



City Of South San Francisco

Point of Sale Ordinance Fact Sheet

SSF Sewer Lateral Point of Sale Ordinance

SSF requires properties transferred due to a sale, to have a sewer lateral inspection performed. Necessary repairs or replacements are performed to prevent property damage and environmental health. All repair or replacement work shall be approved by SSF prior to the transfer of title. All listing agreements in contracts as of June 21, 2022 must obtain a sewer lateral certificate of compliance prior to the transfer of the property title.

Sewer Lateral Compliance Certificate

A compliance certificate is issued by the City declaring that the property owner’s sewer lateral is in reliable and serviceable condition. This certificate is necessary to obtain prior to the transfer of the property title. The property owner is responsible for obtaining the certificate of compliance at their own expense.

Sewer Lateral Inspection

A Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) video performed by any licensed contractor is required to be submitted to the city for assessment of the sewer lateral. This video must be submitted via email to engdevelopment@ssfca.gov (Google Drive link, Dropbox, unlisted YouTube video, etc.) along with the required [video inspection report and compliance certificate application](#).

For a sewer lateral video to be accepted by the city, all video requirements specified on the Sewer Lateral Video Inspection Report Form must be fulfilled.

Compliance Certificate Duration

If no repairs are required or partial repairs are performed to the sewer lateral, then the Compliance Certificate is valid for 10 years.

If replacement of the entire lateral was performed, then the Compliance Certificate is valid for 25 years.

180-Day Time Extension

If a sewer lateral certificate of compliance cannot be obtained before the transfer of title, the property owner, agent, or buyer may [apply for a time extension of up to 180](#) days to perform the inspection and necessary repairs to the lateral. Time extension requests require a deposit of \$10,500 to be posted into an escrow account with SSF. Once the sewer lateral passes the required inspection and a certificate of compliance is issued, the deposit funds of \$10,500 will be released back to the applicant.

Compliance Certificate Exemption

The following are EXEMPT from obtaining a sewer lateral compliance certificate prior to the sale of a property:

- A property which holds an active compliance certificate
- Properties served by the [Westborough Water District](#)
- Multi-unit residential buildings which share a sewer lateral

* Properties within an HOA (Home Owners Association) must follow the terms of the point-of-sale ordinance unless meeting one of the above exemptions

