

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER INSPECTION?

If your sewer line passes inspection, no further action needed for the next five years.

If your sewer line fails inspection, you need to repair, or replace, your sewer lateral.

- Once repaired, no inspections needed for five years.
- If replaced, no inspection needed for 25 years.

HOW CAN THE CITY HELP?

The City of San Mateo offers a sewer lateral cost-sharing program for the full replacement of a sewer lateral. We will reimburse up to 50 percent of the lowest bid (maximum \$5,000) for applications that are submitted prior to replacement.

Matching funds are awarded on a first come/first serve basis and are not retroactive.

See www.cityofsanmateo.org/1910 for full details.

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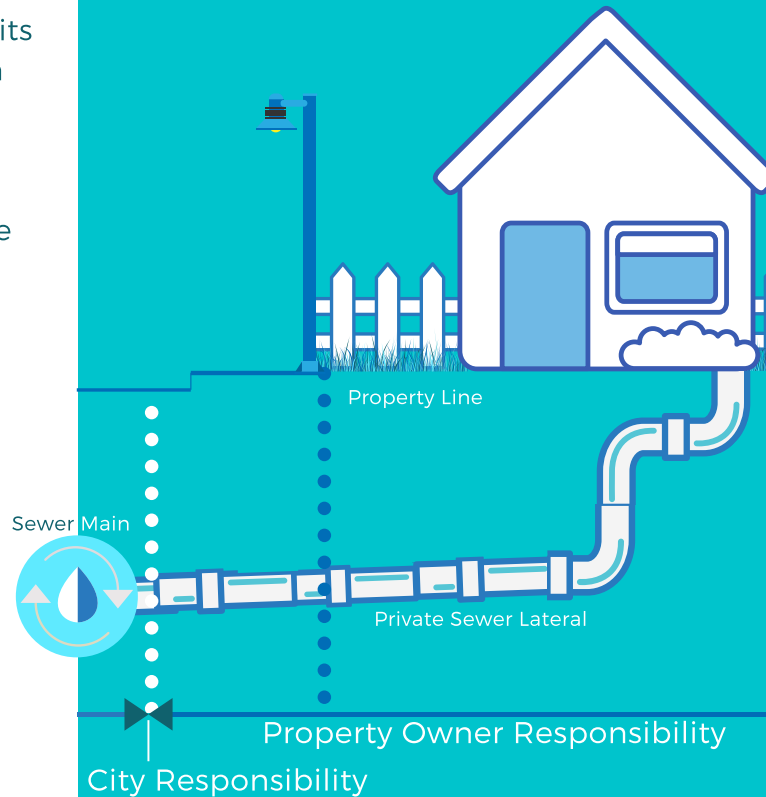
WHAT'S NEW IN 2020

In 2020, the City of San Mateo updated its Private Sewer Lateral Ordinance to align with our commitment to a cleaner San Mateo.

We've amended the ordinance to ensure that sewer lateral inspections are now prompted by any one of these four changes in property status:

- 1 Sale of Property**
The sale of real property.
- 2 \$90K Upgrades**
Improvements to any type of property of \$90,000 or more.
- 3 Sewer Class Change**
Sewer class change to property, ie: residential becomes commercial.
- 4 Sewer Overflow**
Sewer lateral backup or blockage in a commercial or multi-family residential building that results in a sewer overflow on the street.

These requirements take effect Dec. 1, 2020.



WHAT'S AT STAKE?

Pipes that carry wastewater from toilets and sinks in private buildings out to the sewer mains can get damaged or become defective, making stormwater and groundwater seep into private sewer laterals and flow into our sewer system.

When too much wastewater, stormwater, and groundwater combine it can cause sanitary sewer overflows on our streets that harm our health and pollute our creeks and lagoons. That polluted water then flows, untreated, into San Francisco Bay.

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WHAT'S THE ORDINANCE'S HISTORY?

On Feb. 3, 2020, San Mateo City Council adopted an amendment to the Sewer Lateral Ordinance (Municipal Code 7.38.432) to help reduce sanitary sewer overflows.

The original ordinance was adopted by City Council in 2011.

The 2020 amendments take effect on Dec. 1, 2020.

WHO CAN I TALK TO?

Have questions? We're here to help. Call Public Works at 650-522-7300 or email publicworks@cityofsanmateo.org.

You can also find more ordinance details at: www.cityofsanmateo.org/PSLO.