

ESTABLISHING THE RULES AND REGULATIONS
FOR THE INSTALLATION OF SEWER LATERALS
IN THE CITY OF SALINAS

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF SALINAS that said Council hereby establishes the hereinafter described Rules and Regulations for the installation of sewer laterals in the City of Salinas. These rules and regulations supercede Resolution No. 4909 (N.C.S.) dated April 29, 1963.

I. General

- A. Sewer laterals or storm drain laterals are defined as the sewer pipes or storm drains extending from the main sewer line or storm drain in the street to the property adjacent to the street. A wye is a prefabricated section of pipe with a stub which accommodates the lateral. A saddle is a device that is used to connect the sewer lateral onto an existing main through a cored section of the main, without splicing the main.
- B. The minimum size lateral shall be 4 inches in diameter. Larger sizes may be required by the City of Salinas, when the Plumbing Code or other regulations require more capacity, or when additional units are expected to be added, requiring the additional capacity.
- C. All plumbing work required under these Rules and Regulations must meet the minimum standards of the current Plumbing Code.
- D. A City Encroachment Permit shall be obtained prior to the excavation within public street right-of-way for the installation of pipes and connection to the City's sewer main or storm drain. Sewer and storm drain laterals shall be inspected and installation approved by a representative of the Department of Public Works before they are backfilled.

the Contractor will reference the ends of the laterals and give this information to the Public Works Inspector.

- F. The maintenance of the laterals, including wyes and saddles, is the responsibility of the property owner being served. Any leaks or openings which allow water drainage or storm water to enter the system shall be promptly repaired.
- G. The City of Salinas assumes no responsibility for any defects in any laterals, regardless of the cause of the defect or damages, inasmuch as a properly constructed lateral will not be damaged by City trees or traffic. If defects or damage to the laterals have been caused by the installation of other utilities, the owner of these utilities may be approached by the property owner to help share in the cost of the repair. The City does not assume responsibility for this type of damage, unless the City owns the utility in question.
- H. It is the City's policy not to do maintenance work on laterals, except in cases of emergency when private contractors are not available, or in cases where serious doubt exists as to whether the stoppage is in the main line or in the lateral.
- I. The City assumes no responsibility for work done by contractors or owners, or for the payment of same, unless the City's authorized representative specifically authorizes this work to be done at its expense, by means of a purchase order, contract or other written authorization.
- J. Sanitary sewer laterals shall not be connected to storm drains, and storm drain facilities such as catchbasins, sumps, downspouts, outside drains and laterals shall not be connected to sanitary sewers. Except with specific written approval of the City

the sanitary sewer. The City Engineer shall not give this approval unless other material is included in the runoff which would pollute the water in the storm drains. In such instance, the amount of drainage entering the sanitary sewer shall be kept to a minimum. Industrial waste shall not be discharged into the sanitary sewers or into the storm drains, without specific written approval of the City Engineer.

II. Sanitary Sewers

- A. The location and sizes of sewer laterals and sewer mains are available from the City Engineer's Office. The location of the sewer laterals in newer subdivisions is marked with an impressed "S" near the back of the sidewalk or curb above the lateral. When the lateral is not connected, the end is marked at the property line with an iron rod - the top of which is approximately 6-inches under the surface of the ground. The information obtained at the City Engineer's Office is correct, to the best of the City's knowledge, and is furnished as a public service, but no guarantee can be given regarding the accuracy of the information.
- B. The sewer lateral between the main line and the property sewer shall be constructed according to the Standard Specifications in effect in the City of Salinas. As of the date of this Resolution, vitrified clay pipe, cast iron pipe, and asbestos cement pipe are acceptable materials, but these are subject to change. The joints must all be waterproof. Hot poured joints, mechanical joints, or factory furnished joints for the pipes listed above, are acceptable. Cold joints and cement joints are prohibited, except where exigencies of construction would justify this method; in which event special prior written approval by the City Engineer is required.

the City of Salinas Standard Specifications. On sewers in excess of 12 inches diameter designated as trunk line sewers, no connection shall be made without the installation of a standard manhole, unless wyes were installed at the time of construction.

