

Guidelines for Inspection Related Fees

This guideline describes how fees will be charged for inspection-related activities for the Regional Private Sewer Lateral Program (PSL Program). The fees were adopted in June 2013 and updated effective in July 2017. Inspectors, contractors, property owners and those needing to comply with PSL Program requirements can use this guideline to assist with inspection planning and payment.

PSL Program and Inspection Fee Overview

The Regional PSL Program requires property owners to obtain a PSL Compliance Certificate when buying or selling a property, performing construction or remodeling valued at or greater than \$100,000 or increasing or decreasing water meter size. The Compliance Certificate fee is \$250 and includes the cost of one verification test inspection for a single sewer lateral. Early in the program, the District shouldered the additional inspection costs associated with rescheduled and missed appointments, repeat inspections, inspections on sites with multiple PSLs and off-hours inspections. Beginning in 2014, additional fees have been charged to allow recovery of these costs.

Table 1 shows a summary of inspection related fees.

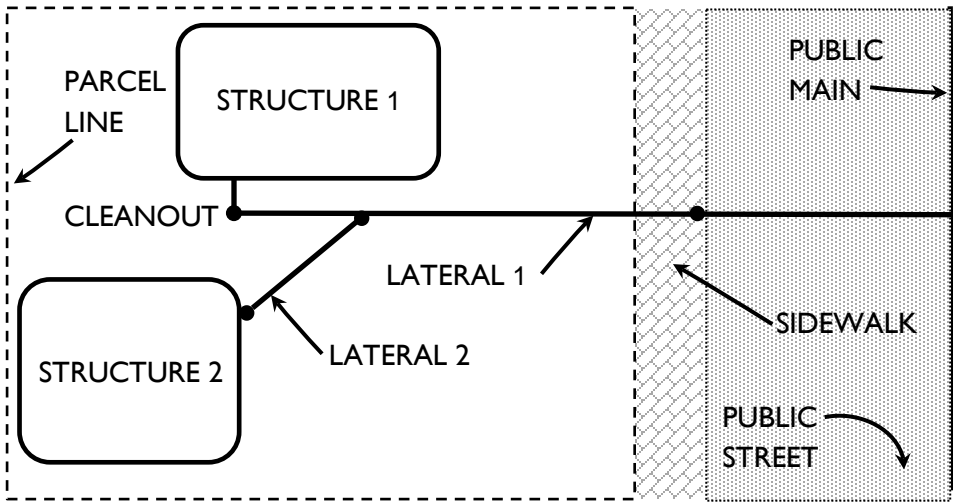
Table 1: Summary of Inspection Related Fees		
Type	Amount	Applicability
Inspection Rescheduling (See Table 2 for details)	\$73	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rescheduled Appointments Contractors who are not ready No shows Return inspection after failed test or test setup
Extra Lateral or Verification Test (See Table 3,4 and 5 for details)	\$66	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fee charged for each lateral or verification test > 1 on a parcel or parcels. <p>When a contractor or property owner is planning work on a parcel with multiple laterals, including branch laterals (private sewer mains) contact the Regional PSL Program Scheduling Desk at (510) 287-1599 to review lateral information for the parcel and schedule testing.</p>
Off-Hours Verification Test (See Table 6 for details)	\$200 minimum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$200 for 2.5 hours – \$200 is the minimum charge Appointments will be charged \$200 for each additional 2.5 hour increment

The tables on the following pages include detailed descriptions for each category of fees and, where appropriate, sample scenarios and diagrams for how fees will be charged.

When and How Fees Will Be Charged

Table 2: Inspection Rescheduling Fees When Fees Will Be Charged	
Rescheduled Appointment	Appointments rescheduled or cancelled after 7:00 am on the day of the appointment will be charged a rescheduling fee.
Contractor Not Ready	If the contractor is not ready at the beginning of the appointment window/when the inspector arrives at the site, a rescheduling fee will be charged for the return inspection. <i>Ready means that sewer lateral work is complete, the verification test equipment is set up, and the sewer lateral is already pressurized with water or air.</i>
No show	If a contractor is not at the site at their scheduled appointment time, a rescheduling fee will be charged for the return inspection.
Failed Test or Setup	If a sewer lateral fails a pressure test or fails due to improper pressure test set-up, a rescheduling fee will be charged for the return inspection.

