

South Placer Municipal Utility District Code

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CHAPTER 2 SEWER USE

CHAPTER 2.00 General

This Chapter in whole or in part is based on excerpts from Ordinance 09-02 adopted by the Board of Directors on July 2, 2009 and shall govern the use of public and private sewers and establish the rules and regulations for service and services rendered by the District.

CHAPTER 2.01 Definitions

As used in this Code, the following words and phrases shall have the meaning given in this chapter.

2.01.005 Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU)

Accessory Dwelling Unit shall have the meaning set forth in California Government Code Section 65852.2.

2.01.010 Board

Board of Directors of the South Placer Municipal Utility District (District).

2.01.015 Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD)

The quantity of Oxygen utilized in the biochemical oxidation of organic matter under standard laboratory procedure, five (5) days at twenty (20) degrees centigrade expressed in terms of weight and concentration (milligrams per liter (mg/l)).

2.01.020 Building Drain

That part of the lowest horizontal piping of a drainage system which receives the discharge from waste and other drainage pipes inside the walls of the building and conveys it to the building sewer two (2) feet outside the outer face of the building wall.

2.01.025 Building Sewer

A pipeline connecting a building drain to a public sewer, consisting of an upper lateral and a lower lateral.

2.01.030 Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD)

Chemical Oxygen Demand: Measurement of the oxygen required to oxidize soluble and particulate organic matter in water expressed in terms of weight and concentration (milligrams per liter (mg/l))

2.01.035 Collector Sewer

The public sanitary sewer main to which various building or private sewers are connected, owned and operated by the District.

2.01.040 District

The South Placer Municipal Utility District, a statutorily created district operating under the authority of and pursuant to the provisions of the California Municipal Utility District Act (Public Utility Code commencing at Section 11501 et seq).

2.01.045 District General Manager

The General Manager as appointed by the Board of Directors of the South Placer Municipal Utility District in accordance with the California Municipal Utility District Act (Public Utility Code commencing at Section 11501 et seq) or any District employee or agent of the District authorized by the General Manager to act on their behalf to enforce the provisions of this code.

2.01.050 District Specifications

The Standard Specifications and Improvement Standards for Sanitary Sewers prepared and ordered effective by the General Manager pursuant to the provisions of Section 11937(e) of the Municipal Utility District Act, Division 6, of the Public Utilities Code, and State of California. All work associated with wastewater systems shall be performed pursuant to and in compliance with this Code and the District Specifications.

2.01.055 Domestic Wastewater

Wastes originating in a residential facility or dwelling.

2.01.060 Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU)

The unit of measurement, used to determine design and fee requirements based on the typical average flow and strength of wastewater from a single family residential occupancy.

2.01.065 Fats, Oils, and Grease (FOG)

Any substance such as vegetable or animal product that is used in, or is a byproduct of, the cooking or food preparation process, and that becomes or may become viscous, or solidifies or may solidify, with a change in temperature or other conditions.

2.01.070 Food Service Establishment (FSE)

Any facility, including but not limited to, any commercial entity within the boundaries of the District, operating in a permanently constructed structure such as a room, building or place, or portion thereof, maintained, used or operated for the purpose of storing, preparing, serving or manufacturing, packaging or otherwise handling food for sale to other entities, or for consumption by the public, its members or employees, and which has any process or device that uses or produces FOG, or grease vapors, steam, fumes, smoke or odors that are required to be removed by an exhaust hood pursuant to California Health and Safety Code section 114149.1 or in accordance with the California Uniform Retail Food Facilities Law (CURFFL) (California Health and Safety Code sections 113700, et seq.). A limited food preparation establishment may not be considered to be an FSE when engaged only in reheating, hot holding, or assembly of ready to eat food products, provided that there is no wastewater discharge containing a significant amount of FOG.

2.01.075 Garbage

Solid wastes from the preparation, cooking and dispensing of food and from the handling, storage and sale of produce.

2.01.080 Industrial Wastewater

The liquid wastes originating from industrial processing.

2.01.085 Lower Lateral

That part of building sewer within the public right-of-way, extending from the property line or public sewer easement line, typically at the PLCO, to the public sewer, by gravity flow.

2.01.090 Multiple Dwelling

Any structure for residential occupancy consisting of more than one dwelling unit.

2.01.095 Non-Dispersible

Any item that requires more than 20 seconds to begin to disperse after contact with water. This includes "Flushable Products" that do not disperse and have structural strength and

do not tear easily, such as paper products, specifically paper towels and facial tissues, sanitary products such Baby Wipes and other cleansing products that are indestructible and advertised as flushable but are non-dispersible.

2.01.100 Non-residential Wastewater

Wastewater originating from sources other than residential discharges.

2.01.105 Owner / Applicant

The record owner of the real property being served or to be served by the District's wastewater system, or his duly authorized agent. The record owner of such real property shall be billed and liable to the District for the payment of all authorized fees, rates, tolls, rentals or other charges.