Connection to a line which is 12 inches or less in diameter shall be made with installation of a manhole or a wye branch, unless the difference in diameter between the sewer main and the sewer lateral is 4 inches or greater. In that case, a saddle over a cored hole may be used as an alternative.

- D. As part of the construction of a new sewer lateral, the Contractor, shall, as part of the sewer contract, set vertically a 1/2 inch diameter by 30 inch long (minimum) reinforcing steel bar at the end of each lateral and plug the end of each lateral.
- E. On new street construction in subdivisions, the Contractor shall, as part of the contract, expose the tops of previously set steel bars, based upon information on ties furnished by the City Inspector. The Contractor shall stamp the letter "S" near the back of the sidewalk directly opposite the steel bar, prior to the initial set of freshly poured concrete (3 inches high, 2 inches wide, 3/16 inches deep).
- F. On projects where only curb and gutter will be constructed, the City Inspector will furnish the Contractor with references of existing lateral crossings. After the locations have been determined, the Contractor will stamp the letter "S" on the top of the curb.
- G. When work is performed on sewer laterals, such as repairs to existing laterals or connection of house services to existing laterals, the Contractor or plumber, as a condition of the Enroachment or Building Permit, shall chisel the letter "S" on the

(whichever is applicable) whenever the location of the existing lateral crossing is ascertained. Whenever existing curbs or sidewalks are removed in order to facilitate connection or repairs, the letter "S" shall be stamped on reconstructed curbs or sidewalks.

III. Storm Drains

- A. Storm drain laterals may be connected to storm drains without the use of saddles. The connections shall not extend into the existing storm drain. Concrete joints or other type joints may be used. Manholes at the point of connection are required, except when the interior diameter of the main line is at least 3 times greater than the size of the storm sewer lateral. Manholes and all other construction shall be in conformance with City Standard Specifications.
- B. Connection of storm drain laterals from property adjacent to an existing street catchbasin which is connected to an existing main line is permitted, provided the City Engineer determines that the existing pipe capacity between the street catchbasin and the main line has sufficient capacity for the additional flow.

IV. Appeals

There is hereby established a Permit Appeals Committee, which shall consist of the Building Official, the City Engineer, and the Zoning Administrator, or representatives appointed by them. Whenever a property owner requests a variance from the requirements of the foregoing Rules and Regulations, and the City Engineer finds that such requested variance and terms of design is necessary to make the property reasonably useful, and further finds that such a variance will not be detrimental to other property or sanitary sewer lines or storm drains owned or

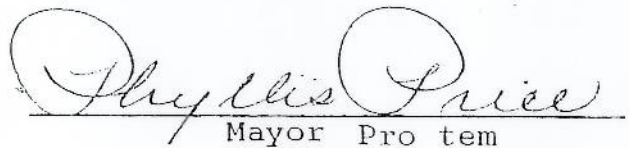
request to the Permit Appeals Committee. If the majority of said Committee makes the aforesaid findings, it may authorize a variance, subject to such additional requirements as are consistent with said findings; provided, however, that a denial of said variance may be appealed to the Council, whose decision shall be final.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 6th day of December, 1983, by the following vote:

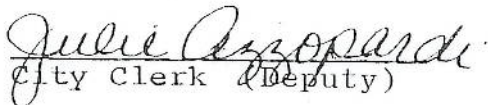
AYES: Councilmembers Paul D. Grennan, Russell Jeffries, Bill O'Brien, Mayor Pro tem Phyllis Price

NOES: None

ABSENT: Mayor James B. Barnes


Phyllis Price
Mayor Pro tem

ATTEST:


Julie Azopardi
City Clerk (Deputy)

This is to certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of Resolution No. 11048 (N.C.S.) as regularly adopted by the Salinas City Council on 12-6-83, as appears of record in my office.

Dated 5-22-12 City Clerk 