## Resident Guide for Sewer Connection





The city has created the following STS areas within city limits:

Highpoint Bay Cliffs Fairpoint Eufaula Florida Ave/Montrose Gilmore Poinciana Warwick San Carlos Hoffman Bayou

## 1. ENROLL IN THE SEWER CONVERSION PROJECT:

Once the city is prepared to convert your neighborhood to a sewer system, residents will receive a sewer application/consent in the mail, along with details about the conversion process. Residents are advised to follow these steps to **ENROLL** in the conversion program:

- a. Fill out the enclosed Sewer Application: Residents may fill out the enclosed paper application or apply online <a href="here">here</a>.
- b. Fill out the enclosed "TEMPORARY ACCESS & CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT" form.

After completing the previous two steps, the resident will be enrolled in the conversion project. Subsequently, residents must establish a sewer account with the city. This will enable residents to pay the deposit, service, and impact fee in full, or they can opt to set up a payment plan with the city.

## 2. SET UP SEWER ACCOUNT WITH THE CITY:

a. A <u>Utility Service Application</u> must be submitted to the UB office to establish sewer service. The application can be submitted online <u>here.</u> Residents may also stop at the UB office (311 Fairpoint) and complete the application in person.

## 3. PAY SERVICE FEE AND SEWER DEPOSIT:

- a. A service fee will be charged to set up the sewer account. Fees are as follows:
  - i. \$25.00 all new services with at least one existing service in their name.
  - ii. \$30.00 all new accounts without an existing/previous service.
- b. A deposit will be required to set up the sewer account. Fees are as follows:
  - i. \$110.00 inside city limits
  - ii. \$120.00 outside city limits
- 4. **IMPACT FEE:** Residents must pay the <u>current</u> impact fee at the time of connection. The impact fee can be paid in full or financed interest-free over ten years through the city. If choosing to finance the impact fee, residents can expect their monthly sewer payment to be approximately \$40.14. An estimated sewer bill is approximately \$20.10 monthly, plus an additional \$5.09 for every 1,000 gallons of usage.
  - a. **PAYMENT LOCATION:** The payment plan or impact fee can be established/paid at the City Annex (Utility Billing Department) at 311 Fairpoint Drive.
  - b. PAYMENT SCHEDULE: Residents must pay the impact fee at the connection time. However, residents may pay the impact fee (or establish a payment plan) anytime. They will <u>NOT</u> be charged for the sewer service until the project manager informs the UB office the resident is connected to the sewer and to activate billing.
  - c. PAYMENT PLAN: If residents opt to set up a payment plan, they must make the initial payment and sign a financing agreement. Residents will be 'locked' into the current impact fee when the plan is established.
    (Impact fees will increase by \$503 every September until it reaches the maximum amount of \$6,326 in 2026)