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SEPTIC TO SEWER CONVERSION PROGRAM

HOW IT WORKS

This program allows residents to apply annually to the City to construct a sewer project in an area where properties are currently served by private onsite septic systems.

The applications are evaluated on criteria defined in *Bend Code Title 15.10.010.* Projects are selected by committee and are referred to as Neighborhood Extension Projects (NEP). The program budget is approximately $2.5 million per year and is funded by ratepayers and strategic Capital Improvement Project funds. The application is available on the website listed on this reference guide and is due February 1 annually.

Process

Meeting with Applicant and Septic to Sewer Program Manager → **Applicant Completes Door-to-door Petitions; submits application by February 1 annually** → **Committee Selection of Neighborhood Extension Project(s)** → **City Design and Construction of Project** → **Notice of Operational Completion (NOC) Mailed to Property Owners** → **Property owner obtains Septic Tank Abandonment Permit from Deschutes County** → **Property owner obtains Plumbing Permit from City and pays fees; sewer billing account is created** → **Plumber, Excavator, and/or homeowner completes sewer connection on private property**

REQUIREMENTS TO CONNECT

Bend property owners will be required to connect when:

1) The property owner applies for any of the following:
   a) A land division (i.e., partition, subdivision);
   b) Construction of a new dwelling unit, except:
      i) Construction of an Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) when the existing septic system can adequately serve the ADU
      ii) Construction of a single family dwelling (SFD) on a vacant parcel over 300 feet from sewer
      iii) Construction of a SFD on a vacant parcel within 300 feet of sewer must connect, unless otherwise approved by the City Engineer due to topography
   c) Any improvements that require an Alteration Permit as defined by Deschutes County
2) A sewer main is adjacent to the property frontage & the septic system requires a repair permit
3) The property owner signed a petition form included in a NEP application that was selected for construction. The property owner is required to connect within 2 years from receiving the Notice of Operational Completion (NOC).*

**Property owners along the Desert Woods and NEP and the Southeast Interceptor should refer to the Septic to Sewer COVID-19 Relief Plan for specific connection timing requirements.*

*The program **serves public health**, proactively **protects water quality**, and allows for economic and urban **development opportunities** for properties limited by septic system capacity. City sewer provides property owners with **reliable waste management** that **reduces the risk of negative environmental impacts.***

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FEES TO CONNECT

Property owners who connect to sewer within 2 years of receiving the Notice of Operational Completion (NOC) will receive a 50% discount on the Connection Fee.*

Financial assistance programs are available for those who qualify. See website for more information.

Applicable Fees

Costs *(Valid through June 30, 2021)*	**Fees if Connected *Within 2 Years*** *(from Notice of Operational Completion)*	**Fees if Connected *After 2 Years*** *(from Notice of Operational Completion)*
Connection Fee	$4,323	$8,645
System Development Charges (SDCs)	$4,974	$4,974
Private costs**	Vary by lot	Vary by lot
Total Costs	$9,297 + private costs	$13,619 + private costs

**Property owners along Southeast Interceptor or Desert Woods and Neighborhood Extension Project should refer to the Septic to Sewer COVID-19 Relief Program for specific connection requirements and fees.*

***Private Costs can include, but are not limited to, permits, septic system abandonment, installing new plumbing, trenching, reversing the plumbing underneath the home, installing a private pump if needed, etc. Costs vary due to site-specific conditions. The City recommends property owners receive competitive bid estimates from licensed plumbers and/or excavators.*

RESOURCES AND CONTACT INFO

Sign up for email updates and find more info:
bendoregon.gov/septictosewerprogram

Program Manager: *Lindsey Cromsigt, PE*
(541) 617-4520; LCromsigt@bendoregon.gov

Deschutes County Environmental Soils Division
Tank Abandonment Permits, Alteration Permits
541-388-6519; cdd@deschutes.org

City of Bend Community Development Department
Plumbing Permits
(541) 388-5580 x 2; building@bendoregon.gov

Accommodation Information for People with Disabilities
To obtain this information in an alternate format such as Braille, large print, electronic formats, etc. please contact Lindsey Cromsigt at LCromsigt@bendoregon.gov or 541-617-4520; Relay Users Dial 7-1-1.