

**THE CORPORATION OF THE  
CITY OF WHITE ROCK  
BYLAW 396**

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A Bylaw to regulate connections to sewers and drains and to impose sewer connection and rental charges.

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Consolidated as of June 2008

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WHEREAS it is expedient that all land or real property within the City, which is capable of being drained into a sewer or drain, should be so connected as soon as possible.

AND WHEREAS it is necessary to impose a sewer connection charge to defray the cost of laying connecting pipes from sewers to land on which buildings or structures are situate, and also to charge a sewer rental where a sewer connection has been installed to the property.

AND WHEREAS the Council is empowered in that regard by sections 531 and 532 of the "Municipal Act".

NOW THEREFORE the Council ENACTS as follows:

1. In this By-law, unless the context otherwise requires:  
"City" means the City of White Rock.

"Collector" means the Collector duly appointed by the Council under section 366A of the "Municipal Act".

"Council" means the City Council of the Corporation of the City of White Rock.

"Flush" shall include "urinal".

"Owner" shall include an agent duly authorized in writing by the owner to act on his behalf.

"Sanitary services" shall include bath tubs, laundry tubs, kitchen sinks, hand sinks, toilets, water closets, shower baths and foot baths.

"Sewer" means and shall include any sewer upon, or under, any public street, lane, right-of-way, or easement, which sewer is owned or maintained by the Council whether laid by it or any other person whomsoever.

"Sewer connection" means the sewer connecting pipe from the property line along any street, lane, right-of-way, or easement, to the sewer, which connection is owned or maintained by the Council whether laid by it or any other person whomsoever.

"Superintendent" means the Superintendent of Public Works duly appointed by the Council.

2. For the purposes of this By-law, the Collector shall have charge of the rating of all buildings and premises served by the sewerage system, and the Superintendent shall have charge and control of all properties and works in connection with the aforesaid system, and of all engineering and mechanical work in connection therewith.

3. The owner of every parcel of real property on which a building or structure is situate shall connect his building or structure to the appropriate sewer in the manner prescribed in this By-law.
- 4.(a) In the event of any owner failing to connect his building or structure to the appropriate sewer within thirty days of being called upon in writing by the Superintendent to do so, the Superintendent may have the work done at the expense of any such owner and the City may recover the expense thereof with interest at the rate of six per centum per annum, with costs in like manner as municipal taxes. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any owner failing to connect his building or structure to the appropriate sewer within the aforesaid period of thirty days shall be liable to the penalties provided by this By-law.
- 4.(b) The notice required to be given in this section shall be sufficiently given if sent by double registered mail to the owner at the address shown as the owners on the last revised Assessment Roll of the City.
5. ~~All applications for the installation of a sewer connection shall be made to the Collector by the owner who shall, at the time of application execute an agreement with Council, which application and agreement shall be in the form contained in Schedule "A" to this By law. The owner shall on making application as aforesaid, pay to the Collector the sum of One Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$150) as a connection fee, and a further sum of Five Dollars (\$5.00) as a inspection fee. If the Superintendent approves the said application he will as soon as convenient thereafter, provide and lay, free of cost, a sewer connection from the appropriate sewer to the street line or boundary of the owner's property; provided, however, that where the distance from the nearest sewer, by which service can be given, to the boundary line of the applicant's property exceeds One Hundred (100) feet, the sum payable for such connection shall be the actual cost of the work plus ten per cent (10%) thereof; and the difference between the actual cost of the work plus ten per cent (10%) thereof and the sum of Ninety Dollars (\$90) paid with the application shall be paid forthwith by the owner and before connection is made at the property line. If the Superintendent does not approve the said application he shall notify the owner accordingly, and the Collector shall refund the fees paid. (Amended / Deleted by Bylaw 1193)~~  
~~All applications for the installation of a sewer connection shall be made by the owner to the Collector in the form contained in Schedule "A" to and forming a part of this By law. The owner shall tender with his application a connection fee of \$950.00 and an inspection fee of \$25.00. Following such payment, the applicant shall receive a sewer connection from the appropriate sewer to the street line or boundary of the applicant's property; except that where the distance from the nearest sewer, from which service can be given, to the boundary line of the applicant's property exceeds 100 feet, the sum payable for such connection shall be the actual cost of the work plus 10% thereof; and the difference between the actual cost of the work plus 10% thereof and the \$950.00 connection fee paid with the application shall be paid forthwith by the owner and before connection is made at the property line. (Amended by Bylaw 1193 & Deleted by Bylaw 1424)~~
5. All applications for the installation of a sewer connection shall be made by the owner to the Collector in the form contained in Schedule "A" to and forming a part of this Bylaw. The owner shall tender with his application a connection fee of \$1,200.00 and an inspection fee of \$50.00. Following such payment, the applicant shall receive a sewer connection from the appropriate sewer to the street line or boundary of the applicant's property; except that where the distance from the nearest sewer, from which service can be given, to the boundary line of the applicant's property exceeds 100 feet, the sum payable for such connection shall be

