

Water

Sewer Extensions

What Activities Require These Permits? Construction and operation of new sewer systems by the designated owner. Sewer systems may consist of gravity mains, force mains and pump stations used for the purpose of conveying wastewater to a designated wastewater treatment facility. These systems also include "Alternative" sewers such as pressure sewers, vacuum sewers, septic tank/effluent pump (STEP) systems, or other alternate sewer systems that discharge to another system. Sewer extensions that are not of "alternative" design and do not require a variance from the requirements of 15A NCAC 02T or the MDC may apply for permits through the fast-track permitting process.

What Is The Purpose of These Permits? The permitting of sewer extensions allows for their use in a manner that is protective of health and the environment and supports the prohibition of sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs).

Who Issues These Permits? N.C. Division of Water Resources (DWR) – Municipal Permitting Branch.

How Much Will These Permits Cost? A full list of current permitting fees can be found at the following link:
<https://www.deq.nc.gov/accessdeq/permit-fees-2025-updates>

What Are My Payment Options for Permit Application Fees? Check

If Paying by Check, Who do I Make the Check Payable to and Where Do I Send the Check? Make check payable to NC DEQ; include check with application. For information on where to send the application, see the section below titled "Where Do I Submit My Application."

Where Can I Get The Application For These Permits? <https://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/water-resources/water-resources-permits/wastewater-branch/collection-systems/sewer-extension-permitting>.

How Long Will It Take To Review My Application? 30 to 90 calendar days (upon receipt of a correct and complete application package).

Where Do I Submit My Application? DWR - Municipal Permitting Branch, 1617 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1617.

How Long Is My Permit or License or Certificate Valid? Permits are valid for the life of the sewer extension.

Notes/Comments: Forms may be obtained through the DWR web page (see link above) or by contacting the DWR – Municipal Permitting Branch staff. Rules governing sewer extensions are contained in Title 15A North Carolina General Statute, Subchapter 02T, Section .0300 (15A NCAC 02T .0300).

Legal Authority/Statute Reference: GS 133-3; GS 143-215.1; 143-215.3(a); 143-215.6A; and GS 143-215.6B

Link: <https://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/water-resources/water-resources-permits/wastewater-branch/collection-systems/sewer-extension-permitting>

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