



# SEWER CONNECTION POLICY



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<b>Adopted by</b>	Napier City Council on 27 March 2017
<b>Relevant Legislation</b>	The Building Act 1991
<b>NCC Documents Referenced</b>	Not Applicable

## Purpose

Sewer connections provide residential dwellings and commercial industry businesses with a connection to the public sewer rectification for a disposal system.

The policy identifies the conditions under which approval for new connections to the public sewerage system will be granted.

The sewer connection policy provides a consistent set of conditions to inform applicants of the information that must be provided and the standard of construction that must be met when considering an application for a new sewer connection.

## Policy

### General Conditions of Approval

- There is no detrimental effect on the sewerage system.
- There is no adverse financial impact on the Council.
- The proposed connection does not impinge on the long term development of the sewerage system. Factors that will be considered are distance, depth, pipe size and system capacity.
- The practicality of administering and maintaining such works is taken into account.
- The costs of all works shall be at the cost of the applicant.
- The proposed route and engineering details are to be approved by the Napier City Council Asset Strategy Manager or his representative (called “the Manager”).
- Where the Manager deems it necessary, the applicant shall supply two full sets of engineering drawings to the Manager for his approval. The drawings shall contain such details and information as are required to be included by the Manager and shall not commence until the Manager has approved the said plans.
- All works shall comply with Napier City Council standard requirements for the laying of drains as laid down in the Code of Practice for Subdivision and Land Development.
- All works shall be inspected and tested by the Manager or his representative prior to connection.
- The final connection to the City sewer main shall be undertaken by the Services Department of the
- Council.
- In addition to meeting the costs of the physical works each applicant shall pay a financial contribution, to assist in offsetting the future upgrading of the reticulation associated with the additional demand.
- The owner of the property shall comply with all the appropriate Bylaws and regulations.
- All pipes laid within a public road or land reserved for a public road shall become the

property of the Napier City Council and shall be maintained by the Napier City Council. An appropriate capitalised charge for the maintenance of extraordinary assets may be determined.

- Where a main is laid through private property the Council may require that an easement be created in gross in favour of the Council, or other private easements as may be required.
- The cost of the connection shall be determined by the Napier City Council and may include the recovery from the applicant of a proportion of the costs incurred by either the Council or a previous applicant in extending the drainage system beyond the boundaries of the urban drainage area. Any future cost recovery on behalf of a former applicant or the Council shall be at the discretion of the Council.
- Each separable inhabitable dwelling unit outside the Napier urban or Bay View Drainage Area which is connected to the City's sewerage system shall pay the uniform sewerage charge which is set from time to time by the Council.
- The Council will determine the size of pipe to be used in any of the approved works which may include an allowance for other properties outside the drainage area. Any cost recovery at a later date for additional expenditure shall be at the discretion of Council.
- The approval to connect to the Napier sewerage system is valid for three months. If the work has not been undertaken within this period, the approval will lapse.
- The applicant shall obtain all necessary plumbing and drainage permits and all work shall comply with The Building Act 1991.

**Note:** Part or all of the above conditions may apply to an application. In some particular circumstances additional conditions may be required.

### Policy Review

The review timeframe of this policy will be no longer than every five years.



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