

Chapter 190

SEWERS

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Town of Groton as indicated in article histories. Amendments noted where applicable.]

GENERAL REFERENCES

Water — See Ch. 90.
Water supply — See Chs. 210 and 325.
Subsurface sewage disposal — See Ch. 315.
Wells — See Ch. 330.
Sewer Commission regulations — See Ch. 396.

ARTICLE I

Connections

[Adopted 3-21-1987 ATM, Art. 20; amended in its entirety 11-20-1989 STM, Art. 3]

§ 190-1. Connection required.

The owner or occupant of a building situated within the Groton Center Sewer System, as it may be amended, shall:

- A. In the case of an existing building within the system as of the effective date of this article, connect said building to the sewer with an effective drain within two years of said effective date or within two years of the date when said sewer is available for such connection, whichever date is later.
- B. In the case of a new building within the system constructed after the effective date of this article, connect said building to the sewer prior to the issuance of a certificate of occupancy by the Building Inspector.

§ 190-2. Variances.

A variance from this requirement may be granted by the Board of Health for any one of the following reasons:

- A. That said land by reason of its grade or level or any other cause cannot be drained into such sewer, until such incapacity is removed.
- B. That said buildings, in the opinion of a registered professional engineer, are served by a private on-site subsurface sewage disposal system which continues to meet the requirements of the Board of Health, said variance to continue so long as the system meets those requirements, as they may be amended or revised.

ARTICLE II

Groton Center Sewer System

[Adopted 2-6-1989 STM, Art. 7]

§ 190-3. Establishment. [Amended 4-6-2005 ATM, Art. 14]

There is hereby established within the Town a sewer system entitled "Groton Center Sewer System" comprised of land situated in a geographical area bounded and described on a plan entitled "Town of Groton Sewer System," drawn by Woodward and Curran dated February 2005, on file with the office of the Town Clerk. The inhabitants of said geographical area shall be served by a system of sewerage to be provided by the Town within the territorial limits of said system.

§ 190-4. Extension and expansion.

The system may be extended and expanded to serve an increased land area only following approval by majority vote at a subsequent Special or Annual Town Meeting following enactment of this article.

§ 190-5. Design wastewater flow rate. [Added 5-1-1989 ATM, Art. 29]

- A. The maximum design wastewater flow rate for a sewer connection from any existing lot within the Groton Center Sewer System shall be based upon state design standards for existing buildings or for a six-bedroom duplex of new construction. A maximum of one sewer connection per lot, as shown on a plan of land entitled "Groton Center Sewer System," drawn by Dufresne-Henry, Inc., and dated April 1988, will be allowed, and commercial buildings will be permitted, the flow equivalent based on state design standards of a six-bedroom duplex.
- B. Any future sewer connection from any lot within the Groton Center Sewer System, as shown on said plan, that is permitted after April 29, 1989, and having a design wastewater flow rate greater than the maximum design wastewater flow rate determined in accordance with the provisions of Subsection A shall be permitted only following a majority vote by a Special or Annual Town Meeting expressly authorizing such sewer connections and use and subject to availability of such capacity, in accordance with the agreement between the Towns of Groton and Pepperell. Where so required, the Town shall purchase additional treatment capacity under said agreement for which the Town shall be fully reimbursed by the developer/property owner receiving the same. The additional treatment capacity purchased shall be the excess of such greater flow rate over the maximum design wastewater flow rate for a six-bedroom duplex.

§ 190-6. Exemptions. [Added 5-1-1989 ATM, Art. 29]

School, municipal buildings and buildings used for public housing under the provisions of state or federal law shall be exempt from the provisions of this article.

§ 190-7. Assessment for general and special benefit facilities. [Added 4-29-1996 ATM, Art. 48]

Pursuant to MGL C. 83, § 15, the assessment of betterments for extensions of the Groton Center Sewer System beyond its limits as of April 29, 1996, and the costs of general benefit facilities, including, but not limited to, pumping stations, trunk and force mains, shall be separated from the costs of special benefit facilities, including, but not limited to, the sewer mains, serving adjacent properties.