

ORDINANCES

SEC 12.37 – R-3 ORDINANCE HIGHWAY DEDICATIONS

Where a property is located in an R-3 or less restrictive zone, the owner must dedicate any necessary right-of-way and complete any remaining street improvements or file a bond in an amount sufficient to guarantee the required improvements before obtaining a building permit to erect or enlarge a building. This requirement is applicable on major and secondary highways, on collector streets, and on local streets within 300 feet of their intersection with the major or secondary highway, provided the property has frontage on a major or secondary highway.

SEC 19.02 (A)2(1) – TRACT AND PARCEL MAPS

Full or partial improvements to the existing street(s) and alley(s), or construction of a new street are conditions imposed upon developers unless full improvements to the City right-of-way exist.

SEC 62.106

All permits for work mentioned in Section 62.105 or Section 65.04 shall be granted under one of the following classes, to wit:

(a) Class “A” shall include only the repair, construction or reconstruction of curbs, sidewalks, driveway approaches, or gutters and work appurtenant to the foregoing, or work within a public easement, where, in the opinion of the City Engineer, the work contemplated is so limited in extent and such simplicity of design that the deposit of those fees provided herein for Class “A” permits will with reasonable certainty compensate and reimburse the City for the costs of inspection and supervision entailed.

(b) Class “B” shall include all permits for work not included in Class “A” except for work for which a revocable permit is issued pursuant to section 62.118.2 of this Code.

SEC. 64.11 – SEWERS - UNDEDICATED STREETS

No person shall connect any sewer which has been or may hereafter be constructed in any street, prior to the dedication and acceptance of such street by the City Council, with any public sewer unless such sewer has been laid under the supervision and to the satisfaction of the Board and in accordance with the specifications for public sewers adopted by the City Council and on file in the office of the City Clerk, and in accordance with plans and profiles approved by the City Engineer.

SEC. 64.11.1 – HOUSE CONNECTION SEWER

Not more than one lot shall be connected to any one house connection sewer.

SEC. 64.12 – HOUSE SEWER CONNECTION - PERMIT (Amended by Ord. No. 150,478, Eff. 2/6/78.)

(a) No person shall make, construct, alter, or repair any house connection sewer, bonded house connection sewer, special house connection sewer, industrial waste sewer connection, industrial waste storm drain connection, storm drain connection, or special drainage connection, or any portion of any such sewer or storm drain connections, including sampling manholes, or connect any house sewer, soil pipe, or plumbing to any such sewer or storm drain connections or to a sewer or storm drain under the jurisdiction of the City of Los Angeles, without first obtaining a written permit therefor from the Board of Public Works.

(b) Persons desiring to obtain a permit for any of the purposes enumerated in Sections 64.12 to 64.22 inclusive, shall file with the Board a written application therefor signed by the applicant, on printed forms, furnished by it for that purpose. The application shall contain such information as the Board may require. If it appears from the application that the work to be performed thereunder is to be done according to the regulations contained or referred to in this article, governing the doing of such work, a permit shall be issued upon payment of the permit charges required or referred to in Section 64.15.

(c) The Board before granting any permit in accordance with the provisions of Sections 64.12 to 64.22 inclusive, which will necessitate any excavation in, upon or under any State highway in this City or the making of a connection to a sewer or house connection sewer for which a permit is also required from a County Sanitation District, or a political subdivision other than this City, shall require such permit to be presented for inspection.

(d) Nothing in this section shall be deemed or construed to require the application for or the issuance of a permit for the purpose of removing stoppages in any house connection sewer, except when it is necessary to replace any part or all of such sewer connection or to excavate in any street or sidewalk or sewer easement in connection therewith.

(e) A permit under which an excavation, tunnel, or the laying of sewer, or storm drain pipe in any public street is contemplated will be issued only to other departments of the City, other governmental agencies, or contractors holding a valid contractor's license issued by the Contractors' License Board of the State of California in the classification of A-1 General Engineering, B-1 General Building, C-36 Plumbing, or C-42 Sewer, Sewage Disposal, Drain, Cement Pipe Laying. (Added by Ord. No. 121,900, Eff. 6/4/62.)

EXCEPTION:

A permit for making sewer connections at the property line may be issued to any responsible person when in the opinion of the Board, the granting of such permit will not endanger public property or jeopardize the public's interests.

(f) Any person performing work pursuant to a permit issued under this section shall comply with all the provisions of Section 62.03.1 of this Code. (Added by Ord. No. 150,478, Eff. 2/6/78.)

SEC. 64.13. PERMIT EXEMPTIONS.

