

Frequently Asked Questions:

1. Will I have to pay for this?

- a. The homeowner is not responsible for sewer connection fees if connection occurs during the project construction timeframe (i.e., sewer connection will be free to homeowners). Upon project completion, any homeowner that chose not to connect during project construction has 365 days to connect to the sewer system and will be responsible for connection fees, which are an estimated \$10,000.
- b. Please note that this is a one-time offer and must be accepted **before** construction begins (anticipated in the summer of 2023). Florida Statutes section 381.00655 (1)(a) requires that homes connect to the county sewer system within one year from the date sewer is available to connect. All associated costs at that time would be the homeowner's responsibility.

2. What will happen to the existing septic tank?

- a. The project contractor will abandon the septic tank and fill in the hole.

3. Who can notarize the Access Agreement for me?

- a. We have staff at Public Works that can notarize the document for you at any time. Just bring your Driver's License with you.
- b. Or you can ask a notary that you know.

4. Where is the Public Works Department located, and what are the hours of operation?

- a. Public Works is located at 340 Trice Lane, Crawfordville, FL 32327
- b. The hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

5. Do I HAVE to connect to the sewer?

- a. YES, Florida Statutes Section 381.00655(1)(a) requires that homes connect to county sewer within one year from the date sewer is available to connect. All associated costs at that time would be the homeowner's responsibility.

6. I have a fence in the way; what will they do?

- a. The contractor will contact the homeowner about anything they have to move or take down to access the septic tank and make connections.
- b. The contractor will take down or move the fences and put them back up.

7. What will the rates be for connecting to the sewer system?

- a. As of April 1st, 2023, the new sewer rates will be:
 - i. \$39.04 for the first 2,000 gallons; and
 - ii. \$5.86 for each additional 1,000 gallons.
- b. Your bill will be actual usage (so you might want to conserve water the first year until you get a winter month average).
- c. The first year of usage without a winter months average has a CAP adjustment (winter months average is available April 1st; high usage estimates are \$90+).

8. Once connected to the sewer system, 340 Trice Lane is where you will submit a Sewer Application and make your \$110 deposit to set up your account and begin sewer services.

9. If you have yet to complete an Access Agreement and would like to, please bring your Driver's License to the informational public meeting on May 16, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. at the Wakulla County Community Center, Crawfordville Room, 318 Shadeville Road, Crawfordville, FL 32327, and see Public Works Office Manager Amanda Henize.