



ROW Sewer Permit Requirements

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PURPOSE

A Development Services Department (DSD) Engineering Right-of-Way (ROW) Sewer Permit is required to ensure domestic wastewater systems are designed and constructed in accordance with the City of Fort Lauderdale's engineering standards, and that these systems have adequate capacity for anticipated sewage flows.

This guide presents a comprehensive overview of the application process, requirements, and procedures for securing a ROW Sewer Permit from the City.

PERMIT REQUIREMENTS AND APPLICABILITY

ROW Sewer Permits are required for the construction or modification of any sanitary sewer gravity main, force mains, and/or lift stations within the City's service area. Refer to Service Area Map - [Broward County Water and Sewer Services](#). Property owners are responsible for the connection of their private building sewers to the City's sanitary sewer system, as specified in City Code [Sec. 28-33](#).

ROW Sewer Permits are NOT required for the following:

- Per City Ordinance [C-26-13](#), the City installs **new sanitary sewer laterals** in public ROW or utility easements. After DSD-Engineering approves the master permit sewer connections, for installation applicants must coordinate with Utility Services-Distribution And Collection – 954-828-8000.
- If your project is outside the City's Service Area Map but uses City wastewater treatment, you do not need a ROW Sewer Permit. You still must obtain City approval via an [Outside Agency Approval](#) application.
- City Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) – Collaborate directly with the designated Project Manager from the relevant City Department, such as Public Works.

Contractor Requirements

- **License**

All sanitary sewer construction, installation, repair, or related underground utility work within public ROW and/or public utility easements must be performed by a properly licensed Florida contractor authorized under Florida Statute Chapter 489. The contractor shall hold a Certified General Contractor license or Certified Underground Utility and Excavation Contractor license.

- **Insurance**

Per City Code [Sec. 25-113](#), the contractor shall provide an Insurance Certificate meeting the following requirements:

- Name the City of Fort Lauderdale as an additional insured
- Meet the A.M. Best Company rating of B+ or greater



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- Provide commercial general liability of \$1,000,000 per occurrence combined single limit, and \$2,000,000 in the aggregate
- Provide commercial automobile liability coverage of \$1,000,000 per occurrence combined single limit
- Provide workers compensation and employer liability of \$500,000
- **How to update license or insurance**
Contractors / Licensed Professionals (LPs) can register, update and verify their licenses and insurance documents with the City online. Refer to [Contractors and Licensed Professionals | City of Fort Lauderdale, FL](#).

General Requirements

Submit required documents through LauderBuild by selecting Permitting Services, then **Engineering (Right-of-Way) Permits and Services**. Look up the Parcel ID, fill out the information requested, select Engineering Permits, and select ROW Sewer.

A permit application will not be accepted for review until all required documents have been submitted.

Required Submittals

- [Permit Application](#)
- **Cost Estimate** signed and sealed and itemized for the sanitary sewer scope of work, including but not limited to linear footage for materials, mobilization, demolition, maintenance of traffic (MOT), excavation, dewatering, backfill, and ROW restoration
- Engineering plans prepared, signed and sealed by a Florida licensed Professional Engineer per City Code [Sec. 28-52\(a\)](#), including the following:
 - Existing and proposed private and public utilities, including water and sewer and all other above ground and underground utilities, clearly labeled and differentiated. Show sewer and water pipe characteristics including diameter, material, length, and slope.
 - Profiles showing all newly constructed sewer lines including but not limited to inverts, finished grade elevations, and existing water/sewer/drainage utilities. Must show crossings with existing utilities and clearances.
 - TOP/BOP elevations at all crossings and vertical deflections to demonstrate compliance with the required clearances and separations, in accordance with Florida Administrative Code (FAC) 62-555.314.
 - Rim/grate and invert elevations for all manholes and cleanouts.
 - Locations and northing/easting coordinates for all structures, fittings,



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appurtenances, and connections. Each pipe fitting shall be marked with size and top-of-pipe elevation. Identify the type of fitting (degree bend, cross reducer, cap, tee, valve etc.) Label whether a bend is horizontal or vertical.

- Coordinates shall be provided in NAD83 State Plane Florida East (FIPS 0901) or US Survey Feet (EPSG: 2236). All elevations shall be referenced to NAVD88, including the benchmark used for vertical control.
- All construction details and materials for proposed improvements on ROW shall be in accordance with the City of Fort Lauderdale [Standards Details](#).
- Engineering plan must call out the applicable standard details.

Note: Existing utility location, size and material may be obtained by email. Request City Utility Maps from plan@fortlauderdale.gov.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

The engineering reviewer will indicate the required bond amount via the permit comments or conditions. Refer to [Bond Forms and Information](#).

Depending on the Work, Additional Sub-Permits May Be Required

- ROW Paving – Submit application with a cost estimate.
 - Asphalt restoration must be performed by a licensed engineer or paving contractor in Broward County.
 - Pavement restoration for utilities or curb cuts within the City ROW must be shown on plan and shall cover full lane width and extend 25' in each direction of the work area in conformance with [Sec. 25-108](#) – and must follow [City Engineering Standard ROW Details](#).
- ROW Sidewalk – Refer to [ROW Sidewalk Permit Checklist](#).
- ROW Maintenance of Traffic (MOT) – Submit application for lane or pedestrian closures. Refer to [MOT Guide](#). For closures over 72 hours, refer to [Revocable License Guide](#).
- ROW Dewatering – Refer to [ROW Dewatering Permit Affidavit](#).

Outside Agency Approval (OAA)

Building or altering sewer systems may need approval from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) or Broward County. Applications are reviewed together with the ROW Sewer Permit.

If outside agency approval is required

- Contact the applicable agency to determine permitting requirements. Domestic wastewater systems and transmission facilities must comply with Chapter 62-604, FAC.



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- Submit a ROW Sewer Permit before applying for an OAA. The City will not sign FDEP or Broward County forms without a ROW Sewer Permit on record.
- To apply for OAA, from LauderBuild, select 'Permitting Services', then 'Engineering (Right-of-Way) Permits', enter Parcel ID and information, then choose 'Engineering Services', then 'Outside Agency Approval (OAA)'.
- Upload all forms and plans in PDF format. FDEP and Broward County applications are required to be submitted as individual PDFs within a single OAA record for each project.
- Include the corresponding ROW Sewer Permit number.
- Fill out all forms. Signature pages require the engineer's signature and seal.
- Provide a comprehensive project description that accurately corresponds with the submitted plans.
- Do not fill in sections for the City details on the forms.

For questions regarding the OAA process: dsdeng-publicworks@fortlauderdale.gov.

NOTICE

Only authorized use of the City sanitary sewer system is allowed. Unauthorized connections or discharges including industrial waste, stormwater, or hazardous materials are not permitted under City Code [Sec. 28-37](#).

FINAL CLOSE-OUT

Once construction has finished for the ROW Sewer permit:

- Submit Modification Request – Deferred Submittal with signed and sealed As-Built plans. Refer to [How to Submit Deferred Submittal](#).
- Schedule the required Engineering Final Inspection.

REFERENCES

- [Engineering Fee Schedules](#)
- [ROW Permit Types and Information](#)
- [Water Wastewater Stormwater As-built Specifications](#)