

Oldham County Environmental Authority

Rules and Regulations

PRIVATE SERVICE LATERALS; CONNECTION, REPAIR, AND CHARGES

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Sec. 1. – Sewer Collection System and Private Service Laterals

The Sewer Collection System is defined as the network of sewer mains located within an OCEA easement or county right-of-way that collects sewerage from users' private service laterals for transport to a wastewater treatment plant. A Private Service Lateral is defined as the line that transports sewage from a user's home, property, or facility, to the 5-inch-long fitting that connects the Private Service Lateral to the Sewer Collection System.

Sec. 2. – Private Service Lateral Construction Standards

Private Service Laterals shall be constructed and repaired in accordance with OCEA Specifications Section 4.3.3.5. In addition, all Private Service Laterals must have a two-way sewer clean-out in the lateral line at or within two feet of the sewer easement or county right-of-way. For lateral lines constructed prior to current standards, if the lateral line is replaced or significantly repaired, users shall, at that time and at their expense, install a two-way clean-out as described in this Section.

Sec. 3. – Private Service Lateral Failures

Installation, inspection, and maintenance of the Private Service Lateral is the responsibility of the user (or property owner); OCEA has no responsibility for the installation, inspection, or maintenance of Private Service Laterals. The user is responsible for the diagnosis and repair of a Private Service Lateral failure. A Private Service Lateral is determined to have failed when:

(a) a licensed plumber has evaluated the home plumbing and determined that a problem exists; and

(b) OCEA has been notified and has checked the manholes in the main immediately upstream and downstream of the connection and has determined that the collection main is flowing and in good repair.

Sec 4. - Responsibility for plumbing fixtures and repairs

(a) If any plumbing fixture becomes defective or in need of repair in any manner, the plumbing fixture shall immediately be restored to proper working order or replaced with a properly working fixture.

(b) If any portion of the plumbing system becomes clogged or in need of repair, it shall be repaired or cleared of any obstruction by the property owner or occupant of the premises.

(c) Any repair or replacement required by this Section shall be at the expense of the user, property owner, or occupant.

(d) Any damage caused by a failure or defect in the plumbing system or a plumbing fixture is the responsibility of the property owner or occupant.

Sec. 5. - Conditions and charges for Private Service Lateral connection and repair

The user or property owner is responsible for the inspection and maintenance of the Private Service Lateral, including any portion that may be located within the street right-of-way or sewer easement. Any repair or maintenance work required within the right-of-way or easement must be performed by an OCEA approved contractor or OCEA itself. If a clean-out does not exist, one will be installed at property owner or user expense pursuant to Section 2 herein. The property owner or user will be charged the actual cost of labor, equipment and materials for repairs to service connections performed by OCEA or the amount of the invoice received from its agent.

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