The provisions of Section 64.12 requiring permits for the construction of house connection sewers shall not be construed to apply to contractors constructing house connection sewers under contracts entered into under proceedings had or taken pursuant to any of the procedure ordinances of this City, or the County of Los Angeles, or the Statutes of the State of California, or other contracts authorized by the City Council, providing for the construction of such house connection sewers.

SEC. 64.14. DURATION AND REVOCATION OF PERMITS. (Amended by Ord. No. 168,578, Eff. 3/13/93.)

(a) If the work authorized by a permit issued pursuant to Sections 64.12 to 64.22, inclusive, of this Code is not commenced within two years from the date of its issuance, such permit shall expire and be canceled. In the event the permit is revoked, canceled or expires, the City shall retain a portion of the permit fee to defray administrative costs in an amount determined and adopted in the same manner as provided in Section 12.37-1,1 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code for establishing fees. If the work authorized by a permit is commenced, it must be prosecuted diligently to completion.

(b) The Board may suspend or revoke the permit at any time in the public interest upon receipt of a written request showing good and sufficient cause therefor by the permittee, the owner of the affected property, or other interested party. Any such action shall not be deemed to release any applicable insurance or surety filed pursuant to Section 64.15.1.

(c) Any Sewer Connection Permit that has not expired by the effective date of this section shall be given an extended duration of two years from the original date of issuance.

SEC 64.15. PERMIT AND INSPECTION FEES.

(a) Before granting any permit pursuant to the provisions of Sections 64.12 this Code, except as to applications filed by a department of this City, the Board shall require the payment by the applicant therefor of a fee for each such permit issued for a connection at the property line. In addition to the above fee, an inspection fee shall be charged for each linear foot of connection laid, re-laid or exposed when application is made for a permit to excavate or tunnel for the purpose of laying, relaying, or exposing sewer housing connection or storm drain connection pipe in

any public street, public place, or public right-of-way. The inspection fee shall be determined by actual measurement, and the amount thereof shall be paid to the Board in conjunction with the collection of trench resurfacing charges in the manner provided in Section 64.17(i) and Section 62.05 of this Code. The fees imposed herein shall be charged pursuant to a scheduled determined and adopted in the same manner as provided in Section 12.37-I,1 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code for establishing fees. (Amended by Ord. No. 163,803. Eff. 8/15/88.)

(b) When application is made for a permit to make a connection to a use connection sewer constructed in whole or in part at no expense to the property to be served but not to replace any existing house connection sewer, the amount of the fee to be paid by the applicant, in addition to the ordinary permit fee, or other charges mentioned or referred to herein, shall be \$14.00 for each linear foot of house connection sewer so constructed. (Amended by Ord. No. 149,392, Eff. 4/9/77.)

(c) No Industrial Waste Sewer or Storm Drain Connection Permit will be issued unless the applicant has complied with the provisions of Section 64.30. When the provisions of Section 64.11.2 or Section 64.16.1 are applicable, no Sewer House Connection Permit will be issued until the applicant has complied therewith. No Special Drainage Connection Permit will be issued until the applicant has complied with all conditions established by the Board. No House Connection Permit (other than for repairs) and no Industrial Waste Sewer Connection Permit will be issued until the applicant has paid a sewerage facilities charge in accordance with Section 64.11.3. (Amended by Ord. No. 140,189, Eff. 5/11/70.)

(d) Where there is no existing Y or opening in the main line sewer, storm drain or catch basin, an additional tapping fee must be prepaid in accordance with Section 64.20 of this Code before any permit will be issued under this section. (Amended by Ord. No. 112,719, Eff. 2/28/59.)

(e) Before any permit is issued pursuant to Section 64.12 under which an excavation tunnel or the laying of sewer or storm drain pipe in any public street, public place or public easement is contemplated, the applicant must have a policy of protective liability insurance and either a cash deposit or surety bond on file with the Board in accordance with the provisions of Section 64.15.1. (Amended by Ord. No. 122,639, Eff. 9/15/62.)

(f) (Amended by Ord. No 168,734, Eff. 5/31/93.) If special inspection is required by the Board in accordance with Section 64.17 of this Code, a deposit to cover the estimated cost of the inspection must be paid to the Board before a permit will be issued. Such estimate shall be based upon the following schedule:

1.Regular Time \$57.50/hr.

2.Overtime (Past 8 Hrs.)\$57.50/hr. on any week day

3.Overtime (Saturday, \$230.00/4 hrs. or Sunday and holidays, portion thereof 4 hrs. or less)

4.Overtime (Saturday, \$230.00 plus \$57.50/hr. Sunday and holidays, for each additional hour exceeding 4 hours)or portion thereof.

