

## CHAPTER 21.

SEWERS AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL.<sup>1</sup>

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Sec. 21-1. Definitions.

For the purposes of this chapter, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them by this section:

Apartment. A room, or suite of rooms, occupied by one family doing its cooking therein.

Automobile camp. Land or premises used for occupancy by campers traveling by automobile or otherwise, or for

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1. For state law authorizing city to regulate construction, etc., of sewers, see Gov. C., § 38660. See also Gov. C., §§ 38900 and 39000 et seq. As to sewers generally, see H. & S.C., § 4600 et seq.  
As to plumbing, see ch. 18 of this Code. As to sewage disposal in new subdivisions, see § 23-23.

occupancy by trailers, tents or movable or temporary dwellings, rooms or sleeping quarters of any kind.

Automobile court. A group of two or more detached or semidetached buildings, containing guest rooms or apartments with automobile storage space, serving such rooms or apartments provided in connection therewith, or without such automobile storage space, which group is used primarily for the accommodation of automobile travelers; including such groups designated as auto cabin, motor lodge, motel or by similar designations.

Club. An association primarily organized for some common, nonprofit purpose; including lodges and fraternal orders, but not including groups organized primarily to render a service which is customarily carried on as a business.

Domestic sewage. Waste containing human or animal excreta, other than industrial waste.

Dwelling group. A group or row of detached or semi-detached dwellings occupying a parcel of land in one ownership and having a yard or court in common, including bungalow courts, but not including automobile courts.

Industrial plant. A plant or works producing waste material, other than domestic sewage.

Industrial waste. Liquid or solids contained within a liquid, other than domestic sewage.

Multiple dwelling. A building occupied by three or more families, each living independently as a separate housekeeping unit, including apartment houses, apartment hotels and flats.

One-family dwelling. A detached building containing only one kitchen and occupied by one family exclusively.

Premises. A lot, parcel of land, building or establishment.

Sewage. A combination of liquid or water carried human waste conducted away from residences, business buildings and institutions, which is known as domestic sewage, together with the liquid or water carried waste resulting from a manufacturing process employed in industrial establishments, including the washing, cleaning or drain water from such process or establishment, which is known as industrial waste.

(v) All water main and service line construction (to and including the meter) and associated street repair shall be warranted for a period of one year after acceptance by the city and the property owner of the property being served shall be responsible for deficiencies identified during the one-year warranty period.

(w) A customer may request the installation of an irrigation service.

(x) All construction within city right-of-way or on city facilities shall be completed by a qualified California licensed contractor who carries a general policy of public liability insurance in the amount of one million dollars. The city of Alturas shall be named as coinsured, and any such policy shall contain a provision requiring the city to be notified in writing at least thirty days prior to expiration or termination of said policy. (Ord. No. 400, § 2; Ord. No. 429, § 1.)

Sec. 27-2. Payments for water; disposition of funds; accountability for funds.

All money due to the city for water furnished from the system of municipal waterworks shall be payable at the office of the city treasurer on the fifth day of the month next succeeding the month in which the water was furnished. It shall be the duty of the city treasurer to receive such money, place the same to the credit of the general fund of the city and issue official receipts for the same. The city treasurer shall render such account of the moneys thus received and shall make such report of the status of accounts of water consumers as the city council shall by resolution prescribe. (Ord. No. 108, § 3.)

Sec. 27-3. Repealed by Ordinance Number 400, § 1.

Article II. Cross-Connection Control Program.

Sec. 27-4. Cross-connection control program--Purpose.

The purpose of this article in conjunction with chapter 10, sections 1002 and 1003 of the Uniform Plumbing Code and in conjunction with title 17, sections 7583 through 7605 California Code of Regulations as they may be amended by the state of California from time to time is as follows:

(a) Protect the public water supply against actual or potential contamination through cross-connections by isolating sources of contamination that may occur within a

(l) (Repealed.)

(m) Any meter which indicates consumption without responsible customer, may be removed or shut off at the city's option.

(n) There will be no adjustment of a customer's bill unless the city is responsible for water loss on the customer's side of the meter.

(o) The minimum size of water main construction to be a part of the city's water distribution system shall be six inches in diameter or the size necessary to provide the flow required by the development as determined by the city, whichever is larger.

