

SUBCHAPTER J: UTILITY SYSTEM RULES AND REGULATIONS
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§293.111. Water and Wastewater Service Lines and Connection.

- (a) All water districts which provide or propose to provide water and wastewater service shall:
- (1) adopt regulations governing the construction of commercial and/or household service lines and connections to the district's water and wastewater system;
 - (2) complete and have operable water and wastewater lines and a treatment plant before any connections are authorized;
 - (3) establish an inspection program to ensure that all new commercial and household connections are made in accordance with accepted construction practices prior to authorizing covering (back fill) of the service line trench;
 - (4) require that the district's inspector certify in writing that the connection was installed in accordance with accepted construction practices and in compliance with the district's regulations governing this type of work;
 - (5) submit for the executive director's approval copies of its regulations, inspection procedures, method of certification, and method of financing;
 - (6) upon submission of each bond application, document to the executive director that a water and wastewater service connection inspection program is in force for all new connections and that certification by the district's inspector of compliance with district rules is on file in the district's records.
- (b) Suggested regulations for wastewater systems may be obtained from the executive director upon request. Strict enforcement of such regulations will eliminate infiltration/inflow problems in service lines, sewage treatment plant overload and, as a result, reduce operation and maintenance costs.
- (c) This section is applicable whether a district intends on operating facilities itself or intends on conveying the facilities to a third party.

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§293.112. Water, Wastewater and Drainage Facilities.

- (a) All water districts that provide or propose to provide water or wastewater service to residential retail or commercial customers shall adopt rules that require inspection and repair of all

damages to facilities the district is responsible for maintaining prior to initiation of service. The rules must, at a minimum:

(1) require that the district's operator or the district be notified prior to making any improvement or starting any construction on property within the district if such improvement, construction or equipment used in the construction will be within easements, rights-of-way or property where district facilities are located;

(2) require that an inspection be completed by the district's operator or the district to verify district facilities prior to starting construction;

(3) require that an inspection be completed by the district's operator or the district to verify district facilities after completion of construction; and

(4) require that any damages found be repaired to the satisfaction of the district or that reimbursement for repairs be made to the district before service is initiated.

(b) This section is applicable whether a district intends on operating facilities itself or intends on conveying the facilities to a third party.

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§293.113. District and Water Supply Corporations' Authority Over Wastewater Facilities.

(a) A district or water supply corporation (WSC) that operates or proposes to operate a wastewater collection system may prohibit by rule the installation of private on-site wastewater holding or treatment facilities on land within the district or the corporation's service area that is not served by the district's or corporation's wastewater collection system. A district or WSC that has not received funding under Texas Water Code, Chapter 17, Subchapter K, may not require a property owner who has installed an on-site wastewater holding or treatment facility before the adoption of the rule to connect to the district's or corporation's wastewater collection system.

(b) A district or WSC that prohibits the installation of private on-site wastewater facilities shall agree to reimburse the owner of a residence the costs (engineering and construction) of connecting the residence to the district's or corporation's wastewater collection system if the distance along a public right-of-way or utility easement from the nearest point of the district's or corporation's wastewater collection system to the boundary line of the tract requiring wastewater collection services is 300 feet or more.

(c) This section is applicable whether a district intends on operating facilities itself or intends on conveying the facilities to a third party.

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