

Guidelines for Inspection Related Fees

This guideline describes how fees will be charged for inspection-related activities for the Regional Private Sewer Lateral (PSL) Program. The fees were adopted in June 2013 and updated effective July 1, 2024. 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 Compliance Certificate when buying or selling a property (title transfer), performing construction or remodeling work valued greater than \$100,000 or increasing or decreasing water meter size.

EAST BAY REGIONAL PRIVATE SEWER LATERAL PROGRAM

Table 1. Summary of Inspection Related Fees

Type	Amount	Applicability
Compliance Certificate Fee	\$370	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Assessed on all parcels and includes the cost of one verification test inspection for a single sewer lateral.This fee may be assessed for performance of a verification test that results in issuance of a new Compliance Certificate, reissuance of an existing Compliance Certificate to a new parcel that resulted from a split/merge of the parcel that was certified, or annotation of an existing Compliance Certificate.
Inspection Rescheduling (See Table 2 for details)	\$120	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Rescheduled after 7:00 am on day of appointment.Contractors who are not readyNo showsIncludes return inspection after failed test or test setup.Includes return inspection to confirm foundation, lateral abandonment, illicit connection, or untested lateral.
Extra Lateral/Manhole or Verification Test (See Tables 3, 4, 5, and 6 for details)	\$130	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Fee charged for each additional lateral/manhole or verification test on a parcel or parcels. 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.
Off-Hours Verification Test (See Table 7 for details)	\$280 minimum	<ul style="list-style-type: none">\$280 for initial 1.5 hours onsite – \$280 is the minimum charge.Once the requested appointment is confirmed, the \$280 minimum charge will not be refunded if canceled or rescheduled.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subsequent appointments scheduled consecutively on the same day will be charged \$280 for each additional 2.5-hour onsite increment. Please allow at least 3 full business days to process the off-hours inspection request. Ex. If a contractor is looking for a weekend appointment, the request should be made by calling (510) 287-1599 no later than Tuesday afternoon.
Specific Appointment Time (See Tables 3 and 4 for details).	\$340	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To guarantee a specific time of day for your convenience. The fee includes an initial 1.5 hours of onsite inspection time. Subsequent appointments scheduled consecutively on the same day will be charged \$340 for each additional 1.5-hour onsite increment. The request should be made by calling (510) 287-1599. Two rescheduling fees (\$240) will be assessed if canceled or rescheduled after 7:00 am on day of appointment. An inspection rescheduling fee will be assessed for a return inspection in the case of a failed test that has not passed by the end of the specific time appointment period. A retest within the same specific time appointment will not incur an additional fee.
HOA/Greater than 1,000 Oversight Fee	\$520	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fee specific for overseeing HOA and/or parcel(s) with laterals greater than 1,000 feet inspections, charged to each HOA or non-HOA greater than 1000 feet parcel(s). Does not include other fees associated with inspections.

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.

Table 2. When and How Rescheduling Fees Will Be Charged	
Rescheduled Appointment	Appointments rescheduled or canceled after 7:00 am on the day of the appointment will be charged a rescheduling fee.
Contractor Not Ready	If a 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. Some common set-up

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	failures are: water standpipe is shorter than 5 feet, water standpipe is not at the highest point of the lateral section being tested, dial air gauge is not in 0.1 psi increments, air gauge does not read zero after the lateral is depressurized, PSL is capped or plugged but not connected to the main/manhole, plugs are not placed close enough to the building/main, and cleanouts are not included in the test.
Confirmation Inspection	A rescheduling fee for the return inspection will be charged for appointments required to confirm the following: presence of a foundation, a PSL abandonment or an illicit connection. A rescheduling fee will also be charged if a return inspection is needed because access is not available to the entire parcel, or if soil stacks are found and the inspector is unable to tell where the pipe goes.

