# INSTRUCTION TO SEWER CONTRACTORS FOR OBTAINING SEWER SADDLE INSTALLATION PERMITS

For sewers managed by the Consolidated Sewer Maintenance Districts of Los Angeles County, the Los Angeles County Code, Title 20, Utilities, requires that all saddle connections to the main line sewer shall be installed by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works Sewer Maintenance Division.

The following information is offered to assist contractors involved in saddle installation.

- 1. For those jurisdictions listed in section 1 below, the saddle installation fee and the sewer connection permit should be collected at the city.
- 2. For those jurisdictions listed in section 2 below, the saddle installation fee of \$154 per saddle should be collected at the County Building and Safety Division field offices. An additional fee is charged for the sewer connection permit to connect the building to the lateral that will be installed from the saddle to the property line.
- 3. For those jurisdictions listed in section 3 below, only the saddle installation fee of \$154 per saddle may be collected at the Sewer Maintenance Division main office in Alhambra or at the Building and Safety field office. The applicant must still get a sewer connection permit from their respective City.
- 4. For the cities listed in section 4 neither Sewer Maintenance nor Building and Safety Divisions has any involvement. Please refer your customers to their respective city offices.

# **ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY EXCAVATION PERMIT**

When it is necessary to excavate in the road right-of-way to install a tap and saddle or a new sewer lateral you must obtain a "Work in the Road Right-of-Way Permit" from either the City where the work is being done or from the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works - Land Development Division - Permit Section.

Please contact the City or Land Development Division prior to beginning excavation to determine who will issue this permit. The issuing agency changes from year to year so it is best to call to find out who will issue this permit.

1 Cities that collect and Issue				
Baldwin Park	Duarte	Hidden Hills	Irwindale	Santa Fe Springs
Diamond Bar	Hawaiian Gardens	Industry	San Dimas	Walnut

2 Building and Safety Division				
Artesia	La Canada-Flintridge	Lawndale	Rolling Hills	Unincorporated
Carson	La Mirada	Lomita	Temple City	
Commerce	Lakewood	Rolling Hills Estates	Westlake Village	

3 City and Sewer Maintenance Division				
Agoura Hills	Bradbury	Glendora	Palos Verdes Estates	Rancho Palos Verdes
Bellflower	Calabasas	La Habra Heights	Paramount	Rosemead
Bell Gardens	Cudahy	La Puente	Pico Rivera	Santa Clarita South El Monte

4 No Sewer Maintenance Involvement				
Alhambra	Compton	La Verne	Monterey Park	Sierra Madre
Arcadia	Culver City	Lancaster	Norwalk	Signal Hill
Avalon	Downey	Long Beach	Palmdale	South Gate
Azusa	El Monte	Los Angeles	Pasadena	South Pasadena
Bell	El Segundo	Lynwood	Pomona	Torrance
Beverly Hills	Gardena	Malibu	Redondo Beach	Vernon
Burbank	Hawthorne	Manhattan Beach	San Fernando	West Covina
Cerritos	Hermosa Beach	Maywood	San Gabriel	West Hollywood
Claremont	Huntington Park	Monrovia	San Marino	Whittier
Glendale	Inglewood	Montebello	Santa Monica	

**Note:** The permit applicant may be required to show proof that sewer fees have been paid to one of the following agencies as applicable prior to the issuance of permits:

### **Antelope Valley**

WATER & SEWER DISTRICT Golden Valley Municipal Water District 49744 – 3 Gorman Post Road Gorman, CA, 93243 (661) 248-8501 M-F 8:00-noon & Sat. 8:00 – 10:00 am

### Calabasas/Malibu

LAS VIRGENES MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT 4232 Las Virgenes Road Calabasas, CA 91302-1994 (818) 251-2100

# The County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County

1955 Workman Mill Road Whittier CA 90601 (562) 908-4288 ext. 2301

**City of Los Angeles** 

West Los Angeles Engineering District Office 1828 Sawtelle Boulevard, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Los Angeles, CA 90025-5516 (310) 575-8384

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# SEWER MAINTENANCE DISTRICT SADDLE INSTALLATION PROCEDURES

- 1. The Sewer Maintenance Districts are equipped to install saddles on Vitrified Clay Pipes (VCP) only. Special arrangements will be necessary for saddle installations on plastic pipes. Allow additional time for non-VCP saddle installation. Notify the Dispatcher if a saddle is to be connected to a material besides VCP.
- 2. The contractor must give notice <u>48 hours in advance</u> of the time he will be ready for the saddle to be installed. There will be no installations on Mondays or Fridays, and none after 4:00 PM.

