



Public Works Department
Engineering Division

STANDARDS FOR OBTAINING A SEWER LATERAL CERTIFICATE BASED ON REPAIR PSL Standard 06-02

This document sets forth the minimum requirements for an acceptable customer repaired private sewer lateral within the last twenty (20) years. It also describes what the applicant for a sewer lateral certificate must provide to the City to substantiate a “qualified” repair within the last twenty (20) years.

General Information

BMC 17.24 requires that, at the time of property sale and/or at the time of a major remodel, the sanitary sewer lateral must either be repaired/replaced or shown to be in satisfactory condition by taking the following steps:

1. Performing a Closed Circuit Television Inspection (CCTV) inspection, or
2. Show evidence of 100% replacement of the upper private sewer lateral within the last 20 years (such evidence must include an approved plumbing or public works permit with a final signature from a City inspector). Less than 100% replacement will require CCTV inspection.

Requirements

A qualified repair within the last twenty (20) years must be a repair that significantly improves the condition of the existing lateral. The repair should involve 100% or more of the upper lateral and increase the serviceability of the lateral.

The City will accept any of the following documents as verification of compliance and issue a Sewer Lateral Certificate at no charge, if you provide one of the following:

- Evidence that your sewer lateral is less than 20 years old, or
- A copy of a plumbing permit for replacement of your lateral within the last 20 years.

The owner and/or contractor must provide a detailed description of the work involved in the repair.

The date of such repair must be evident.

City Review

This information is subject to review by the City Engineering staff, and either a Sewer Lateral Certificate or a Deficiency Report will be issued. The City Engineer’s decision shall be final.