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/Manhole or Verification Test Fees
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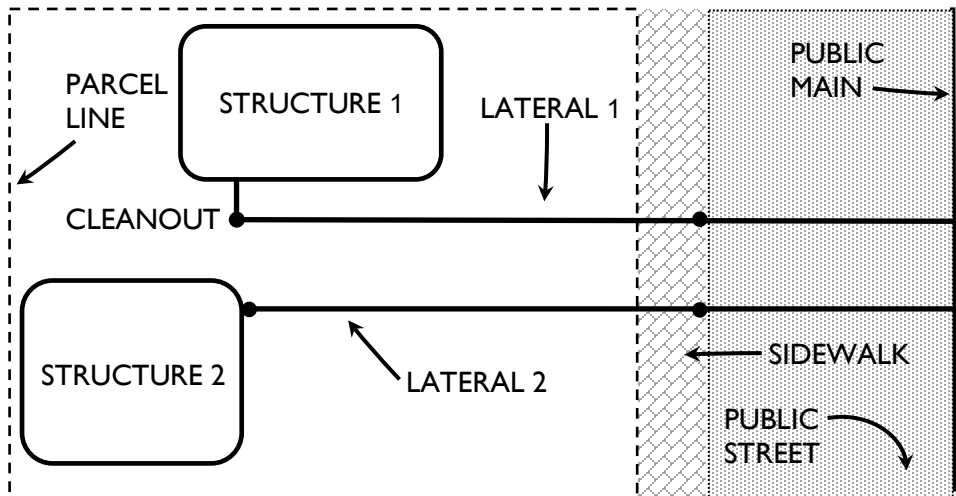
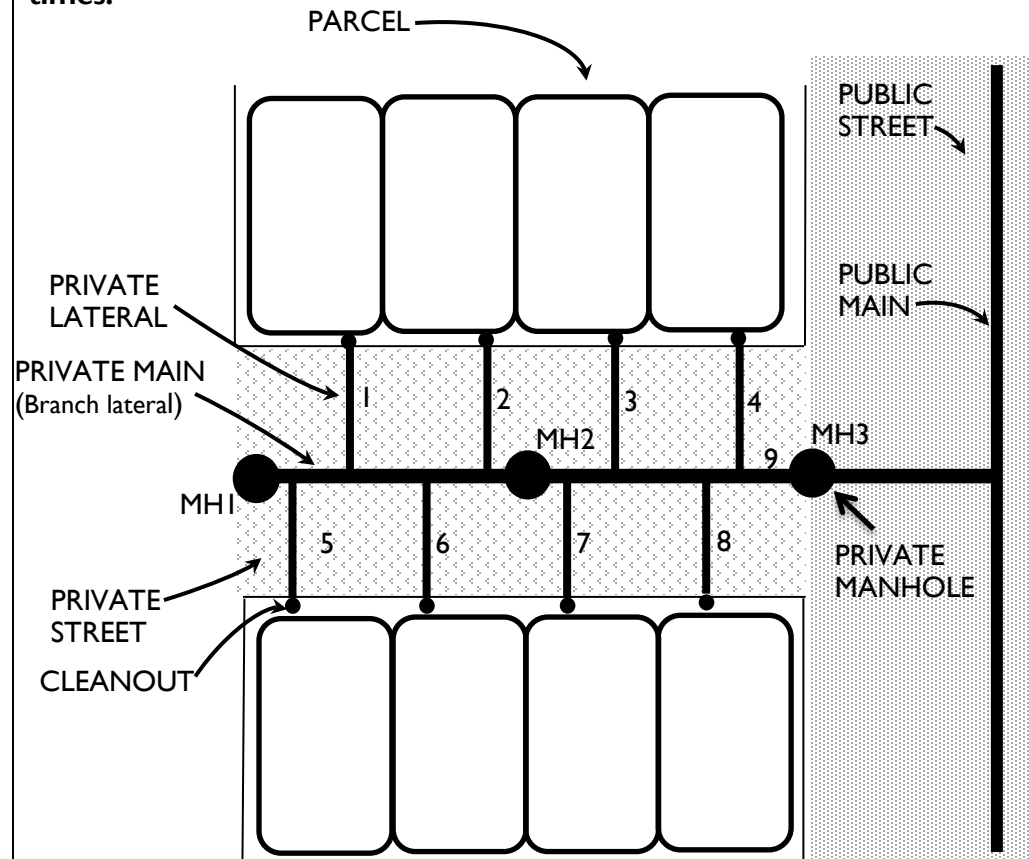
General Information	Extra lateral/manhole or verification test fees will be charged depending on site conditions and sewer lateral configuration.										
Extra Lateral Example	<p>SCENARIO ONE: 1 parcel with 2 structures and 2 laterals that connect to public sewer main, all tested at once at a specific appointment time.</p>  <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>FEE TYPE</th><th>AMOUNT</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Compliance Certificate</td><td>\$370 (includes observing verification test for 1 lateral)</td></tr> <tr> <td>Extra Lateral</td><td>\$130 (1 lateral x \$130/lateral)</td></tr> <tr> <td>Specific Appointment Time</td><td>\$340</td></tr> <tr> <td>TOTAL</td><td>\$840</td></tr> </tbody> </table>	FEE TYPE	AMOUNT	Compliance Certificate	\$370 (includes observing verification test for 1 lateral)	Extra Lateral	\$130 (1 lateral x \$130/lateral)	Specific Appointment Time	\$340	TOTAL	\$840
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SCENARIO TWO: 5 verification tests, 9 laterals divided into two tests in a private sewer system in an HOA that connects to public sewer main, plus three private manhole tests, all tested in 2 back-to-back specific appointment times.

