



DEVELOPMENT SERVICES CENTER



DSC Information Notice #179

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Topic: Abandonment of a Public Utility Service Line or Main

Background

When abandoning a water or sanitary service line or main, the Department of Public Utilities (DPU) requires the abandonment at the City main in order to reduce the likelihood of abandoned lines affecting future construction. This notice further defines those requirements.

Discussion

Water service lines shall be abandoned at the City main. The water service line shall be detached from the corporation stop by removing a three (3) ft. section of pipe at the City main. The corporation stop is to be turned off and capped. The existing water meter and box shall be removed and delivered to Public Utilities/Operations (3500 Dam Neck Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23456).

Water service mains shall be abandoned at the City main. The valve shall be restrained as necessary. The water main to be abandoned shall be detached from the valve by removing a three (3) ft. section of pipe at the City main. The valve shall be closed and a plug/flange installed on the valve face, and the valve operating nut removed. The abandoned main shall be capped.

Sanitary sewer laterals shall be abandoned at the main line wye. The sanitary sewer lateral shall be detached from the gravity main by removing a three (3) ft. section of the lateral pipe at the main. The connection at the City main shall be capped or plugged based upon a method approved by DPU Engineering. The sanitary sewer cleanout and lateral shall be removed from the right-of-way to the pavement/back of curb and then the remaining lateral shall be capped or plugged.

Sanitary sewer force mains shall be abandoned at the City main. The valve shall be restrained as necessary. The sanitary sewer force main shall be detached from the valve by removing a three (3) ft. section of pipe at the City main. The valve shall be closed and a plug/flange installed on the valve face, and the valve operating nut removed. The abandoned main shall be capped.

Any deviation from the requirements in this DSC Notice will require a variance approval by the Department of Public Utilities.

Effective Date: Immediately

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