2.01.110 Participation Charge

Also known as a connection fee or development impact fee, the sum paid to the District in lawful money of the United States by any person, for the privilege of connecting to the District's facilities whether such connection is voluntary or mandatory. The District's facilities shall include local collection systems, trunk lines, treatment plants, and capacity.

2.01.115 Persons

Any individual, partnership, co-partnership, firm, company, association, society, corporation, joint stock company, trust, estate, governmental entity or any other legal entity, or their legal representatives, agents or assigns. The masculine gender shall include the feminine and the singular shall include the plural where indicated by context.

2.01.120 pH

The logarithm (base 10) of the reciprocal of the concentration of hydrogen ions expressed in grams per liter of solution.

2.01.125 Property Line Cleanout (PLCO)

The publicly-owned clean out installed on the building sewer near the public right-of-way, within the P.U.E., intended for access of the publicly owned Lower Lateral.

2.01.130 Private Sewer

Any sewer facilities which remain under private ownership by a single property owner.

2.01.135 Properly Shredded Garbage

Wastes from the preparation, cooking and dispensing of food which have been shredded to such degree that all particles will be carried freely under the flow conditions normally prevailing in public sewers, with no particle greater than 0.5 inches in any dimension.

2.01.137 Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTW)

A wastewater treatment plant as defined by Section 212 of the Clean Water Act (33 United States Code 1291). The District's public sewer is a satellite wastewater collection system to the regional POTW located in the City of Roseville.

2.01.140 Public Sewer

A sewer in which all owners of abutting property have equal rights and is controlled by public authority.

2.01.145 Readily Accessible

Capable of being accessed quickly, and without obstruction, for maintenance, repair, or inspection without requiring the District or its agents, to uncover, remove obstacles or repair sewer facilities in order to use.

2.01.150 Service Charge

The periodic charge assessed to the real property owner by the District for the capability of conveying, treating and disposing of wastewater.

2.01.155 Sewer

A pipe or conduit that carries wastewater or drainage water.

2.01.160 Single Family Residence (SFR)

Any free-standing structure used for residential occupancy and consisting of one dwelling unit

2.01.165 Sanitary Sewer Overflow (SSO)

Any overflow, spill, release, discharge or diversion of untreated or partially treated wastewater from a sanitary sewer system.

2.01.170 Structure

A building or other constructed facility used for human occupancy, employment, recreation or other purpose.

2.01.175 Suspended Solids

The total suspended matter that floats on the surface of, or is suspended in, water, wastewater, or other liquids; and which is removable by laboratory filtering.

2.01.180 Uniform Plumbing Code (UPC)

The most current edition of the Uniform Plumbing Code published by the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO).

2.01.185 Upper Lateral

That part of the building sewer running from two (2) feet outside the outer face of the building wall to the public right-of-way; privately owned and maintained.

2.01.190 Wastewater

The liquid and water carrying industrial or domestic wastes from dwellings, commercial buildings, industrial facilities, FSEs and institutions, whether treated or untreated, which is discharged into or permitted to enter the public sewer and the POTW.

2.01.195 Wastewater Collection System

The pipe system and appurtenances for collecting and carrying water and water-carried wastes from domestic, non-residential and industrial sources to a wastewater treatment plant.

2.01.200 Wastewater System

All facilities for collecting, pumping, treating and disposing of wastewater.

2.01.205 Wastewater Treatment Plant

An arrangement of pipes, equipment, devices, tanks and structures for treating wastewater and industrial wastes.

2.01.210 Water Course

A natural or manmade channel in which a flow of water occurs, either continually or intermittently.

CHAPTER 2.02 PUBLIC SEWER

2.02.001 Permission Required

No person shall uncover, make any connections with or opening into, use, alter or disturb any public sewer or appurtenance without first obtaining permission from the District and paying all fees and charges as established under the provisions of this Code.

2.02.002 Protect from Damage

- A. No person shall maliciously, willfully, or negligently break, damage, destroy, uncover, deface, remove or tamper with any structure, appurtenance or equipment which forms any part of the District's public sewer system or any private sewer facility which may directly or indirectly affect any of the District's public sewer system.
- B. Any person violating the provisions of this Chapter shall be responsible for any and all costs, damages, repair and/or replacement of any structure, appurtenance or equipment caused to the District by such violations.

2.02.003 System Accessibility

- A. It is the customer's responsibility to ensure the Property Line Clean Out (PLCO) is readily accessible at all times. When a PLCO cannot be accessed by the District, the customer will be notified and shall correct the condition(s). If the issue is not rectified within 30 days after notification, District staff will make the correction(s) and the customer will be responsible for actual costs incurred.
- B. Representatives of the District shall have the right of ingress to the customer's premises at reasonable hours for any purpose reasonably connected with furnishing of sewer service.

