

SSF Point of Sale Ordinance FAQ's

➤ **What is the Point-of-Sale ordinance?**

Whenever any property is to be transferred to or vested in any other person or entity due to a sale, the sewer lateral(s) to that property shall be inspected for infiltration, and have all necessary repairs or replacements performed to prevent infiltration. All repair or replacement work shall be approved by the City prior to the transfer of title.

➤ **What is a Sewer Lateral Compliance Certificate?**

A certification stating that the property's sewer lateral is in a reliable and serviceable condition.

➤ **Who is responsible for obtaining a certificate of compliance?**

The property owner is responsible for obtaining the certificate of compliance prior to the transfer of title of their own expense.

➤ **Who is exempt from obtaining a Sewer Lateral Compliance Certificate prior to the sale of a property?**

The following conditions may make a property exempt:

- Properties which are served by The Westborough Water District
- A property which holds an active and unexpired compliance certificate
- Multi-unit residential buildings which share a sewer lateral

➤ **How long is a Sewer Lateral Compliance Certificate valid for?**

Depending on the type of repairs performed to the sewer lateral, the compliance certificate is given a validation period from 5 to 25 years.

➤ **Who can perform a Sewer Lateral CCTV inspection?**

Any licensed Plumber can perform the CCTV Inspection. Please note all video requirements must be met before the acceptance of a sewer lateral video review.

➤ **What if a certificate of compliance cannot be obtained in time, prior to the transfer of title?**

If a sewer lateral certificate of compliance cannot be obtained before the transfer of title, the property owner, agent, or buyer can place a request to the city for a time extension of up to 180 days in which to perform the inspection and necessary repairs to the lateral. This would require a refundable deposit of \$10,500 to be posted into an

escrow account with the city and miscellaneous processing fees. 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.