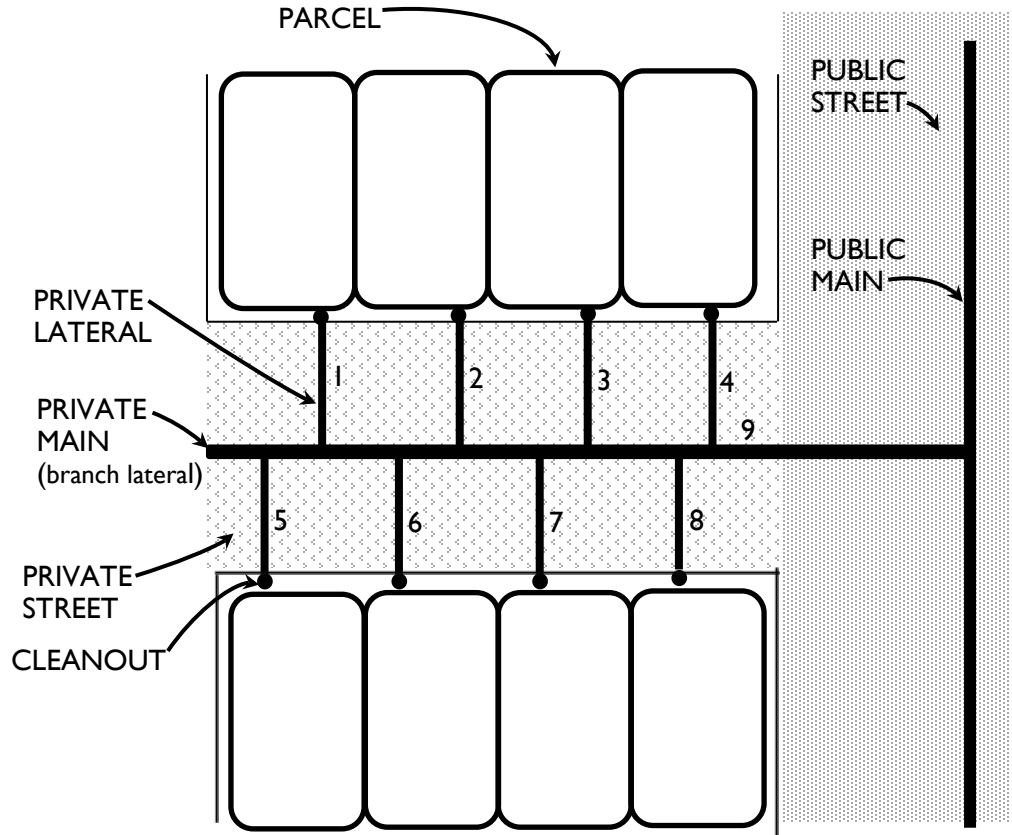
How To Pay: Rescheduling fee payment will be required before a Compliance Certificate is issued. Final payment for this charge can occur when the appointment is rescheduled or cancelled, or after the inspection is completed.

Table 3: Extra Lateral or Verification Test Fees How Fees Will Be Charged									
General Information	Extra lateral or verification test fees will be charged depending on site conditions and sewer lateral configuration.								
Extra Lateral Example	<p>SCENARIO ONE: 1 parcel with 2 structures and 2 laterals, 1 lateral connects to public sewer main</p>  <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>FEE TYPE</th> <th>AMOUNT</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Compliance Certificate</td> <td>\$250 (includes observing verification test for 1 lateral)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Extra Lateral</td> <td>\$66 = (1 lateral x \$66/lateral)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>TOTAL</td> <td>\$316</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	FEE TYPE	AMOUNT	Compliance Certificate	\$250 (includes observing verification test for 1 lateral)	Extra Lateral	\$66 = (1 lateral x \$66/lateral)	TOTAL	\$316
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**Table 4: Extra Lateral or Verification Test Fees
How Fees Will Be Charged (continued)**

Extra Lateral Example

SCENARIO TWO: 1 verification test, 9 laterals all tested at once in a private sewer system that connects to public sewer main