2.02.004 Connection to the Public Sewer Required

- A. It is unlawful for the owner or lessee of any lot or parcel of land situated within the District, which lot or parcel has thereon a building equipped with any plumbing

fixture, to neglect or refuse to have any such buildings connected with the District wastewater collection system so that the drainage from each and every such plumbing fixture shall flow into the sewer; provided, that there is such a sewer in the street, alley or right-of-way near such lot or parcel of land and not more than 300 feet distant from such building. Domestic plumbing systems that incorporate nonpotable water reuse systems, such as gray water reuse systems, shall be exempt from this section provided that they are installed and constructed in accordance with local municipal ordinances or codes, the then current provisions of California Plumbing Code, Chapter 16 - Alternate Water Sources For Nonpotable Applications and Chapter 16A - Nonpotable Water Reuse Systems, governing the construction, alteration, discharge, use, and repair of gray water systems.

- B. When ordered by the District, or when and where the state, county, or city public health department determines a health hazard exists or is imminent, the owner of all structures, as defined within this Code, situated within the limits of the District and abutting on any street, alley or right-of-way or in proximity thereto in which there is located a public sewer of the District, is hereby required at his/her expense to connect such structures directly with the proper public sewer in accordance with the provisions of this Code, within 90 days after receipt of written, mailed notice to do so, provided said public sewer is within 300 feet of the nearest property line of the property containing such structures; unless otherwise waived by the General Manager upon exigent circumstances.
- C. In the event of a violation of this Chapter, the District may connect such structures to the public sewer and the owner or occupant of such structures shall be jointly and severally responsible to the District for the cost of such connection in addition to the regular participation charge, monthly service charge and any other reasonable and necessary charges imposed by the District and such costs shall become a lien on the real property pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Health & Safety Code of the State of California.

2.02.005 Prohibited Discharges

- A. No person shall discharge or cause to be discharged any storm water, surface water, ground water, roof run off, subsurface drainage, cooling water, refrigeration or air conditioner cooling water, swimming pool drainage from single family residences or industrial process waters to any public sewer.
- B. Except as hereinafter provided, no person shall discharge or cause to be discharged any of the following described waters, wastewaters or wastes to any public sewers:
 - 1. Any liquid or vapor having a temperature higher than 150-degrees F.

2. Any water or waste which may contain more than 100 parts per million, by weight, of FOG.
 3. Any gasoline, benzene, naphtha, fuel oil, or other flammable or explosive liquid, solid or gas.
 4. Any garbage that has not been properly shredded.
 5. Any discharge of wastes from recreational vehicles (RV) outside of permitted RV dump sites or camping sites.
 6. Any ashes, cinders, sand, mud, straw, shavings, metal, glass, rags, non-dispersible item, feather, fur, plastic, wood, paunch manure, or any other solid or viscous substances capable of causing obstruction to the flow in sewers and/or causing or with the potential to cause SSO's or other interference with the proper operation of the sewage works.
 7. Any waters or wastes having a pH lower than 5.5 or higher than 9.0 or having any corrosive property capable of causing damage or hazard to the structures, equipment, and personnel of the sewage works.
 8. Any waters or wastes containing a toxic or poisonous substance in sufficient quantity to injure or interfere with any sewage treatment process, constitute a hazard to humans or animals, or create any hazard in the receiving waters of the sewage treatment plant.
 9. Any waters or waste containing suspended solids of such character and quantity that unusual attention or expense is required to handle such materials at the sewage treatment plant.
 10. Any noxious or malodorous gas or substance capable of creating a public nuisance.
- C. The admission into the public sewers of any wastewater or wastes generated from any nonresidential type use shall conform to SPMUD Ordinance 88-3, the District's ordinance adopting Chapter 14.26 of the Municipal Code of the City of Roseville relating to industrial wastewater.
- D. Discharge from FSE's shall be in conformance with Chapter 3 of this Code, establishing requirements regarding Fats, Oils, and Grease.
- E. No provision of this Code shall be construed to prohibit any special agreement or contract between the District and any non-residential user whereby waste of unusual strength, characteristic or quantity as determined by this Code may be accepted for treatment, subject to payment therefore. Any agreement made in accordance with this section shall conform to provisions of this Code and Ordinance 88-3.

2.02.006 Preliminary Treatment:

- A. Where preliminary treatment facilities are provided for any wastewater or wastes, they shall be maintained continuously in satisfactory effective operation, by the owner at his expense.
- B. Grease, oil and sand interceptors, as required by the District, shall be provided for the proper handling of liquid wastes containing grease or any flammable wastes, sand or other harmful ingredients, except that such interceptors shall not be required for private living quarters or dwelling units.
- C. All interceptors shall be of a type and capacity approved by the District and shall be located as to be readily accessible for cleaning and inspection.
- D. All grease, oil and sand interceptors shall be maintained by the owner, at his expense, in continuously efficient operation, at all times.

