



POLICY No.: I-4  
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## **TOWN OF WEST BOYLSTON BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS POLICY**

### **Short-term Policy For Adding Properties To The Sewer Service Area During Sewer Construction Project**

**Purpose:** The Town of West Boylston needs to define a policy during the Sewer Construction Project establishing standards for reviewing and acting upon requests from property owners seeking access to the sanitary sewer system through the installation of sanitary sewer service to their property as part of the sewer construction work authorized by the state Metropolitan District Commission.

**Background:** The West Boylston Sewer System Service Area is defined in the Metropolitan District Commission (MDC) project report "MDC Project No. WM93-001-S1A, Final Report, Wastewater Facilities Plan, West Boylston-Holden-Wachusett Reservoir Watershed, December 1994" and as from time to time revised.

Contained within Section 3 Capacity Allocation of the duly approved Sewer Use Agreements by and between the Town of West Boylston, the City of Worcester and the MDC, sewage flow limits are established for West Boylston. Should the Town of West Boylston exceed the average daily flow limits established in the Sewer Use Agreement dated November 30, 2000, the town will be responsible for additional capital and sewage transport rate costs.

The Town of West Boylston participated in the planning and design processes through the Board of Selectmen, the Planning Board, the Board of Health, the Conservation Commission, and through citizen participation at public meetings. West Boylston, through the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Health and with the MDC, carried out an open, public and exhaustive petition process whereby additional properties were included in the sewer project to assure achieving project goals.

The MDC is required to comply with the standards of Executive Order Number 385 that promotes state policies and programs that discourage "sprawling" development.

**Policy:** This policy complements and supports Sewer Policy Number 1, **Policy on Reservation and Allocation of Sewer Capacity for The Town of West Boylston**

## **Sewer System.**

All requests for extension of sanitary sewer service to properties during the construction of the sewer system by the MDC must be petitioned by the property owner of record and received in writing. Prior to acting upon such requests, the Board of Sewer Commissioners must receive the following information for review prior to acting at a duly held public meeting.

1. Property Plan with sufficient data, including but not limited to, boundary lines, location and area of all existing or proposed structures, location of on-site septic disposal system, if any, and location of sanitary sewer service and collection line within the public right-of-way.
2. Written determination of the Inspector of Building as to whether or not the property to be served by the sewer is a buildable lot, if no structure exists.
3. Written approval documentation from the MDC that the proposed construction of the sanitary sewer service can be included in the scope of work of the sewer construction project, without any additional costs to the Town of West Boylston.
4. Should the MDC require the town or property owner to pay for the construction of the sewer service, the property owner must commit to paying the cost of construction. And, should the property owner pay the cost of construction, said property owner would be exempt from the sewer construction betterment, but must be responsible for connection fee as contained in the Sewer Use Rate and Fee Schedule promulgated by the Board of Sewer Commissioners.

Installation of additional service services not identified in the Final Report, Wastewater Facilities Plan, West Boylston-Holden-Wachusett Reservoir Watershed, December 1994, or within the service area of West Boylston Sewer System as defined by said wastewater facilities plan will not be authorized during the construction of the sewer system by the MDC, nor after construction, until all buildable property within the sewer service area so identified has a sufficient reservation of sewer capacity allocated.