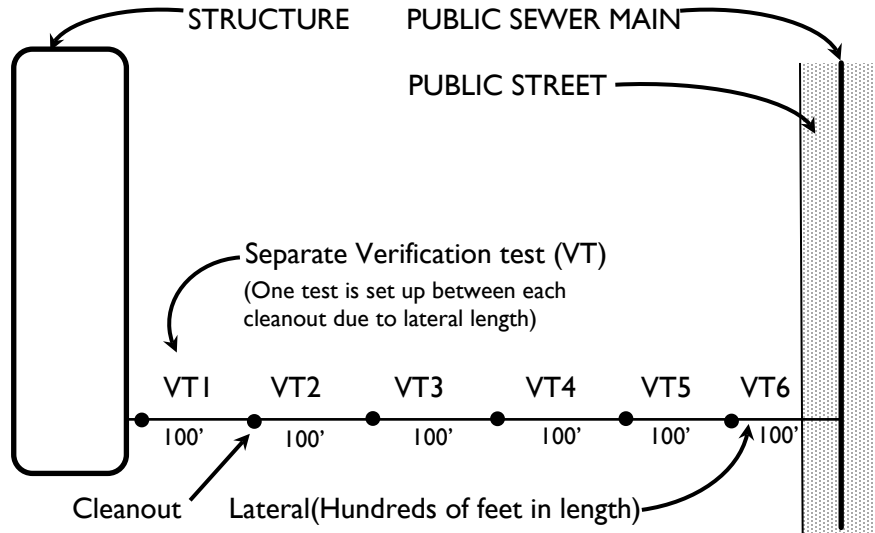


FEE TYPE	AMOUNT
Compliance Certificate	\$250 (includes observing verification test for 1 lateral)
Extra Lateral	\$528 = (8 laterals x \$66/lateral)
TOTAL	\$778

**Table 5: Extra Lateral or Verification Test Fees
How Fees Will Be Charged (continued)**

Extra Verification Test Example

SCENARIO THREE: 1 very long lateral, multiple verification tests performed between cleanouts, lateral connects to public sewer main



FEE TYPE	AMOUNT
Compliance Certificate	\$250 (includes observing verification test for one lateral segment)
Extra Verification Test	\$330 = (5 tests x \$66/test)
TOTAL	\$580

How To Pay: Extra lateral or verification test fee payment will be required before a Compliance Certificate is issued. Final payment for this charge will occur *after* the inspection is completed.

**Table 6: Off-Hours Verification Test Fees
When Fees Will Be Charged**

General Information

Off-Hours Verification Tests are those **not** performed between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday, or tests performed on EBMUD Holidays.

Fees: The minimum charge is \$200 for 2.5 hours. Charges consist of onsite inspection time plus 1 hour. The additional 1 hour will apply to all inspections, regardless of location in the wastewater service area to account for pre and post inspection paperwork, data entry, and roundtrip travel. Appointments longer than 2.5 hours will be charged an additional \$200 fee in 2.5 hour increments. Below are sample charges for different scenarios.

Table 6: Off-Hours Verification Test Fees (continued)

Off-Hours Verification Test Example	<p>SCENARIO ONE: Weekday, 7 am appointment for inspection of 1 lateral Onsite Time = 45 minutes Pre and Post Inspection Paperwork, Data Entry, and Travel Time = 1 hour Total Time = 1.75 hours</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="396 443 1227 646"> <thead> <tr> <th>FEE TYPE</th> <th>AMOUNT</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Off-Hours</td> <td>\$200</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Compliance Certificate</td> <td>\$250</td> </tr> <tr> <td>TOTAL</td> <td>\$450</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	FEE TYPE	AMOUNT	Off-Hours	\$200	Compliance Certificate	\$250	TOTAL	\$450		
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Off-Hours Verification Test Example	<p>SCENARIO TWO: Saturday morning appointment for inspection of 6 sewer laterals Onsite Time = 4.25 hours Pre and Post Inspection Paperwork, Data Entry, and Travel Time = 1 hour Total Time = 5.25 hours (3, 2.5 hour increments) Number of Extra Laterals = 5</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="396 982 1227 1270"> <thead> <tr> <th>FEE TYPE</th> <th>AMOUNT</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Off-Hours</td> <td>\$600 (3, 2.5hr increments x \$200)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Compliance Certificate</td> <td>\$250(includes observing verification test for 1 lateral)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Extra Lateral</td> <td>\$330 (5 laterals x \$66/test)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>TOTAL</td> <td>\$1180</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	FEE TYPE	AMOUNT	Off-Hours	\$600 (3, 2.5hr increments x \$200)	Compliance Certificate	\$250(includes observing verification test for 1 lateral)	Extra Lateral	\$330 (5 laterals x \$66/test)	TOTAL	\$1180
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How To Pay: Off-hours fee payment will be required before a Compliance Certificate is issued. Final payment for this charge will occur *after* the inspection is completed.