CHAPTER 2.03 CHARGES AND FEES

2.03.001 Participation Charges – General

- A. No person shall connect any building sewer, alter, or change the use of any commercial structure or equivalent dwelling unit or portion thereof, or enlarge any commercial structure until a participation charge for each connection, enlargement, alteration, or change of use has been paid to the District.
- B. The provisions of this Chapter are enacted pursuant to the provisions of Article IV, Chapter 6, Sections 5400 et seq. of the Health and Safety Code and Section 66000 of the Government Code. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 5474 of the Health and Safety Code all participation charges fixed herein for the privilege of connecting to the District's wastewater system shall be due and payable prior to such connection.
- C. Notwithstanding the preceding, payment of participation fees due the District from non-residential users may, at the District's discretion, be deferred and made payable over a period of time under such terms and conditions as may be imposed by the Board in accordance with District Policy 3350 – Deferred Participation Charges or any amendments thereto.

- D. In the event a structure is altered to produce more than a single EDU, an additional participation charge shall be due for each additional EDU or portion thereof produced. Payment of such fees and charges shall be the responsibility of the real property owner.
- E. In the event additional participation charges become due from a structure previously connected to District's wastewater system, such charges shall become due immediately upon completion of the enlargement or alteration which results in additional participation charges and in the event such charges are not paid when due, the amount of such charges shall constitute a lien against the respective lots or parcels of land to which the facilities are connected. Prior to making such fees or charges a lien, the District shall give notice to the owners of the lots or parcels of land affected pursuant to the provisions of Section 5474 of the Health and Safety Code.
- F. In the event a connection, change in use or alteration of any commercial structure, enlargement of any commercial structure, or change in number of equivalent dwelling units within a structure has been made in violation of the provisions of this Section, the real property owner where such connection, alteration, change, or enlargement has occurred shall be responsible to the District for the payment of participation charges, and, in addition, may be required to disconnect the building sewer from the public sewer and reconnect to the public sewer under the District's supervision and shall be required to pay, in addition to such participation charge a reconnection charge in accordance with the District's Fee Schedule Resolution, together with all actual costs and expenses incurred by the District in making such reconnection. A basic participation charge for each equivalent dwelling unit shall be fixed and established by ordinance/code and may be changed from time to time by the Board of Directors in accordance with provisions of Sections 12809 and 14401 of the Public Utilities Code and Section 66000 of the Government Code.

2.03.003 Participation Charges – Commercial/Industrial:

Determination of Commercial or Industrial Equivalent Dwelling Units. For purposes of this Code, commercial or industrial EDU's shall be determined as follows:

- A. General Regulations
 - 1. Not Less than 1 EDU per building.
 - 2. Prescribed participation charges apply only to the particular uses listed herein. Where multiple uses, and/or tenants within the meaning of this Code, are contained or can be contained in the same structure, the General Manager,

based on building permit data, applicable zoning, and plans of the developer, will allocate the respective square footage for the various uses and/or tenants, and determine a composite participation charge composed of the respective participation charges for each such use and/or tenant. Subsequent modifications to any structure may result in reclassification and the assessment of additional incremental participation charges.

3. No refunding of previously paid participation charges will be made where modifications are made to any structure which places it in a classification with a lower participation charge rate.
4. The real property owner shall be responsible for payment of any and all additional charges.

B. Low Strength-Low Quantity Commercial or Industrial Users-

For commercial or industrial units having wastewater strength of less than 200 mg/1 B.O.D. and/or suspended solids, and a quantity of less than 25,000 gpd, an EDU shall be determined as follows:

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Low Occupancy User <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Parking Garage b) Regional Distribution Facilities c) Storage Buildings 	Per every 5 Employees (NOT Less than 1 EDU)
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Low-Density Users <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Church (w/o Kitchen) b) Warehouse / Commercial Storage 	$\frac{1}{6}$ EDU per 1,000 sq. ft.
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Medium Density User <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Church (w/ Kitchen and Meeting Hall) b) School (w/o Cafeterias and w/o Gymnasiums w/ Showers) c) Bowling/Entertainment Center (w/o Showers) d) Day Care Center (w/o Kitchen) e) Sports/Fitness Center (w/o Showers) f) Retail Store g) Bank/Offices (Other than Medical/Dental) h) Chiropractor's Office i) Theatres (Theaters that provide dining services shall be considered a FOG producing FSE) j) Auditorium/Halls/Lodges 	$\frac{1}{3}$ EDU per 1,000 sq. ft.