Notice is to be given by telephoning the Dispatcher, Operational Services Division of the Department of Public Works at (626) 458-4357. They, in turn, will contact the sewer maintenance crews for the saddle installations.

When telephoning the notice, the permit or receipt should be on hand since the permit or receipt number and other information will be required.

- 3. <u>The contractor will furnish the saddle.</u>
- 4. The Sewer Maintenance Districts' personnel will tap the pipe and install the saddle.
- 5. The contractor is responsible for all excavations, barricades, lanterns, backfills, and resurfacing.
- 6. In requesting the saddle installation, the contractor should keep in mind that the excavation must be complete before the County Public Works' forces arrive since they cannot wait on the job.
- 7. The saddle installation is a separate operation from the laying of the lateral pipe that provides the house connection and from the connection of the building waste line to the lateral; therefore, after the saddle is placed on the main line sewer pipe, the contractor should follow the same procedure established by the Division of Building and Safety as for a house connection to a "Tee" or "Wye" Branch.
- 9. The Contractor must excavate the sewer trench and expose the upper two-thirds of the barrel of the main line sewer pipe where the saddle is to be applied. The trench shall be adequate in width to accommodate SMD personnel and braced in accordance with Trench Safety Orders of the State of California. No saddles will be installed on any length of pipe which already has an existing branch. If ground water is present, the contractor must provide equipment and labor to keep the trench dry during the installation.

## SEWER CONNECTION PROCEDURE FOR MARINA DEL REY & THE ANETA ZONE

1. All applicants for new sewer connections or for building alterations which will result in increased discharge to the public sewer shall be submitted to the Southwest Building and Safely District office. The office is located at:

1320 West Imperial Highway, Los Angeles, CA 90044 Phone Number : (323) 820-6500 Fax Number : (323) 756-0780

 Building and Safety will refer applicants to Land Development Division for confirmation of adequate sewer capacity and to the City of Los Angeles for payment of sewer connection charges. The City's contact person and location for connection charge payment is as follows:

> City of Los Angeles - West Los Angeles Engineering District Office 1828 Sawtelle Boulevard, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90025-5516 Phone Number : (310) 575-8384

- Land Development will require the applicant to submit a sewer area study and will collect the appropriate fee for determining sewer capacity availability, per Section 20.32.250 of the Los Angeles County Code. Additionally LDD will request a flow measurement from Sewer Maintenance when warranted.
- 4. Sewer Maintenance will conduct the necessary flow test and provide Land Development with the flow test data.
- 5. The Engineer / Developer will perform flow calculations to evaluate the adequacy of the existing local sewer to accommodate the increased flow and be required to pay sewer connection charges to the City of Los Angeles. Based on the results of the capacity study:
  - a. If adequate sewer capacity <u>is</u> available, Land Development will provide the applicant with an approved copy of the sewer area study. The applicant will then submit the approved copy of the sewer area study and proof of payment of City connection charges to Building and Safety who may then issue the necessary permits.
  - b. If adequate sewer capacity <u>is not</u> available, Land Development shall refer the case to the Sewer Advisory Committee (SAC) for the needed sewer upgrades and notify the applicant. The applicant will then prepare and submit required sewer upgrade plans to Land Development for review and approval. Following construction, Land Development approval of the facilities for public use, and confirmation of the connection charge payment to the City, the necessary permits may be issued.
- If a sewer saddle is necessary, Building and Safety will collect the installation fee specified by Section 20.32.200 of the Los Angeles County Code prior to issuance of the sewer connection permit.