the actual cost of the work plus 10% thereof; and the difference between the actual cost of the work plus 10% thereof and the \$1,200.00 connection fee paid with the application shall be paid forthwith by the owner and before connection is made at the property line.*(Amended by Bylaw 1424)*

6. The connection fee specified in section 5 aforesaid shall entitle the owner to one ordinary sewer connection, of such size as shall be approved by the Superintendent, for the service of any single house or premises. If more than one connection is required the cost of such additional connections shall be paid by the owner on the basis of the actual cost of the work plus ten per cent (10%).
7. All applications for the installation of a drain connection, other than an ordinary house sewer connection, to a storm-drain shall be made to the Collector by the owner, who shall at the time of application deposit with the Collector a sum estimated to be the cost of providing such services as determined by the Superintendent, and as soon as convenient after the receipt of such sum, the Superintendent shall provide and lay such drain connection. If the cost of providing and laying such drain connection be less than the amount so deposited, the Collector shall repay to the owner the difference between such amount and the amount so deposited, and, if such cost shall exceed the amount so deposited, the owner shall pay such excess forthwith and before the connection is made.
8. No work of any kind connected with the sewerage or drainage systems, either for laying new or repairing of old services shall be done upon or under any streets or lanes in the City by any other than the employees or agents of the Council.
- 9.(a) No person shall make any connection or communication whatsoever to any public or private sewer main or storm drain in the City without first obtaining the consent of the Superintendent.
- 9.(b) No connection shall be made to any public or private sewer unless the existing plumbing intended to be connected is vented in accordance with the City's Plumbing By-law.
10. All sewers from houses or other buildings and from private property shall be constructed by and at the expense of the owner or applicant in accordance with the Council's specification as set out in Schedule "C" to this By-law. For an ordinary dwelling house having one bath, one toilet, and kitchen services, or any of them, the internal diameter of the sewer shall be not less than four (4) inches. Where any house or other building or private property contains a greater number of sanitary services than aforesaid, the sewer shall be of such greater internal diameter as may be specified by the Superintendent.

11. The owner shall notify the Superintendent when any sewer connection or other work carried out under the provisions of this By-Law is ready for inspection and no sewer connection or such other work shall be covered until it has been inspected and approved by the Superintendent. If any such sewer connection or other work has been covered without first having been inspected and approved by the Superintendent, the owner shall when requested by the Superintendent, have such sewer connection or other work uncovered forthwith so that it may be inspected. If such connection or other work is found to be defective or not ready for inspection at the time of the aforesaid notification to the Superintendent, a further notice for inspection must be made to the Superintendent by the owner together with payment of a fee of Five Dollars (\$5.00) to cover the costs of extra inspection.
- 12.(a) All properties which are connected to the sewer shall be classified in accordance with Schedule "B" to this By-law.
- 12.(b) The annual rental set out in Schedule "B" is hereby imposed and levied for such connections supplied by the Council and such annual rental shall be payable at the office of the Collector on the second day of January in each year, and shall form a charge on the real property to or upon which the sewer connection is supplied and may be recovered in the same manner as overdue taxes. Any building or property which contains more than one of the classifications enumerated in Schedule "B" shall be charged for each such classification contained within the building or property.
13. In the case of any property which is connected to the sewer after January 1<sup>st</sup> in any year, the rental to be charged for that year in accordance with Schedule "B" to this By-law shall be a proportionate amount of the full annual rental based on the number of full months remaining in that year.
14. No charge or addition shall be made by any person in the number or description of sanitary services on any premises until notice thereof has been given in writing to, and permission for such change or addition has been obtained from the Superintendent; and, if such change or addition shall occasion a higher rate or rent to be payable, the same shall be paid forthwith, and, if such change shall occasion a lesser rate or rent to be payable, a refund shall be made for a proportionate part of the rate or rent, if previously paid.
15. (a) When any sewer connection has become stopped, application to have it unstopped shall be made by the owner to the Superintendent and the owner shall forthwith deposit with the Collector the sum of Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) which shall be deemed to be not a contract price but merely a provisional charge. The charge for unstopping shall be the actual cost of the work, plus ten percent (10%) thereof and if such charge is less than the sum deposited the Collector shall refund the balance, but if such charge is more than the sum deposited the owner shall pay the additional amount forthwith.