<p>4. High Density User.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Barber/Beauty Shop/Nail Salon b) School (w/ Cafeterias or Gymnasiums w/ Showers) c) Bowling/Entertainment Center (w/ Kitchen) d) Day Care Center (w/ Kitchen) e) Sports/Fitness Center (w/ Showers) f) Medical/Dental Facility g) Service Station / Mechanic Shop h) Pet Grooming Center i) Veterinary Clinic j) Bars k) Coffee Shops/Kiosks(w/ limited food preparation) l) Ice Cream / Frozen Yogurt / Shaved Ice 	<p>$\frac{2}{3}$EDU per 1,000 sq. ft</p>
<p>5. Special Commercial User</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Car Wash (per Automatic Wash Stall) b) Car Wash (per Self-service Wash Stall) c) Laundromat d) Market/Mini-market (w/o Disposal) e) Market/Mini-market (w/ Disposal) f) FSE (FOG producing establishment) g) FSE (Non FOG Producing Establishment, w/ limited food preparation) h) FSE Outside/Overflow Dining Area <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. w/ Covered Area ii. w/o Covered Area, but fenced i) Mortuaries j) Hospital k) Rest Home/Convalescent Hospital/Memory Care/Assisted Living l) Camping/Recreational Vehicle Site m) Recreational Vehicle Dump Site n) Hotel/Motel Unit (w/ Kitchen) o) Hotel/Motel Unit (w/o Kitchen) 	<p>8 EDU per Unit 2 EDU per Unit $\frac{2}{3}$ EDU per Washer $\frac{2}{3}$ EDU per 1,000 sq. ft. 2 EDU per 1,000 sq. ft. 2 EDU per 1,000 sq. ft. 1 EDU per 1,000 sq. ft.</p> <p>2 EDU per 1,000 sq. ft. 1 EDU per 1,000 sq. ft. 2 EDU per 1,000 sq. ft. $\frac{1}{2}$ EDU per Licensed Bed $\frac{1}{3}$ EDU per Licensed Bed</p> <p>$\frac{1}{2}$ EDU per Site 1 EDU per Site 1 EDU per Unit $\frac{1}{2}$ EDU per Unit</p>
<p>6. Other Commercial/Industrial Users not listed</p>	<p>Based on a Study authorized by the General Manager</p>

2.03.004 Participation Charges – High Strength-High Quantity Commercial or Industrial Users

- A. For commercial or industrial users having wastewater strength of greater than 300 mg/l BOD or COD and 50mg/l suspended solids, and/or a quantity of greater than

or equal to 25,000 gallons per day (gpd), and/or requiring either special handling or treatment, an EDU shall be determined as follows:

$$EDU's = \frac{gpd}{175} \left[0.61 + \frac{BOD \text{ or } COD. \text{ mg/L}}{300} (0.22) + \frac{suspended \text{ solids mg/L}}{50} (0.17) \right]$$

1. In addition, special treatment and/or handling costs may be added as determined by the General Manager.
2. Industrial processing plants and similar heavy or unusual uses not classified by the provisions of this Code shall be charged participation charges and fees as determined by the General Manager.

2.03.005 Participation Charges – Residential

A. Determination of Residential Equivalent Dwelling Units. For purposes of this Code, Residential Equivalent Dwelling Units (“EDU’s”) shall be determined as follows: All dwelling units, including, but not limited to single family homes, duplexes, condominiums, mobile homes, and apartments shall be one (1) EDU per living unit, except for Accessory Dwelling Units (“ADUs”) as provided below:

1. An ADU set forth in shall not be considered a Residential EDU for the purposes of the assessment of a Participation Charge applicable to the ADU, and shall not be assessed a Participation Charge, provided the following conditions are met:
 - a. The ADU is not intended for sale separate from the primary residence and may be rented. If the ADU is built on a portion of the lot that can be split from the primary residence, the ADU shall be considered a separate Residential EDU for the purposes of the assessment of a Participation Charge.
 - b. The ADU is either attached to the existing dwelling and located within the living area of the existing dwelling or detached from the existing dwelling and located on the same lot as the existing dwelling.
 - c. The increased floor area of an attached ADU shall not exceed 50 percent of the existing living area, with a maximum increase in floor area of 1,200 square feet.
 - d. The total area of floorspace for a detached ADU shall not exceed 1,200 square feet.
2. Any other living unit not meeting the above definition of an ADU shall be considered a Residential EDU and shall pay the appropriate Participation Charge as authorized by this code.

3. Notwithstanding the foregoing, an ADU shall be billed at the same rate as a Residential EDU for purposes of the assessment of the Monthly Service Charge

- B. There shall be no participation charge for a central recreation building or washroom in a residential mobile home park, condominium or apartment complex so long as the use thereof is restricted to occupants of the mobile home park, condominium or apartments. The real property owner shall substantiate the private, restricted use of said facilities in writing to the District.

2.03.006 Monthly Service Charges – General

- A. A monthly service charge for each equivalent dwelling unit shall be fixed and established by ordinance/code and may be changed from time to time by the Board of Directors in accordance with provisions of Sections 12809 and 14401 of the Public Utilities Code. The monthly service charge for multiple dwelling units shall be the basic EDU rate multiplied by the number of equivalent dwelling units.
- B. In the event a structure is altered to produce more than a single EDU, an additional monthly service charge shall be due for each additional EDU or portion thereof produced. Payment of such charges shall be the responsibility of the real property owner.
- C. The real property owner shall remain liable for the monthly service charge as long as the building sewer is connected to the public sewer system, regardless of vacancy. Before an owner can be removed from billing for monthly service charges, the building sewer shall be physically disconnected from the public system at the property line cleanout or point of connection with the public system in accordance with the District Specifications. Reconnection shall be made under the direction of the District. All work and costs shall be the responsibility of the owner and shall be inspected and approved by the District. In cases of vacancy where the property is not physically disconnected, the service charge shall be based on the classification of the last occupant(s) of the structure.