(p) The city may require water main oversizing. Water main material oversizing costs for oversizing water main pipe per the requirement of the city, shall be paid by the city.

(q) Fire hydrants shall be included as an integral part of a water main extension and the cost thereof shall be borne by the developer, unless otherwise determined by the city.

(r) Location of the required fire hydrants shall be determined by the city engineer after consultation with the city fire department, unless otherwise determined by the city council.

(s) Water service will be provided to and including the meter, upon the customer making application and depositing with the city the applicable fee pursuant to the fee schedule approved by resolution of the city council.

(t) Only the city may make connections to a city water main unless otherwise authorized. The applicant/developer shall expose the water main, install the service line and meter, and repair the trench and surface improvements to city specifications. The city will furnish all pipe, fittings, meter, and meter box for the service line construction from the main to and through the meter box.

(u) A completed connection application and connection fee shall be submitted a minimum of forty-eight hours prior to commencing any excavation and the city shall be notified a minimum of forty-eight hours prior to commencing any excavation.

Two-family dwelling. A building occupied by two families exclusively, living independently of each other. (Ord. No. 235, § 1.)

Sec. 21-2. House lateral to be constructed within thirty days of city council's order.

Every person owning, controlling or occupying land on which is constructed any structure occupied by people as a dwelling, or in which sewerage facilities are required, shall construct a house lateral connecting such structure with the public sewers within thirty days after having been notified to do so by the city council; provided, that such structure shall be located on land abutting any public street, alley or sewer right-of-way in which there is a public sewer which shall be within five hundred feet thereof as measured along any street, alley or sewer right-of-way. (Ord. No. 163, § 1.)

Sec. 21-2.1. Repealed by Ordinance No. 400, § 3.

Sec. 21-3. Maintenance of septic tank, privy, etc., thirty days after order to connect to public sewer prohibited.

No person shall maintain any septic tank, cesspool or privy vault on any land owned, controlled or occupied by him abutting on any public street, alley or sewer right-of-way in which there is a public sewer or which is within five hundred feet, measured along such public street, alley or sewer right-of-way, of a public sewer for more than thirty days after having been ordered to connect to the public sewer by the city council. (Ord. No. 163, § 2.)

Sec. 21-4. Permit to discharge sewage or industrial waste into city sewers required; application for permit; issuance of permit.

(a) Each person having, or who in the future shall have, a one-family dwelling with a sewer connection connecting with the sewer system of the city is hereby granted a permit to discharge domestic sewage from such one-family dwelling. All other persons owning or occupying any other premises in the city which is now served, or which in the future shall require service, by a connection with the city sewer system, whereby domestic sewage or industrial wastes, or both, are disposed of by the city, shall obtain from the director of public works or his authorized representative, a permit to discharge such sewage or industrial waste.

(b) Application for a permit to discharge domestic sewage or industrial waste shall be in writing and shall contain, among other things, the following information:

- (1) The name and address of the applicant.
- (2) The proposed location of connection.
- (3) The character of waste or sewage proposed to be discharged.
- (4) Other information that may be deemed to be necessary by the director of public works.

Sec. 21-11. Appeals.

Any person who shall be dissatisfied with the action of the director of public works in denying a permit or granting a permit wherein conditions are imposed or in modifying or revoking a permit, or with any other order of the director of public works in which such person may be affected, may, within thirty days from the date of such action on the part of the director of public works, appeal to the city council by giving notice thereof to the director of public works and to the city clerk. In event of such appeal, the director of public works shall transfer to the city council a report setting forth the reason for denying the permit, requiring a change therein, imposing conditions prior to granting the same, modifying or revoking the permit, or the reason for any other order made by the director of public works affecting the person appealing.

The city council shall have full power to review any action on the part of the director of public works, or any order made by him, and the determination of the city council shall be final. (Ord. No. 235, § 8.)

Sec. 21-12. Regulations governing the operation, maintenance, and expansion of the city's sanitary sewer system.

The following regulations shall govern the operation, maintenance, and expansion of the city's sanitary sewer system.

(a) All maintenance of sewer main lines shall be the responsibility of the city. Service lines shall be maintained by the customer.

(b) Sewer main extension costs shall be the responsibility of the party requesting the service.

(c) All sewer main extensions shall be designed by a California registered engineer in accordance with city standards and requirements, and shall be approved by the city engineer and the state of California.