15. (b) In cases where on examination it is estimated that the charge for unstopping and repairing will be in excess of Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) the Superintendent may, before proceeding with the work, demand a deposit of such additional amount as he considers necessary to cover the estimated charge.
15. (c) The Superintendent may direct the return of the deposit to the owner and charge the cost of the work to the Corporation if it is found that the stoppage is due solely to roots originating from trees on City property, or in cases of municipally installed house sewer extensions, or for any other cause for which, in the opinion of the Superintendent, the Corporation may be responsible.
16. When any sewer connection or house sewer extension has become stopped and the Medical Health Officer states that a menace to public health exists by reason thereof, and the owner of the premises served is unable to furnish the deposit required under Section 15(a) of this By-law, or to meet the consequent charges for unstopping and repairing, the owner may sign a statement to that effect and agree to have the said cost of unstopping and repairing charged against the property and collected as ordinary taxes; and thereupon the Superintendent may carry out such unstopping and repairing, the cost thereof, together with the description of the lot, shall be certified by the Superintendent who shall file such certificate with the Collector, and the amount of such cost shall be added to the taxes of such premises on the Collector's Roll, and shall be collected in the same manner as overdue taxes.
17. (a) No person shall connect any roof drains, property drains or rainwater run-off in any way to the sewerage system, or drain or permit to be drained into the sewerage system, any storm water or surface water.
- 17(b) No person shall permit sludge or deposit contained in existing septic tanks to enter the sewer system of the Corporation. Whenever sewer connection is made to premises where a septic tank exists the owner must forthwith discontinue using the septic tank and either (a) remove and dispose of all sludge or deposit and dismantle and remove the said tank; or (b) fill the tank with fresh earth, gravel or sand or coal ashes.
18. The Superintendent or any employee in the Public Works Department may enter at all reasonable times, upon any property for the purpose of inspecting the premises and the sewer and drain pipes, connections, sanitary services and any other apparatus used in connection with such sewerage or drainage systems.
19. No rebate, refund or credit whatsoever of any moneys paid or payable for service shall be made save as hereinbefore provided.
20. No owner of any property shall connect or drain, or attempt to connect or drain, or allow to be connected or drained such property with or into the sewer connection, sewer systems or drainage system otherwise than in accordance with the provisions of this By-law.

21. Any person who violates any of the provisions of this By-law shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable, on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) and costs for each offence.
22. The “Sewer Connection and Rental Charge By-law, 1959, No. 60”; the “Sewer Connection and Rental Charges Amendment By-law, 1959, No. 71”; and the “Sewer Connection and Rental Charges By-law, 1959, No. 60, Amendment By-law, 1961, No. 111” are hereby repealed.
23. This By-law may be cited for all purposes as the “Sewer Connection and Rental Charges By-law, 1970, No. 396”.