2.03.007 Monthly Service Charges – Commercial/Industrial

- A. The Determination of Monthly Service Charges for Commercial or Industrial EDU's shall be as follows:
 - 1. For purposes of this Code, the monthly service charge, which is billed quarterly, for Low Strength-Low Quantity commercial or industrial EDU's shall be determined in accordance with the classifications set forth in 2.03.003 B. for sewer participation charges.

2. The monthly service charge, which is billed quarterly, for High Strength-High Quantity commercial or industrial EDU's shall be determined in accordance with the formula set forth in 2.03.004 for sewer participation charges.
 - a. In addition, special treatment and/or handling costs may be added as determined by the General Manager.
 3. In no case shall the monthly service charge for a structure be less than one (1) EDU per business. Quarterly service charge billings shall be in the name of and be the responsibility of the real property owner.
 4. Industrial processing plants and similar heavy or unusual uses not classified by the provisions of this Code shall be charged monthly service charges and fees as determined by the General Manager.
- B. Unoccupied Use – In cases of vacancy where commercial property is not physically disconnected from the sewer, the service charge shall be based on the classification of the last occupant(s) of the structure, unless the owner makes written application for a change in use from “occupied” to “unoccupied”. A commercial property owner is, under certain conditions, eligible for a reduction in monthly service charges for a building/space when a “change in use” from “occupied” to “unoccupied” occurs.
1. The building/space shall have been unoccupied for a continuous three-month period immediately preceding the request for a change in use. Waiver or reduction in the ongoing service charge applicable for the last occupied use will not be made for this three-month or prior periods.
 2. The property owner shall apply (on a form to be provided by the District) for the change in use from occupied to unoccupied for the reduction in the monthly service charge. Reapplication for the reduction in the monthly service charge shall be made by the owner on a quarterly basis. The Application for an ongoing unoccupied use shall be received by the District between the 15th and 21st day of the end month of the applicable billing quarter (i.e. Mar., Jun., Sept., Dec.).
 3. In the event a building/space remains unoccupied and the owner does not reapply, the monthly service charge shall revert to the last occupied use.
 4. The minimum charge for the unoccupied use shall be calculated at 1/3 EDU per 1,000 square feet (sq.ft.), (but not less than 1 EDU per building/space when the square footage is less than 3,000 sq. ft).

5. The property owner shall promptly notify the District when re-occupancy occurs. This application terminates upon re-occupancy.
6. The property/customer account must be current (no past due balances) for the application to be considered.
7. The District shall be notified of any change in property ownership. Any Application and the terms and conditions in effect at the time of a transfer or sale of the property will be binding on the successor.

2.03.008 Monthly Service Charges – Residential

- A. The Determination of Monthly Service Charges for Residential EDU's shall be as follows:
 1. For purposes of this Code the monthly service charge, which is billed quarterly, for residential EDU's shall be determined as follows: Dwelling units, including, but not limited to single family homes, duplexes, condominiums, mobile homes, secondary living units and apartments shall be one (1) EDU per living unit.
 2. In no case shall the monthly service charge for a residential structure be less than one (1) EDU per dwelling unit. Quarterly service charge billings shall be in the name of and be the responsibility of the real property owner.

2.03.009 Lifeline Low-Income Rate Assistance Program.

- A. Every qualified household shall receive a discount of \$5.00 per month on utility rates.
 1. The program will be limited on an annual basis to the first 500 households who apply to participate in the program and qualify under the income eligibility requirements. Staff shall establish a process to accept and select qualifying households. The process shall include a provision that should more than 500 households apply and qualify and additional District resources from delinquent fees are prudently available for use as determined by District staff such that additional eligible households may participate, the additional eligible households shall be selected by random lottery.
- B. Qualified Households – Only an owner-occupant of residential property who is currently billed as a customer of the District is eligible to apply. To qualify, the total combined gross annual income (based on the number of household members) of all persons residing in a dwelling unit must be at or below the

amount currently in the use by the Pacific Gas and Electric Company California Alternative Rates for Energy (CARE) program available for residential single-family occupants.

1. Applicants must submit to the Administrative Services Department proof of their eligibility in the CARE program to qualify.
 2. The total income of all adult residents in the household, who actually occupy the dwelling unit, must meet the income requirements for the CARE Program.
- C. Each household shall be required to re-qualify on an annual basis and shall submit the updated proof of PG&E CARE program eligibility to the District as part of the requalification.

