



# WASTEWATER REGULATION CHANGES

Utility Advisory Committee

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## THREE AREAS:

- Side Sewer Ownership and Maintenance
- Septic to Sewer Program
- S.T.E.P. (Septic Tank Effluent Pumping) Systems

# SIDE SEWERS



Typical Side Sewer



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The previous regulation was problematic, resulting in:

- *Repairs delayed due to high cost*
- *Disagreement over responsibilities*
- *Unsafe excavations*
- *Roadway settlement*
- *Damage to utilities*
- *Lawsuits*



# NEW SIDE SEWER REGULATIONS

- Regulations were changed in March 2017. Now the City owns the side sewer from the sewer main to the right-of-way line, only if there is a cleanout there.
- The City is not responsible for clogs.
- The City has had three or four calls regarding side sewers we now own. There have been no repairs yet, but one is pending.



# SEPTIC TO SEWER PROGRAM

- The program was created in 2008 to facilitate septic to sewer conversions.
- About 4,275 on-site sewage or septic systems (OSS) exist in the City and UGA.
- The City has helped with over a hundred conversions since 2009, with a high of 30 in 2011.
- The new regulations were passed on September 19, 2017.



# SEPTIC TO SEWER PROGRAM

The changes passed:

- Provide a simpler mechanism for allowing the payment of City GFC over time.
- Expand the GFC waiver program to include new property owners and those qualifying for a LOTT capacity development charge (CDC) rebate.
- Reduce the reimbursement required from property owners who connect to a newly constructed sewer from over \$20,000, typically, to less than \$10,000.
- Expand the scope of possible sewer extension projects to include septic tank effluent pumping (STEP) systems and lift stations.



# LOTT INCENTIVE PROGRAM

- Also, in March 2017, the LOTT Clean Water Alliance created the Septic Conversion Incentive Pilot Program.
- It offers an instant rebate (50 – 75%) off the capacity development charge (CDC).
- This has generated a lot of interest in the Septic to Sewer program.
- Fourteen applications approved, representing 40 equivalent residential units (ERUs).
- Three properties have completed projects so far.
- The City regulation changes will work with the LOTT program.





# S.T.E.P. SYSTEM REGULATIONS

- Regulations are still pending.
- Public hearing was held at the Planning Commission meeting on September 25, 2017.
- Would allow S.T.E.P. connections for properties created through a short plat.
- Only one short plat would be allowed per property.

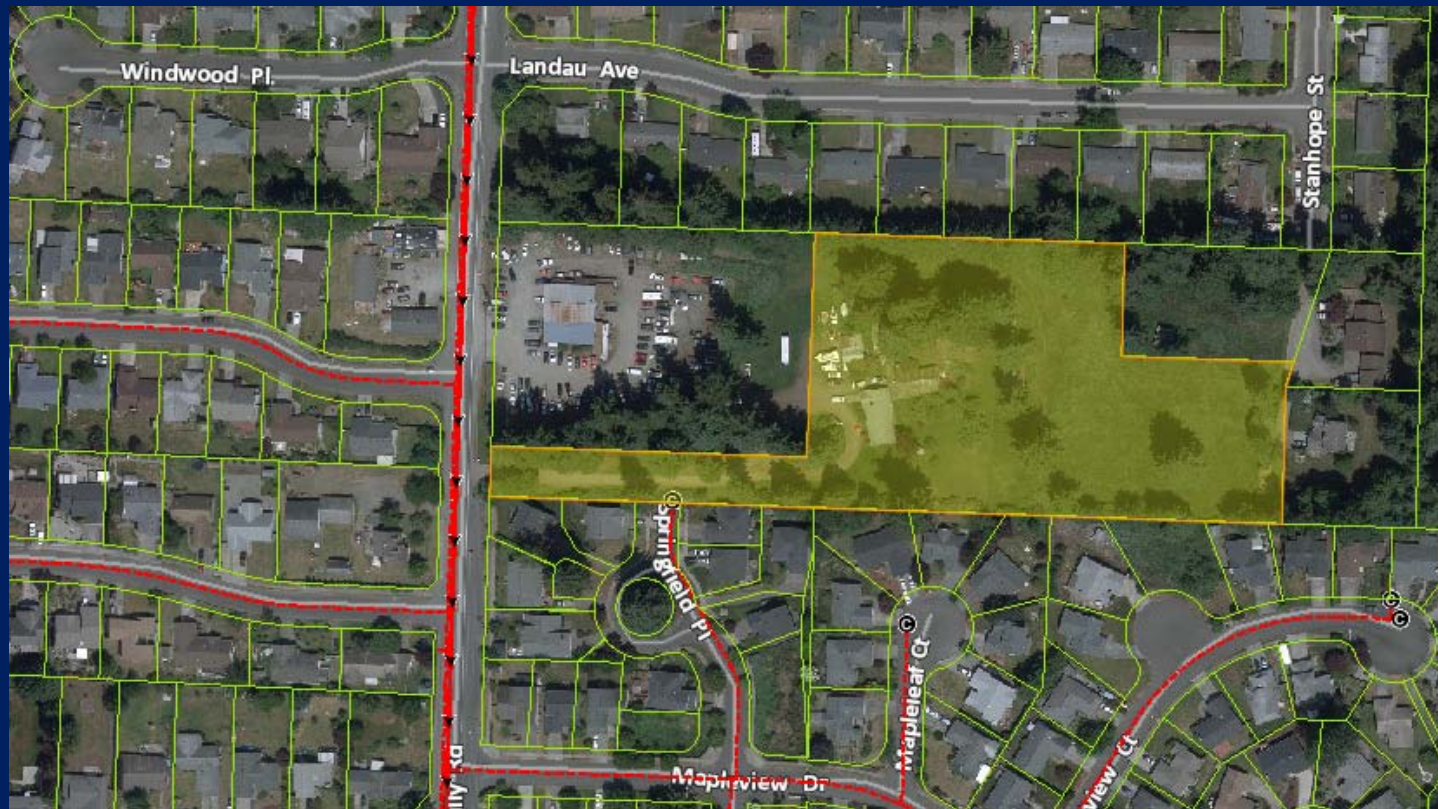


# S.T.E.P. SYSTEM REGULATIONS

- Would allow connection to S.T.E.P. force mains extended as part of the Septic to Sewer program.
- S.T.E.P sewer connections would not be permitted where a gravity sewer is available to the property.



# S.T.E.P. SEWERS REGULATIONS



Example Property

# QUESTIONS/COMMENTS?

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