NORTH MARIN WATER DISTRICT
REGULATION 103
SIDE-SEWER CONNECTIONS

a. Agreement Required

In accordance with Section d. of Regulation 100 no person shall construct a side-sewer or make a connection with any sewer main or side sewer without first entering into an agreement with the District and, except to the extent expressly prohibited by Governmental Code section 65852.2, paying all fees, charges and estimated construction costs as required under Regulations 106, and 109.

b. When Extension of Sewer Main Required

Extension of a District sewer main shall be constructed to serve new consumers whose lands do not have direct access to or do not abut a street or easement containing an adequate sewer main. Property with direct access to a street or easement containing an adequate sewer main, but which does not have a major frontage on the street or easement, will be served at such street or easement provided that such property and adjacent properties cannot be further subdivided or developed.

c. Construction Requirements

(1) Construction of side-sewers shall be in accordance with the NMWD Standard Drawings, Sewer.

(2) No person shall uncover or otherwise alter or disturb a side-sewer without first receiving the consent of the District.

d. Separate Side-Sewers

Each separate building shall be connected to the sewer main with a separate side-sewer except that one or more buildings located on property owned by the same person may be served by the same side-sewer if the District is expressly required by Government Code section 65852.2 to allow an accessory dwelling unit to be served by the same side sewer as the primary dwelling, or if the District determines that it is unlikely that the property can or will be subdivided in the future. However, if for any reason the property is subsequently subdivided, each building under separate ownership shall be provided by the owner with a separate side-sewer and sewer main extension as required by the District. Continued use of such common side-sewer is prohibited.

e. Old Building Side-Sewers

An old building side-sewer may be used in connection with a new building only if, after inspection, the District determines that the side-sewer meets all current District requirements.

f. Maintenance of Side-Sewers

The maintenance of each side-sewer shall be the responsibility of the owner of the property served thereby. The cost of testing, inspecting, maintaining, repairing, replacing and relocating a side-sewer shall be borne by the owner of the property served thereby. The owner shall keep the side-sewer free of infiltration.

g. Testing of Side-Sewers

Side-sewers may be tested under the supervision of the District in each of the following circumstances:

(1) on remodeling or enlargement of the property served involving the installation of any
plumbing fixture,
(2) on change of use of the building served as residential, commercial or industrial,
(3) on connection to repair or replacement of the side-sewer, and
(4) on request of the District.

h. Sewers Too Low

In all buildings in which any building sewer is too low to permit gravity flow to the existing sewer main or side-sewer, the District will require that all other methods of obtaining gravity flow must be examined. Any new construction that is required in order to achieve gravity flow will be at the property owner’s expense.

The District will determine if gravity flow sewer service to the property is not feasible. In this case, the sewage carried by such building sewer shall be lifted by a private pump system subject to District approval and discharged to the sewer main or side-sewer as determined by the District and at the expense of the owner. The Applicant shall enter into a recordable agreement running with the land to be served agreeing to accept such service and releasing the District from any liability and from all responsibility to provide gravity service and agreeing to maintain in good condition and repair without cost to the District the private pump system including:

(1) collection basin
(2) sewage pump or grinder pump as required
(3) cleanouts appropriately located to remedy pipe blockages
(4) check valve to prevent sewage in the District's sewer system from draining into the owner's private system.