



**MARICOPA COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE DEPARTMENT  
WATER & WASTE MANAGEMENT DIVISION  
ONSITE WASTEWATER PROGRAM**

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## **SEWER DETERMINATION GUIDANCE**

### **REQUIRED**

- Sewer Determination statement is required if the parcel is within city or town limits.

### **SUGGESTED**

- Applicants living in close approximation to a city or town limits or the boundaries of a sanitary sewer district may want to get the sewer determination statement.
- Sewer Determination statement is suggested if the parcel is a county island within city or town limits.
- Sewer Determination statement is suggested if the parcel is in a sanitary sewer district service area.

### **OTHER**

- During plan review there may be a request for a sewer determination statement on the parcel.

Both the Arizona Administrative Code and the Maricopa County Environmental Health Code have provisions where connection to a sewer collection system may be required.

The Maricopa County Environmental Health Code Chapter II, Section 8 Regulation 4 states:

- a. When connection may reasonably and practicably be made to an approved municipal, community, or similar sewerage system...
- e. ...when an onsite wastewater treatment facility fails,

The Arizona Administrative Code R 18-9-A309 A. 5 states:

A person constructing a new on-site wastewater treatment facility or replacing the treatment works or disposal works of an existing on-site wastewater treatment facility shall connect to a sewage collection system **if**:

- a. **One** of the following applies:
  - i. A provision of a Nitrogen Management Area designated under R18-9-A317(C) requires connection;
  - ii. A county, municipal, or sanitary district ordinance requires connection; or
  - iii. The on-site wastewater treatment facility is located within an area identified for connection to a sewage collection system by a Certified Area-wide Water Quality Management Plan adopted under 18 A.A.C. 5 or a master plan adopted by a majority of the elected officials of a board or council for a county, municipality, or sanitary district; **or**
- b. A sewer line extension is available at the property boundary and both of the following apply:
  - i. The service connection fess is not more than \$6000 for a dwelling or \$10 times the daily design flow in gallons for a source other than a dwelling, and
  - ii. The cost of constructing the building sewer from the wastewater source to the service connection is not more the \$3000 for a dwelling or \$5 times the daily design flow for a source other than a dwelling.

**NOTE: SOME MUNICIPALITIES HAVE STRINGENT REQUIREMENTS THAT MANDATE CONNECTION TO THE SEWAGE COLLECTION SYSTEM.**

To assist in sewer determination, Maricopa County Environmental Services is providing contact names, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses on the following page. Obtaining a statement from the local sewer authority indicating their determination of connection or no connection to the sewer prior to any submittal to the Environmental Services Department is advised. Maricopa County Environmental Services Department makes every attempt to provide accurate information. Contact names, phone numbers and e-mail addresses may change without our knowledge.

If you find information has changed in this list, please let us know at [SepticQuestions@maricopa.gov](mailto:SepticQuestions@maricopa.gov).

| <u>City</u>     | <u>Sewer Availability Contact Information</u>   | <u>Web/Email Address</u>   |
|-----------------|---|--|
| AVONDALE        | Michael Yracheta, Wastewater Collections Supervisor, 623-333-4414                           | <a href="mailto:myracheta@avondale.org">myracheta@avondale.org</a>                       |
| BUCKEYE         | James Humble, Water Resources Department, 623-349-6188                                      | <a href="mailto:jhumble@buckeyeaz.gov">jhumble@buckeyeaz.gov</a>                         |
| CAVE CREEK      | On-Line Sewer Service Request Form  | <a href="#">Sewer Service Request Form</a>   |
| CAREFREE        | Black Mountain Sewer Company, 480-488-4152  | <a href="mailto:rovell.foggy@libertyutilities.com">rovell.foggy@libertyutilities.com</a> |
| CHANDLER        | Jaya Velagapudi, P.E., GIS Manager, 480-782-3080  | <a href="mailto:ab@chandleraz.gov">ab@chandleraz.gov</a>                                 |
| EL MIRAGE       | Bryce Christo, P.E., Assistant City Engineer, 623-876-2974                                  | <a href="mailto:bchristo@elmirageaz.gov">bchristo@elmirageaz.gov</a>                     |
| GILBERT         | Angeline Morales, Development Engineer, 480-503-6839  | <a href="mailto:angeline.morales@gilbertaz.gov">angeline.morales@gilbertaz.gov</a>       |
| GLENDALE        | Jayne Chapin, Senior Civil Engineer, 623-930-9654   | <a href="mailto:jchapin@glendaleaz.com">jchapin@glendaleaz.com</a>                       |
| GOODYEAR        | Engineering Office: Stephen Scinto or Plan Review Staff, 623-882-3110                       | <a href="mailto:gyeng@goodyearaz.gov">gyeng@goodyearaz.gov</a>                           |
| MESA            | Elisette Alvarado, 480-644-4865   | <a href="mailto:elisette.alvarado@mesaaz.gov">elisette.alvarado@mesaaz.gov</a>           |
| PARADISE VALLEY | David Diekman, Engineering Technician, 480-348-3572   | <a href="mailto:Ddiekman@paradisevalleyaz.gov">Ddiekman@paradisevalleyaz.gov</a>         |
|                 | <u>Note: No letter is required for Clearwater Hills Subdivision. No sewer is available.</u> |  |
| PEORIA          | Colette Dacey, Development Technician, 623-773-7600 (Engineering Counter)                   | <a href="mailto:colette.dacey@peoriaaz.gov">colette.dacey@peoriaaz.gov</a>               |
| PHOENIX         | Infrastructure Records Services, 602-495-5601   | <a href="mailto:irspubliccounter.wsd@phoenix.gov">irspubliccounter.wsd@phoenix.gov</a>   |
| QUEEN CREEK     | Connie Speelman, Water Division 480-358-3455  | <a href="mailto:connie.speelman@queencreek.org">connie.speelman@queencreek.org</a>       |
| SCOTTSDALE      | Rezaur Rahman, 480-312-5685   | <a href="mailto:rrahman@scottsdaleaz.gov">rrahman@scottsdaleaz.gov</a>                   |
| SURPRISE        | Christine Nunez, Environmental Manager, 623-222-7035  | <a href="mailto:christine.nunez@surpriseaz.gov">christine.nunez@surpriseaz.gov</a>       |
| TEMPE           | Mark Weber, PE, Water Engineering Manager, 480-350-8526                                     | <a href="mailto:mark_weber@tempe.gov">mark_weber@tempe.gov</a>                           |
| TOLLESON        | David L. Tyler, Superintendent Wastewater Utilities – 623-478-8722                          | <a href="mailto:dtyler@tollesonaz.org">dtyler@tollesonaz.org</a>                         |
| WICKENBURG      | Matt Egan, Operations Manager, 928-684-5451 ext. 1559                                       | <a href="mailto:megan@wickenburgaz.org">megan@wickenburgaz.org</a>                       |