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(A) It is unlawful to discharge any sewage, industrial wastewater or other polluted waters into any storm drain or natural outlet.

(B) The owner of any parcel used for human occupancy, employment, recreation, or other human purpose which utilizes a private sewage system and is situated within the City and abutting on any street or easement in which there is situated a sanitary sewer within 200 feet of the property line closest to the available sewer, and designed to serve such parcel is required to install, at his or her expense, a connection with the public sewer in accordance with the provisions of this title within 90 days after date of official notice by the Director of Utilities to do so. Such official notice may inform the owner that no person may construct, excavate, maintain, cause, allow or permit to be constructed, excavated, or maintained on any parcels, any private sewage system, sewer pipes or other pipes or conduits, including residential graywater systems as defined by Chapter 22, Section 14875 et seq., of the California [Water Code](#) and as amended, for the treatment and discharge of sewage or impure waters, gas, vapor, oils, acids, tar or any other matter or substance offensive, injurious or dangerous to health. The private sewage system shall be removed or cleaned in accordance with Chapter [15-28](#) of this title or with the approvals received from the County of Sonoma.

(C) Any new development located on a parcel within 500 feet of the public sewer, as measured from the property line closest to the available sewer, is required to connect to public sewer. This requirement also pertains to the construction of an additional unit on the existing parcel. (Ord. 3895 § 1, 2008)

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15-16.020 Construction of sewers and sewer connections—Permit—Compliance required.

(A) No unauthorized person shall uncover, make any connection with or opening into, or use, alter or disturb any public sewer or appurtenances thereof without first obtaining a written permit from the Director of Utilities and any other appropriate permits required to comply with this title.

(B) If the City has previously installed a sewer service lateral, the City may charge the applicant for the actual cost of the existing lateral in lieu of requiring the applicant to install a service lateral.

(C) All construction of public sanitary sewers, or of sewers to become public sanitary sewers, or of sewer service laterals shall conform to the design criteria and the standard plans and specifications, as adopted by the City, and shall be subject to inspection and testing for sanitary sewers in accordance with current City standards.

(D) No connection to a sewer interceptor or to the sewer treatment plant of the Santa Rosa subregional system shall be permitted except by a user agency or the City in accordance with the provisions of the agreements between the user agencies and the City. (Ord. 3895 § 6, 2008)

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15-16.080 Privately constructed lines—Approval required.

Sanitary sewer lines proposed for construction by individuals or groups shall be the size necessary to handle sewage from the entire area tributary to the line when that area is developed to ultimate population density, as determined by the Director of Utilities. (Ord. 3895 § 6, 2008)

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