



**1. Mandatory Connection Policy and Penalty Enforcement**

- a. Lots on Tiverton Tax Assessor Plat Maps generating wastewater abutting public sewer must be connected at the lot owner’s expense within 1 year of sewer construction if funds for construction were from General Tax Revenue, 100% local, state, or federal grant, or with funds from private development.
- b. Within 25 years of installation of an existing septic, provided supporting documentation that it has not already failed, lot owners may apply for a delay to connect to available sewer. This delay can be extended for three, consecutive two-year periods. **Therefore, any septic systems 31 years old, or older, will be subject to mandatory connection within 1 year.** Moreover, future lot owners will have to connect upon transfer of the lot if system is over 25 years old.
- c. **Notice to Comply.** After 30 days of the acceptance of the sewer by TWWD, lot owners shall be notified of their requirement to connect within one year and penalties for not connecting. Periodic reminders shall be sent.
- d. Failure to Connect Notification Protocol and Penalties

Days of Non-Compliance	Action Taken
395 Days	Notice of Non-Compliance sent with current quarterly bill for sewer usage at 25% penalty surcharge and quarterly OMA fee.
485 Days	New quarterly bill issued with 50% penalty surcharge and quarterly OMA fee sent.
575 Days	New Quarterly Bill with 75% penalty surcharge and quarterly OMA fee sent.
665 Days	Same Quarterly Bill as previous with 100% penalty surcharge and quarterly OMA fee sent.
755 Days	Same Quarterly Bill as previous with 100% penalty surcharge and quarterly OMA fee sent.
755 Days	\$50.00 Daily Violation begins, unpaid balance sent to collections, vehicle registrations blocked, lien on property,
845 Days	Civil litigation recourse, the District’s attorney fees paid by the property owner.

**THIS POLICY WAS VOTED ON AND ACCEPTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON NOVEMBER 21, 2022**