The fees herein shall be adjusted, if required, in order to recover the City's administrative costs, and adopted in the same manner as provided in Section [12.37-I,1](#) of the Los Angeles Municipal Code for establishing fees.

(g) If special engineering, investigation or design is required prior to issuance of a permit for any storm drain connection, special drainage connection or industrial waste storm drain connection, a deposit to cover the estimated cost of such special engineering must be made to the Board before a permit will be issued. Actual costs shall be recovered by the Board in accordance with the provision of Section [62.05](#) of this Code. (Amended by Ord. No. 155,519, Eff. 8/9/81.)

(h) No permit to connect which is subject to the provisions of Section [64.11.3\(c\)](#) shall be added until the applicant has provided the City with proof of payment of the sewer connection fee required by the Los Angeles County Sanitation District in whose facilities sewage from the subject property is treated. (Added by Ord. No. 157,145, Eff. 11/22/82.)

(i) All fees collected pursuant to this section, excluding storm drain revenues which shall be deposited into the General Fund, shall be deposited into the Sewer Construction and Maintenance Fund established by Section [64.19.2](#) of this Code, such monies to be expended for purposes set forth in said section and to provide for appropriate refunds relative to such fees. Storm drain revenues are monies collected from imposition of storm drain connection permit fees, special drainage connection fees and those fees imposed pursuant to Subsections (d), (e), as it relates to storm drains, and (g) of this section. (Added by Ord. No. 162,864, Eff. 11/22/87.)

SEC. [64.15.1](#). LIABILITY INSURANCE AND DEPOSIT REQUIREMENTS.
(Amended by Ord. No. 122,639, Eff. 9/15/62.)

(a) Liability Insurance.

1. Required.

Except as otherwise provided in this article, a permit required by Section [64.12](#) under which an excavation, tunnel or the laying of sewer or storm drain pipe in any public street, public place or public easement is contemplated, will not be issued until the applicant has filed with the City Engineer a policy of protective liability insurance in which the City has been named as insured or coinsured with the permittee. The policy of insurance shall insure the City and its officers and employees while acting within the scope of their duties, against all claims arising out

of or in connection with the operations of the permittee, or any contractor or subcontractor of the permittee, pursuant to the permit.

2. Amounts. (Amended by Ord. No. 153,469, Eff. 6/1/80.)

Bodily Injury \$250,000 each person \$500,000 each occurrence \$500,000 aggregate products and completed operations; Property Damage \$100,000 each occurrence \$250,000 aggregate.

A combined single limit policy with aggregate limits in the amount of \$1 million will be considered equivalent to the required minimum limits.

3. Coverage.

Such policy of insurance shall provide coverage at least as broad as that provided in the Standard Form approved by the National Bureau of Casualty Underwriters, together with such endorsements as are required to cover the risks involved.

(b) Deposits.

1. Required.

Except as otherwise provided in this article, a permit required by Section 64.12 under which an excavation, tunnel or the laying of sewer or storm drain pipe in any public street or public easement is contemplated, will not be issued until the applicant has deposited with the Board not less than \$1000 in cash which shall remain on deposit with the Board for not less than six months from the date of the last permit issued to the depositor thereof. Such deposit will be held to insure the faithful performance of the work and the payment of all charges required by Section 64.12 to 64.22 inclusive, and the Board is hereby empowered to deduct from the cash deposit all sums due for charges hereunder and for any and all damages accruing to this City by reason of faulty or defective work of the permittee. (Amended by Ord. No. 150,910, Eff. 6/26/78.)

2. Surety Bond in Lieu of Deposit.

Whenever in this section a cash deposit in the amount of \$1000 or over is required, the applicant may provide in lieu of such cash deposit, a good and sufficient bond in an amount equal to the amount of such cash deposit, payable to this City, by and executed by the applicant as the principal and by a reliable surety company satisfactory to the City. Such bond shall be conditioned upon the payment of all charges required by Sections 64.12 to 64.22 inclusive, and the faithful and proper performance of work upon the same terms as those required by such cash deposit in lieu of which such bond is executed. The Board is hereby empowered to enforce collections under said bond for all sums due for charges hereunder and for any and

all damages accruing to this City by reasons of faulty or defective work of the permittee. (Amended by Ord. No. 150,910, Eff. 6/26/78.)

SEC. 64.16. EXEMPTIONS FROM LIABILITY INSURANCE AND DEPOSIT REQUIREMENTS.

