

SEWER CAPACITY CHARGES



The sewer capacity charge is placed on homes that connect up to the County sewer system. It is a separate charge from the sewer service bill and is billed by the County. This charge was added to homes built on or after and any new connections on older homes on or after Feb 1, 1990. Neighboring cities in other counties might connect up to their system, therefore properties located within these cities would need to pay the fee as well.

These charges are billed every 3 months for 15 years after a property is connected to the sewer system (or until the balance is paid off). Most properties have them pro-rated and pay them on a monthly basis directly to the County.

This comes into effect at closing with item #13 on Form 21 of the Purchase and Sale Agreement. It is important to pay attention to which box is checked, so you will know if it is your clients that may face a possible charge.

13. Charges/Assessments Levied Before but Due After Closing:
- ☐ assumed by Buyer; ☐ prepaid in full by Seller at Closing

The escrow closer will request the balance from the County when escrow is opened, however it can often time take weeks (and multiple inquiries) to get the balance details back. The details will include how far it is currently paid through and what the remaining balance is.

If 'assumed by Buyer' is checked, the buyer will assume the monthly payments the seller was paying, or has the option to pay the balance in full. If 'prepaid in full by Seller' is checked, the seller agrees to pay off the entire balance. This can be in the thousands so be sure to talk to your sellers about it when reviewing the P&S agreement.

For more information about this charge please call 206-296-1450 or visit www.kingcounty.gov/environment/wastewater/CapacityCharge/FAQ.

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