

**City of Van Buren
Design Standards,
Standard Specifications,
and
Standard Details
for
Water and Wastewater**

INTRODUCTION

1.01 PURPOSE

A. The purpose of this document is to set the minimum standards for the design and construction of water and wastewater improvements in areas serviced by the City of Van Buren Municipal Utilities.

1.02 AUTHORIZATION

A. The creation of the water and sewer Design Standards, Standard Specifications, and Standard Details was authorized by the Van Buren Municipal Utilities Commission in 2013. The initial version of these documents was adopted by the Van Buren Municipal Utilities Commission on May 14, 2014, and they were subsequently revised during 2021. This current version of the Design Standards, Standard Specifications, and Standard Details was adopted by the Van Buren Municipal Utilities Commission on February 15, 2022.

1.03 AVAILABILITY OF SERVICE

A. The following is an update of the Availability of Service Policy adopted by the Van Buren Water and Sewer Commission on April 9, 1990.

1. Each customer contemplating the purchase or re-use of vacant lots is hereby advised that the City of Van Buren Municipal Utilities will make every effort to supply valid information so that the Owner and/or purchaser may determine whether or not water and/or sewer service lines to the lot(s) in question currently exist. Should service lines exist and be determined by the City of Van Buren Municipal Utilities to be in useable condition, the customer will not have to pay new connection fees.

2. If the parcel does not have an existing service or the existing service is not useable the customer shall be required to pay new connection fees.

3. For existing water service lines to be considered useable the line must be capable of delivering adequate volume and/or pressure to adequately serve the proposed needs of the Owner.

4. The Owner is responsible for a determining whether an existing sewer service line is free

of debris and obstructions as well as free from leaks. The Owner is also responsible for determining whether a new or existing sewer service line has sufficient grade to drain properly and that the proposed or existing building finished floor elevation is high enough to prevent sewer from backing up into the build in case of stoppage.

5. The City of Van Buren Municipal Utilities makes no guarantee as to the accuracy of the information provided for determining the functionality of service lines. In addition, the City of Van Buren Municipal Utilities does not guarantee that currently established service lines and/or main lines will be useable in the future.

6. If service lines cannot be found, and/or if existing lines are inadequate or unusable by the customer in any manner, new connection fees will be required.
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7. If service is not available at the premises or if the existing main lines no longer have adequate volume and/or pressure to adequately serve the proposed needs of the Owner, the Owner will be required to extend or improve the nearest adequate main line past the last driveway of any new proposed use of the property. Any extension of a main line shall be constructed in accordance with the City of Van Buren Municipal Utilities Design Standards, Standard Specifications, and Standard Details, latest edition