2.03.010 Charges and Fees – Other Regulations

- A. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 12811 of the Public Utilities Code, all fees, tolls, rates, rentals or other charges established by the provisions of this Code may be collected by any lawful means including an action at law and all remedies for the collection and enforcement thereof are cumulative and may be pursued alternatively or consecutively.
- B. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 12811.1 of the Public Utilities Code, the owner of record of real property within the District is required to pay the fees, tolls, rates, rentals, or other charges for services rendered to a lessee, tenant, or other occupant of the property and those fees, tolls, rates, rentals and other charges that have become delinquent together with interest and penalties thereon, will constitute a lien on the property when a certificate is filed in the Office of the County Recorder and such lien has the force, effect, and priority of a judgment lien.
- C. Any fees, rates, or charges imposed or established by the provisions of this (all) Code(s) shall not exceed the reasonable cost to the District of the rendition of the service for which the fee or charge is imposed.

CHAPTER 2.04 APPLICATION PERMITS

2.04.001 Compliance with District Regulations

- A. Any application to connect to the District's sewer system shall comply with all District specifications, codes, ordinances, rules, and regulations.

- B. All multiple residential complexes, commercial establishments and other non-residential type use shall include a completed Declaration of Density form provided by the District. The Declaration of Density shall be completed by the real property owner at the time that sewer service is applied for.

2.04.002 Classes of Applications

- A. There shall be three (3) classes of sewer applications as follows:
 - 1. For residential service.
 - 2. For commercial service.
 - 3. For service to establishments producing industrial wastes.

2.04.003 Application for Permit:

- A. In cases where connection is required to an existing lower lateral, the owner/applicant shall make application on the Participation Application form provided by the District and pay the applicable inspection fees in accordance with the District's Fee Schedule Resolution.
- B. In the case of subdivisions and/or construction of public sewer facilities to be dedicated to the District, no application shall be accepted by the District until said facilities have been constructed and accepted by the District, unless otherwise authorized by the General Manager.
- C. The plan check and inspection fees for construction of such public sewer facilities shall be paid in accordance with the District's Fee Schedule Resolution.
- D. In cases where the owner/applicant must construct an individual building sewer to an existing collector sewer, all procedures and work shall conform to applicable sections of the District Specifications. The owner/applicant shall be responsible for all fees and costs in accordance with the District's Fee Schedule Resolution.
- E. The Participation Application shall be supplemented by any other information considered pertinent by the General Manager.
- F. All participation charges shall be paid at the time of application for service.
- G. No application for sewer service will be accepted without a copy of a valid building permit.

CHAPTER 2.05 SEWER DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS

2.05.001 General

The design and construction of building sewers, private sewers, and public sewers shall be in conformance with this Code and the District Specifications.

2.05.002 Building Sewers

- A. All costs and expenses incidental to the installation and connection of any building sewer to the District's facilities shall be borne jointly and severally by the owner/applicant thereof and said owner/applicant shall indemnify the District from loss or damage that may directly or indirectly be occasioned to any party by the installation of the building sewer.
- B. A separate and independent building sewer shall be provided for every structure on a parcel; provided, however, that the provisions of this Section may be waived by the General Manager.
 - 1. If waived by the General Manager, two or more structures on a single parcel under one ownership may be served by the same common building sewer if it is unlikely, under local agency zoning and general plans, that the parcel can be subdivided in the future
 - 2. If for any reason, the property is subsequently divided, each building is required to then be separately and independently connected to the public sewer. It shall be unlawful for the owner(s) of the subdivided property to thereafter continue to use in common the same building sewer.
 - 3. No additional structure(s) on a single parcel shall connect to or be served through any other structure's building drain.
 - 4. Any additional structure(s) on a single parcel where the wastewater must be lifted by artificial means for discharge shall be separately and independently connected to a collector sewer.
- C. No backfill shall be placed until the work has been inspected by the District, and in the event of a violation of this requirement, the sewer facilities must be uncovered at the owner/applicant's expense, and the District shall have the right to disconnect said property from the District sewer system until such violation is corrected. The owner of said property shall pay to the District a reconnection charge in accordance with the District's Fee Schedule Resolution prior to the reconnection, together with all costs and expenses incurred by the District in making such reconnection.

- D. Existing building sewers may be used in connection with new structures only when they are found, after examination and test, to meet all of the requirements of the District Specifications. All examinations and testing shall be done by the real property owner under District inspection. Said owner shall be responsible for all associated costs for such examinations and testing and shall be responsible to correct all deficiencies at his/her expense prior to making connection; provided however, that in cases when the building sewer lower lateral has previously been in service with the District, the District may opt to perform repairs on the lower lateral at its expense.
- E. Any damage to the District sewer facilities caused as a result of the installation of a building sewer shall be the responsibility of the owner/applicant, and the owner/applicant shall be responsible for all costs incurred by the District.

2.05.003 Private Sewers

- A. All private sewer systems shall be designed and constructed in accordance with applicable sections of this Code and District Specifications.
- B. The District shall have the right to inspect the installation and/or repair of all private laterals, mains and appurtenances, and the owner/applicant or operator shall be obligated to pay to the District applicable fees and costs in accordance with the District's Fee Schedule Resolution.
- C. In the case of mobile home parks, as with all private sewer systems, all in-tract laterals, mains, and appurtenances shall be and remain the property of the mobile home park owners, and the District shall have no obligation to operate, maintain, repair or replace any private facilities.

