

May 12, 2010

Sewer Connection Information:

(Note: This letter replaces the letter dated January 27, 2010, which is being removed from the website.)

As noted in the informational notice sent by the City Manager's Office on April 5, 2010, the City is preparing for Notice to Connect letters to be sent later this year. This updated letter is intended to provide information regarding sewer connection requirements.

The project, including sewer work, is nearly complete. The contractor is finishing up some minor items as well as one final important item, the "As-Built" mapping. This mapping must be complete and included in the application for Approval to Discharge submitted to the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ). Until that approval is provided by ADEQ, the City cannot flow sewer through the system and cannot allow residents to connect to the system. The application to ADEQ is expected to be made within the next month. ADEQ will then review the application and this is expected to take one to two months. We have seen ADEQ take longer to review in the past. At this time, we are only expecting one to two months.

Once ADEQ approval is provided, the City will allow property owners to connect to the City's Sewer System when they have received a letter from the Finance Department directing that they connect. The letter will allow them 180 days to connect and deactivate the septic system. There are documents that the City's Public Works Inspectors can provide, upon request, to property owners that want to look into this before receipt of the letter from the Finance Department.

Some properties require installation of a backflow prevention device as part of the private sewer lateral. Contact should be made with a Public Works Inspector to determine what properties will require this.

If a property owner desires to make contact with a Public Works Inspector, we encourage them to call 928-203-5030 and speak with Sal Valenzuela. Mr. Valenzuela's duties include time in the field, so if needed, please leave a voice mail and he or one of the other inspectors will return your call.

Property owners can also e-mail Mr. Valenzuela or myself to make contact at SValenzuela@SedonaAz.gov or Adickey@SedonaAz.gov to arrange a meeting.

Please be aware that prior to installing the private lateral to connect to the City's sewer lateral connection, a Wastewater Permit must be obtained from the City. The cost of this permit is \$30.00. This is in addition to the sewer capacity fee, which will be stated in the letter from the Finance Department. At this time, May 12, 2010, property owners can

expect to receive a letter in the July to August 2010 timeframe, which will give them 180 days to comply.

If you require additional information, please contact Mr. Valenzuela directly.

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