



**TOWN OF COHASSET
SEWER COMMISSION**
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Sewer Privilege & Connection Fee Policy for Commercial Lots:

The Sewer privilege and connection fee cost for Commercial Properties is outlined below.

The number of Equivalent Dwelling Units (EDU's) assigned to a Commercial Property shall be based upon the calculated wastewater flow using the Mass. State Sanitary Code (Title 5)(310 CMR 15) flow generation values based upon intended uses and as may otherwise be approved by the Cohasset Sewer Commission whereby:

- **1 EDU is equal to 440 GPD with a Connection Fee of \$37,500**
- **All calculated EDU's for a property shall be rounded up to the nearest 0.25 EDU**

This fee is to be paid, in total, 60 days from date of board approval of the connection.

- The Sewer Privilege & Connection Fee is for a Commercial Properties within the designated Sewer Districts of the Town of Cohasset, providing all flows from the Commercial entity are strictly domestic sanitary wastewaters (bathrooms, restrooms and showers) and void of any process waste streams or other commercial sewage which may be contaminated with other waste products.
- Commercial flows containing or potentially containing other waste products but not currently listed as a categorical industry under Categorical Pretreatment Standards under EPA's 40 CFR 403.6 and 40 CFR chapter I, subchapter N, may be subject to additional permit limitations and fees subject to the Commission's review, if such contaminants are anticipated to have an impact of Town facilities, its ability to treat flow or its ability to fully comply with NPDES Permit limitation or Aquatic Water Quality toxicity assessments.
- A Commercial Property Applicant shall be responsible for all fees associated with the application review by the commission including all Engineering Consultant services in the evaluation of the application and assessment of impacts, subject to a prior good will estimate. All system limitations, deficiencies and impacts resulting from the new connection and flows of the applicant must be fully resolved and abated by the applicant in order to secure application approval by the Commission. All cost to remediate these impacts to the Commissions satisfaction shall be the responsibility of the applicant.
- The Commercial Property Applicant shall be responsible for all system evaluation and upgrade cost identified as being necessary to allow the sewer connection so as not to impact existing users or potentially degrade the down-gradient wastewater facilities. In some instances, as determined by the Commission, this may also include the applicant institute and bear all costs for onsite pretreatment measures and/or regular and periodic water quality sampling and testing of the commercial wastewater prior to discharge into the municipal collection system with periodic reporting to the Commission.
- Commercial property involving the processing, packaging, cooking or consumption of food and drinks will also be subject to Fats, Oil and Grease restrictions including but not limited to mechanical and gravity removal devices and tanks to ensure compliance with any individual permit limits which may be established by the Commission from time to time.
- The sewer connection approval is be made subject to the municipal wastewater system capacity limitations, as periodically determined by the Commission, and said approval is site specific and is non-transferrable to any other lot.
- All costs related to the sewer service and connection construction are the responsibility of the applicant and subject to the current Cohasset Sewer Commission Rules and Regulations and conditions of the application approval.



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- No Building Department Permit for a sewer connection shall be issued without a valid and approved Sewer Connection Application and Permit.
- The Sewer Commission will only sign the Occupancy Permit issued by the Building Department once an inspection of the sewer connection and property is completed by a Sewer Commission agent. Use of the sewer connection prior to Sewer Commission written acceptance of construction is prohibited.
- Upon receipt by the Commission of the Sewer Privilege & Connection Fee the applicant will receive a letter confirming approval of the sewer connection. All service plans and layouts detailing the property connection and identifying the Licensed Drainlayer performing the work, must then be then be submitted to the Commission for review and approval before construction can commence.
- The property owner shall allow periodic construction compliance inspection by Commission agents during normal business hours to witness and inspect the construction activity to affirm compliance with Commission standards.
- The issuance of the sewer connection permit does not release the applicant from all necessary and local permits required for the installation.
- In the event a refund of the Sewer Privilege and/or Connection Fee is requested, and the fee has been paid in full, the board may issue approval after review of circumstances. If approval is made a refund of the fee can be issued within the same fiscal year payment was paid less a five hundred dollar (\$500) administrative handling charge. If the refund is requested beyond the fiscal year in which payment was made the request for reimbursement must go to Town Meeting for approval to comply with municipal finance regulations.

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