From Federal Government, the State, every county, city and county, municipal corporation, irrigation district, school district, district established by law, and any political or administrative subdivision of the State or Federal Government will not be required to make a deposit or to post a policy of protective liability insurance as otherwise required by Sections 64.15 and 64.15.1. (Amended by Ord. No. 121,900. Eff. 6/4/62.)

SEC. 64.17. SEWER CONNECTION REGULATIONS.

No person having obtained a permit from the Board shall construct, alter, or repair any house connection sewer or any portion of any house connection sewer, or makes a connection to any public sewer, or house connection sewer, pursuant to any such permit, at any place other than that designated thereon, or fail, refuse or neglect to comply with any such requirement contained or referred to in this section.

At all times, while the work under any such permit is in progress, the original of such permit must be kept at the place of the work and must, on demand be exhibited to the Board or to any of its inspectors, agents or representatives, or to any police officer.

(a) In those streets and alleys included in that portion of this City, designated by Chapter 8 of this Code as the Central Traffic District, when an excavation is commenced, the making of the excavation, the work to be done therein and the refilling of the excavation, shall be prosecuted diligently and continuously until completed, so as not to obstruct the street or other public place or travel thereon, more than is actually necessary.

(b) The construction of all house connection sewers, and all repairs to such house connection sewers, shall be as follows:

1. All pipe shall be clay, cement, cast iron, ABS and PVC plastic pipe or asbestos cement and have a minimum internal diameter of six inches. (Amended by Ord. No. 152,157, Eff. 5/13/79)

2. House connection sewers in easements over private property shall be constructed of only clay pipe with flexible joints, ABS and PVC plastic pipe or cast iron pipe, and may have an internal diameter of four or six inches. (Amended by Ord. No. 152,157, Eff. 5/13/79)

3. Upon proper application to the Board, the Board may permit the increase in the internal diameter of house connection sewers to not more than two inches less than

the internal diameter of the public sewer to which it is connected, if such increased diameter is in accordance with good engineering practice.

4. The quality of the pipe, the type of joint and other materials used, the manner of constructing house connection sewers, the backfilling of the trench, except where specifically provided for herein, or by the Board, shall be the same as is required by the latest specifications and standard plans for the construction of sanitary sewers in this City.

(c) Whenever, in connection with the construction or repair of a sewer connection, a hazardous excavation must be made or an excavation is to be made by tunneling under the surface of a street or alley, the Board may adopt such regulations and require such special inspections as it may deem necessary. The cost of such special inspection shall be estimated by the Board and paid as outlined in Section [64.15](#).

(d) All house connection sewers, unless otherwise authorized by the Board, shall be laid on a uniform grade of not less than two per cent, with a depth, measured to the invert, at the property line, of not less than four feet below the top of the existing curb or proposed curb at the nearest point. If there is no existing or proposed curb, then such house connection sewers shall be laid on a uniform grade of not less than two per cent, with a depth, measured to the invert, not less than four feet below the surface of the roadway, sidewalk or alley at the property line, unless a greater depth is required to serve such property.

(e) (None)

(f) Where a building is on or immediately adjacent to the property line, to which a sewer connection must be constructed, and an existing house sewer from said building ends at such property line at a depth of less than the depth required in this section for the upper end of a house connection sewer to be constructed to such property line; or where an earth bank over 4 feet in height exists adjacent to the curb line or property line, the Board shall adopt such regulations, for the construction of that portion of the house connection sewer between the curb line and property line, if in a street, and between the main sewer and the property line, if in an alley, walk or other public place improved or to be improved without a curb, which will meet such conditions better than the method of construction herein prescribed.

Where a main sewer exceeds 14 feet in depth the manner of constructing a house connection sewer from such a sewer shall be regulated by the Board.

(g) (Amended by Ord. No. 142,123, Eff. 7/31/71.) Persons making an excavation in any street or sidewalk for any of the purposes mentioned in Sections [64.12](#) to [64.22](#) inclusive, must maintain free access to all fire hydrants and water gates. All materials excavated shall be laid compactly along the side of the trench and kept

trimmed up so as to cause as little inconvenience as possible to public travel. If any excavation is made across any street or alley, at least one safe crossing must be maintained at all times for vehicles and pedestrians. Where required to keep traffic lanes and sidewalk passageways clear, tight board fences shall be used to hold excavated material. All gutters must be maintained free and unobstructed for the full depth of the adjacent curb and for at least one (1) foot in width from the face of such curb at the gutter line. All work shall be performed in accordance with the latest adopted manual entitled "Work Area Traffic Control", the latest adopted "Standard Specifications for Public Works Construction", any required plans and special specifications and shall be performed to the satisfaction of the Board.