RECEIVED FIRST READING on the	13 <sup>th</sup>	day of June	1970
RECEIVED SECOND READING on the	13 <sup>th</sup>	day of June	1970
RECEIVED THIRD READING on the	13 <sup>th</sup>	day of June	1970
RECONSIDERED AND FINALLY ADOPTED on the	27 <sup>th</sup>	day of June	1970

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MAYOR

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CITY CLERK

**THE CORPORATION OF THE  
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**SCHEDULE "A"**

I/WE \_\_\_\_\_  
being the owner(s) of certain premises situated at \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ in the City of White  
Rock, and being:

LOT \_\_\_\_\_ BLOCK \_\_\_\_\_ QUARTER \_\_\_\_\_  
SECTION \_\_\_\_\_ TOWNSHIP \_\_\_\_\_ MAP \_\_\_\_\_

hereby apply for a sewer connection to the said premises, pursuant to  
the following particulars:

Property Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Type of Building \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of Water Closets \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of Urinals \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of rental charges \_\_\_\_\_  
Total annual sewer user charge \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I herewith tender the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to cover the cost of  
such connection and \$ \_\_\_\_\_ as a deposit on the first  
year's sewer user charge and further agree to pay the amount assessed  
against the aforesaid property from time to time in respect to the  
said sewer pursuant to the provisions of the By-laws of the Corporat

I understand that a prorated portion of the above deposit in respect  
of the number of complete months in the period from date of  
connection back to preceding January 1, is refundable to me after  
the connection is made.

DATED AT WHITE ROCK, B. C.

THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF  
\_\_\_\_\_, 19 \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

\_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS OF APPLICANT

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Date connected \_\_\_\_\_ Tax roll No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Legal Description checked \_\_\_\_\_ No. of units \_\_\_\_\_  
Sewer Roll card \_\_\_\_\_ Yearly charge \_\_\_\_\_  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ added to roll number \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Tax roll no. \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Lot \_\_\_\_\_ Plan \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Paid \_\_\_\_\_

SUBMIT ONE COPY OF COMPLETED FORM TO TREASURY DEPT. WHEN PAYING FEES  
AND DEPOSIT.

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**SCHEDULE “B”**

	<u>ANNUAL RENTAL</u>
(1) Each Single-Family Home	\$ 216.00
(2) Each Self-contained Suite	\$ 216.00
(3) Motel (for each unit)	\$ 229.00
(4) Hotels, Rest Homes and Lodging Houses (for each two sleeping rooms or fraction thereof)	\$ 229.00
(5) Liquor outlets (for each flush)	\$ 229.00
(6) Public Recreational Centres and Public Halls (for each flush)	\$ 229.00
(7) Commercial and business establishments (for each flush)	\$ 229.00
(8) Peace Arch District Hospital (per available bed)	\$ 216.00
(9) Schools (for each flush)	\$ 229.00
(10) Coin-Operated Laundries (for each machine)	\$ 140.00

*(Amended by Bylaw 1439, 1490, 1520, 1559, 1588, 1742, 1786, 1811 and 1840)*

# BYLAW 396

## SCHEDULE "C"

### SPECIFICATION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF SANITARY SEWERS

The owner shall furnish all tools, materials and equipment necessary to carry out the work.

(1) MATERIALS:

Main sewers shall be constructed of an impervious pipe with flexible water-tight joints acceptable to the Superintendent. Connections shall be impervious but may be rigid joints acceptable to the Superintendent of Public Works.

(2) TRENCH EXCAVATION:

Trenches shall be excavated to the line and grade designated by the Superintendent. Except for unusual circumstances where approved by the Superintendent, the trench sides shall be excavated vertical and the trench width shall be excavated only to such width as is necessary for adequate working space.

The maximum trench width at the top of the pipe shall normally be the outside diameter of the pipe barrel plus 16". The top width of the trench shall not exceed the outside diameter of the pipe plus 36". The trench shall be kept free from water until joints are made. Surface water shall be diverted so as not to enter the trench.

The owner shall maintain sufficient pumping equipment on the job to ensure that these provisions are carried out. Trenching operations shall not proceed more than 100 feet in advance of pipelaying except with written approval of the Superintendent of Public Works.

(3) TIMBERING AND SHEETING:

The owner shall provide and install timbering and sheeting as necessary to protect workmen, the work and existing buildings, utilities and other properties. All timbering and sheeting shall be removed prior to backfilling. All sheeting below the top of the pipe shall be cut off and left in place. Removal of timbering shall be accomplished in such a manner that there will be no damage to the work or to other properties. All timbering and sheeting shall be to the owner's design and the cost of the work shall be included in the bid price of trenching and backfilling.