2.05.004 Public Sewers – Main Extensions

- A. Main Extensions. Each property owner is responsible for the installation of a collector sewer across the property frontage or through the property, as the case may be, to serve additional land in the natural drainage or shed area. Said installation shall be made at the sole cost of the owner/applicant or developer of the property or property frontage.
- B. There shall be on file in the District's office a Master Plan or System Evaluation and Capacity Assurance Plan (SECAP) showing the District's existing and proposed trunk sewer system (Trunk Sewer Mains and Major Facilities) to accommodate future growth.

1. In the event that the connection of a structure or property to the District's sewer system involves a main extension which forms a part of the District's existing or proposed trunk system (Major Facilities) as shown in the aforesaid Master Plan or SECAP, the District may participate in the cost of installation of said main extension to the extent that the amount or size of pipe and appurtenances involved constitute a benefit to the District generally and the cost of such main extension and appurtenances benefiting only the owner/applicant or developer of the property or structure shall be borne by such owner/applicant or developer.
 2. In the event that the connection of a structure or property to the District sewer system does not involve an extension to the District trunk system as shown by the aforesaid Master Plan or SECAP, said installation shall be made at the sole cost of the owner/applicant or developer.
- C. In the event the District requires that an owner/applicant or developer construct or reconstruct sewers of a size larger than would normally be required to serve the real property owner/applicant or developer, the District may agree in writing to participate in the cost of the oversizing of such facilities.
1. In no event shall the District be obligated to participate in the cost of oversizing such facilities that have already been constructed and accepted by the District.
- D. The District may, in its discretion, negotiate and enter into a Credit or Reimbursement Agreement under the terms of Chapter 4 of this Code, whereby a property owner or developer may obtain credits in lieu of payment of sewer Participation Charges for the construction of Trunk Sewer Mains and Major Facilities (as defined in 4.01.035) and/or seek reimbursement for the costs of construction of Major Facilities under the eligibility criteria set forth herein.
1. In no event shall the District be obligated to consider, negotiate or enter into any Credit or Reimbursement Agreement for facilities that have already been constructed and accepted by the District.
- E. The District may, in its discretion, negotiate and enter into refund agreements with the owner of lands in cases where such lands are being improved and the owner has or will install facilities which can be used for the benefit of property adjacent to but not participating in the original cost of construction. The amount of refund agreement shall be computed solely upon the quantity of sewer actually installed using a Schedule of Values for Pipeline Construction Costs adopted by Board Resolution,

1. In no event shall the District be obligated to consider, negotiate or enter into any refund agreement for facilities that have already been constructed and accepted by the District.
 2. In no event shall the obligation assumed by the District pursuant to any refund agreement extend beyond the term of 10 years from the date of such agreement.
- F. All public sewer main extensions and/or installations shall be within public rights of way or properly granted/dedicated easements to the District.
- G. District funds representing basic participation charges shall not be used for the purpose of financing or in any way participating in the cost of wastewater collection systems required by the District to be built by others.

CHAPTER 2.06 VIOLATIONS

2.06.001 Public Nuisance

A violation of this Code shall constitute a public nuisance and may be abated by legal action

2.06.002 Notice to Correct

Any violation of this Code must be corrected by the record owner of the real property immediately upon notification by the General Manager to do so, and in the event such violation is not corrected within five (5) days after such notification, the District may pursue any remedy available to it under the law, including a declaration that such violation constitutes a public nuisance.

2.06.003 Costs and Expenses

Any costs and expenses incurred by the District in correcting violations and/or pursuing any remedy available to it under the law shall be the responsibility of the record owner of the real property.

2.06.004 Civil and Criminal Penalties

Any person violating the provisions of this Code shall be subject to any and all existing criminal and civil penalties provided for under the laws of the State of California, and in

addition thereto, shall be responsible to the District for any and all damages caused to the District by such violations.

CHAPTER 2.07 MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

2.07.001 Conflicts

In the event of a conflict between any provision of this Code and the provisions of any other ordinance, rule or regulation promulgated by any California city or county or by any federal or state agency, the provisions of this Code shall prevail except in cases where Federal or California law provide otherwise.

2.07.002 Severability

It is hereby declared that in the event any provision or section of this Code is declared void or invalid by any Court of competent jurisdiction, that the remaining sections of the Code shall not be affected thereby, and it is the intent of said Board of Directors to enact each and every, all and singular, of the provisions of this Code irrespective of any provision which may be declared null and void.

2.07.003 Vested Contractual Rights Not Affected

No provision of this Code shall be construed as altering or affecting any vested contractual rights between the District and any person, firm, or corporation with whom a valid contract exists as of the effective date of this Code.

2.07.004 Prior Ordinance Repealed

Prior Ordinances of South Placer Municipal Utility District affecting items in this Code are hereby repealed as of the date of adoption of this Code by the Board.