary sewer to serve said property at the expense of the Waste Water Disposal Fund under the following conditions:
1. The requesting property may be served by gravity flow and is within 500 feet of the existing sanitary sewer.

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2. The results of an assessment hearing for a sanitary sewer service do not result in a majority in favor of the sanitary sewer extension and the City Commission finds no justification for declaring the project necessary for reason of public health, safety, and welfare under special assessment procedures.
 3. There is a reasonable expectation that newly constructed or existing properties not presently desiring service will request such service in the foreseeable future as determined by the City Commission.
 4. The proposed extension can be engineered and planned to fulfill future development needs in the area either in regard to the abutting properties or in regard to properties beyond the present extension.
- E. The requesting property owner shall agree to pay the prevailing front footage rate and other applicable charges in the City Code at such time that the extension is made. When property owners connect who have not shared in the expense of the watermain or sanitary sewer extension, they shall pay the front footage and other applicable charges as provided in the City Code.
- F. If an assessment hearing is held for the watermain and/or sanitary sewer extension, and there is not a majority of the front footage in favor of the project, the City Commission may declare the project necessary for reasons of health, safety, or welfare and extend the watermain and/or sanitary sewer by using special assessment procedures.
- G. It is understood that certain special conditions may exist at a particular time which may make it impossible to adhere to this general policy.