(4) PIPE BEDDING:

Pipe Bedding shall provide uniform support to the barrel of the pipe under all conditions and shall be approved in detail by the Superintendent.

(5) GRADES:

Grades shall be carried by means of a taut grade wire supported on firmly set batter boards at intervals of not more than 30 feet. No less than three batter boards set from grade hubs shall be in use at one time. Grades shall be constantly checked and in the event that batter boards do not line up the work shall be stopped until the situation is corrected.

(6) JOINTS AND PIPELAYING:

All joints shall be made in strict accordance with the manufacturer's specifications. All parts of the joint shall be wiped clean immediately before jointing the pipes.

Floating Pipe - Whenever water is excluded from the interior of the pipe, adequate backfill shall be deposited on the pipe between joints to prevent floating. Any pipe which has floated shall be removed from the trench and relaid as directed by the Superintendent of Public Works.

Unsuitable Conditions for Jointing Pipe - No pipe shall be laid in water or on frozen trench bottom, or when in the opinion of the Superintendent the trench conditions or weather is unsuitable for the work. All pipe shall be laid in accordance with the accompanying plans and profiles.

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## SCHEDULE "C"

(7) BACKFILL:

Selected backfill material approved by the Superintendent of Public Works, free from rock, large stones, frozen material, boulders or other unsuitable substances, shall be deposited in the trench uniformly on both sides of the pipe for the full width of the trench and to the horizontal diameter of the full length of the pipe. This backfill material shall be tamped in 4 inch layers and shall be sufficiently damp to permit thorough compaction under and on each side of the pipe to provide support free from voids.

Additional selected backfill material shall be deposited between pipe joints to an average depth of 12 inches over the top of the pipe.

The balance of the backfill shall contain no rock, stones or boulders larger than 8 inches in its greatest dimension and shall be free from brush or any other perishable or objectionable matter that would prevent proper consolidation or that might cause subsequent settlement. It shall be compacted thoroughly by puddling with hose and long pipe nozzle, or by flooding the trench, or by tamping if the material does not consolidate readily by puddling or flooding in the opinion of the Superintendent of Public Works. Whenever, in the opinion of the Superintendent of Public Works, surface settlement is not important, tamping, puddling or flooding may be omitted and the backfill shall be neatly rounded over the trench to a sufficient height to allow for settlement to the grade after consolidation. When puddling it is important that proper precautions be taken to prevent floating of the pipe when flooding the trench and the owner shall be wholly responsible for damage resulting from neglect of these precautions.

(8) MANHOLES:

Manholes shall be constructed as shown on the accompanying plans. The manhole base slab shall be placed on firm soil. If the foundation material is inadequate, the owner shall notify the Superintendent. The Superintendent may direct the use of foundation gravel or bedding concrete under the normal base. All joints and connections to manholes shall be made with cement mortar and shall be water tight. Joints and connections shall be finished on interior and exterior of manhole.

(9) HOUSE CONNECTIONS:

House connections shall be placed wherever possible to suit existing or proposed buildings. The connection to main sewer shall be made with a 45° or 90° connection.

(10) INFILTRATION TEST:

After backfilling is complete the owner shall co-operate with the Superintendent of Public Works in an infiltration test of the sewer at a time chosen by the Superintendent of Public Works. An infiltration rate greater than 125 Imperial gallons per 1000 feet per inch diameter per day shall be cause for rejection of the work, and the owner shall improve the line until it complies with infiltration requirements.

(11) GENERAL SAFETY PRECAUTIONS:

The owner shall take adequate precautions to protect persons from injury and to avoid property damage, adequate barricades, construction signs, torches, red lanterns and guards as required shall be placed and maintained during the progress of the construction work and until it is safe for traffic to use the trenched highway. Rules and regulations of the local authorities respecting safety provisions shall be observed.

(12) CLEANING UP:

Surplus sewer materials, tools, and temporary structures shall be removed by the owner, and all dirt, rubbish and excess earth shall be hauled to a dump provided by the owner and the construction site shall be left clean and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Public Works.