If the warning signs, lights and devices required under this section are not promptly provided, the Board may provide them; the cost of such work performed by the Board may be billed to the permittee.

(h) Any excavation made for the purpose of making a house connection to a sewer shall be refilled in the manner required by this article within three days after inspection of the pipe by the Board, or within three days after the date of the completion of the excavation if no work is done therein. Nothing in this article contained shall be construed to allow a longer period of time therefor.

The top surface of the backfill shall conform closely enough to the level of the adjoining street or sidewalk surface and shall be compacted so that it is hard enough and smooth enough to be safe for pedestrian travel over it as well as for vehicular traffic to pass safely over it at a legal rate of speed. The permittee shall maintain the surface of the backfill in a condition safe for pedestrian and vehicular traffic until the said surface has been repaired by the Board, and said permittee shall be responsible for all accidents which may occur due to pedestrians traveling over or upon the site of the excavation as well as vehicles crossing said site at a legal rate of speed, until said surface has been so repaired. (Amended by Ord. No. 142,123, Eff. 7/31/71.)

If it is impracticable to maintain the surface of the backfill in safe condition for pedestrian travel or vehicular traffic, subject to concurrence by the inspector, then the permittee shall maintain barriers and lights around it in accordance with Subsection (g) hereof until the sidewalk and street pavements have been repaired. (Added by Ord. No. 142,123, Eff. 7/31/71.)

(i) The street surface excavated or damaged shall be replaced by the Board, and the cost thereof shall be recovered by the Board in accordance with the provisions of Section 62.05 of this Code. (Amended by Ord. No. 121,900, Eff. 6/4/62.)

(j) In all cases where the public records of a public sewer, or house connection sewer, do not correctly represent the existing condition of or conditions surrounding such sewer, or where, in the opinion of the Board, the physical conditions are such that strict compliance with the provisions of Section 64.12 to Section 64.22,

inclusive, if unnecessary or unreasonable, the Board is granted the power to make modifications for individual cases, and determine the procedure to be followed, and its decision shall be final.

(k) No person shall connect a 4-inch house sewer to a 6-inch house connection sewer without first installing a 6-inch by 4-inch by 4-inch increaser tee on the end of the 6-inch house connection sewer, or a six-inch by 4-inch increaser followed by a 4-inch by 4-inch by 4-inch tee branch.

SEC. 64.18. BONDED SEWERS - FEES. (Repealed by Ord. No. 140,189 and reenacted by Ord. No. 140,190, Eff. 5/11/70.)

(a) Any person desiring a permit to connect or to construct a Special House Connection Sewer or Bonded Sewer House Connection Sewer shall make a written application to the Board, giving such information as the Board may require. The Board may issue a permit to make such sewer connection upon payment of fees provided in Section 64.15 of this Code, and in addition thereto payment of a charge per front foot of the lot sought to be connected, if said lot is rectangular and has an ordinary area of approximately 6,500 square feet.

Such charge shall be determined and adopted in the same manner as provided in Section 12.37-I,1 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code for establishing fees. (Amended by Ord. No. 163,803, Eff. 8/15/88.)

(b) When the shape of a lot is other than the usual rectangular shape or unusual in area, and the strict adherence to the above mentioned provision would require a property owner to pay amount not commensurate with the benefits to be received, the provisions of this section as to the limits of the frontage of a lot to be assessed may be modified by the Board.

(c) Nothing in this section shall be deemed or construed to apply to the issuing of a permit for the construction of Bonded Sewer House Connection Sewers if the property sought to be connected, although abutting on a Bonded Sewer, has been duly assessed for a public sewer constructed in the front, rear or at the side of each property.

(d) Upon giving such information as the Board may require on forms to be furnished for the purpose, payment of the charges presently prescribed by Subsection (a) of this section, may be made in advance of the application for, or the issuance of, the permit to make such connection to any bonded sewer, and, upon such payment having been made, the applicant for the permit to connect shall be entitled to such permit upon payment of the fees prescribed in Sections 64.11.2, 64.15 and 64.16.1 hereof.

(e) All fees collected pursuant to this section shall be deposited into the Sewer Construction and Maintenance Fund established by Section 64.19.2 of this Code,

such monies to be expended for purposes set forth in said section and to provide for appropriate refunds relative to such fees. (Added by Ord. No. 153,238, Eff. 1/26/80.)