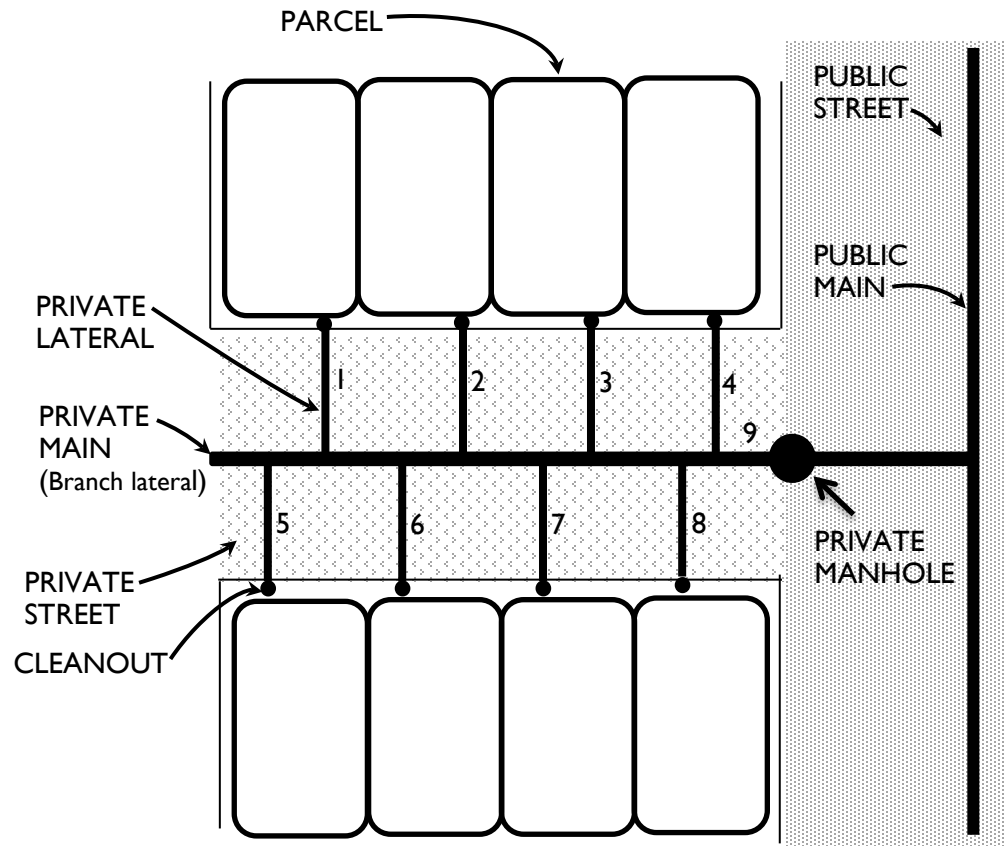


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Compliance Certificate	\$370 (includes observing verification test for 1 lateral)
Extra Lateral	\$1,040 (8 laterals x \$130/lateral)
Manhole	\$390 (3 manhole tests x \$130/ in the same appointment)
Specific Appointment Time	\$680 (2 x \$340/specific appointment time)
HOA Oversight	\$520
TOTAL	\$3,000

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SCENARIO THREE: 1 verification test, 9 laterals all tested at once in a private sewer system in an HOA that connects to public sewer main, plus one manhole test.

