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## Code Amendments

**(Amend Chapter 17.32; Replace Chapter 17.33)**

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# Project Context

- In December 2023, Council approved updates to code Chapter 17.36, Public Sewer and Drainage System Service Charges and Fees.
- Amendments to Chapter 17.32 and Chapter 17.33 represent the last phase of publicly facing policy-related work pertaining to BES' rate study.
- Effective date: July 1, 2024.





# Chapter 17.32, Public Sewer and Drainage System Permits, Connections and Maintenance

**Changes focus on reimbursement policies for public sewer infrastructure improvements:**

- Improvements that go above and beyond what is required could be eligible for cost-sharing reimbursements.
- Increases the ability of BES to partner with developers for infrastructure improvements.
- Updates do not affect the current budget or require new appropriations.



# Chapter 17.33, Required Public Sewer Connection

**Updates reflect a change to the bureau's regulatory stance on mandatory sewer connection requirements:**

- Sanitary sewer service protects public health and the environment.
- Proposed changes retire strict mandates requiring connections to the sanitary sewer on set deadlines.
- Describe situations when connections are required, rely on market-driven approaches (home sales and development).
- Support voluntary compliance with reactive enforcement, if necessary.







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