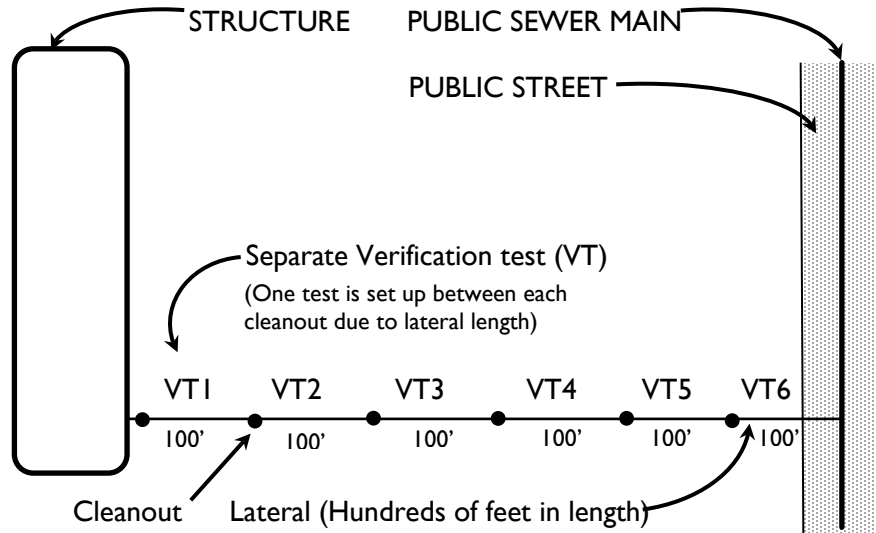


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TOTAL	\$2,060

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



FEE TYPE	AMOUNT
Compliance Certificate	\$370 (includes observing verification test for one lateral segment)
Extra Verification Test	\$650 (5 tests x \$130/test)
TOTAL	\$1,020

How to Pay: Extra lateral/manhole 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 7. Off-Hours Verification Test Fees											
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General Information	<p>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.</p> <p>Fees: The minimum charge is \$280. This charge consists of 1.5 hours onsite inspection time plus 1 hour for pre- and post-inspection paperwork, data entry, and roundtrip travel, regardless of location in the wastewater service area. Appointments longer than 1.5 hours onsite will be charged an additional \$280 fee for each partial or full subsequent 2.5-hour increment. Below are sample charges for different scenarios.</p>										
Off-Hours Verification Test Example	<p>SCENARIO ONE: Weekday, 7 am appointment for inspection of 1 lateral</p> <p>Onsite Time = 45 minutes Pre and Post Inspection Paperwork, Data Entry, and Travel Time = 1 hour Total Time = 1.75 hours</p> <table> <tr> <th>FEE TYPE</th><th>AMOUNT</th></tr> <tr> <td>Off-Hours</td><td>\$280</td></tr> <tr> <td>Compliance Certificate</td><td>\$370</td></tr> <tr> <td>TOTAL</td><td>\$650</td></tr> </table>	FEE TYPE	AMOUNT	Off-Hours	\$280	Compliance Certificate	\$370	TOTAL	\$650		
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Off-Hours Verification Test Example	<p>SCENARIO TWO: Saturday morning appointment for inspection of 6 sewer laterals</p> <p>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> <tr> <th>FEE TYPE</th><th>AMOUNT</th></tr> <tr> <td>Off-Hours</td><td>\$840 (3, 2.5hr increments x \$280)</td></tr> <tr> <td>Compliance Certificate</td><td>\$370 (includes observing verification test for 1 lateral)</td></tr> <tr> <td>Extra Lateral</td><td>\$650 (5 laterals x \$130/test)</td></tr> <tr> <td>TOTAL</td><td>\$1,860</td></tr> </table>	FEE TYPE	AMOUNT	Off-Hours	\$840 (3, 2.5hr increments x \$280)	Compliance Certificate	\$370 (includes observing verification test for 1 lateral)	Extra Lateral	\$650 (5 laterals x \$130/test)	TOTAL	\$1,860
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How to Pay: Final payment for this charge will be calculated by EBMUD *after* the inspection is complete. Off-hours fee payment will be required before EBMUD will issue a Compliance Certificate.