



**DISTRICT OF SOOKE
SOOKE CORE SEWER SPECIFIED AREA
MANDATORY CONNECTION
BYLAW NO. 281**

**CONSOLIDATED FOR REFERENCE
JULY 11, 2022**

BYLAW NO. 281, *Sooke Core Sewer Specified Area Mandatory Connection Bylaw, 2006*
BYLAW NO. 332, *Sooke Core Sewer Specified Area Mandatory Connection Amendment Bylaw (281-1)*
BYLAW NO. 374, *Sooke Core Sewer Specified Area Mandatory Connection Amendment Bylaw, 2008 (281-2)*
BYLAW NO. 673, *Sooke Core Sewer Specified Area Mandatory Connection Amendment Bylaw (281-3)*
BYLAW NO. 861, *Sooke Core Sewer Specified Area Mandatory Connection Amendment Bylaw (281-4)*

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A bylaw to require owners of real property within the Sooke Core sewer specified area to connect to the community sewer system.

The Council of the District of Sooke, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. This Bylaw is cited as Bylaw No. 281, *Sooke Core Sewer Specified Area Mandatory Connection Bylaw, 2006*.
2. In this Bylaw:

“Decommission” means:

- Empty the tank of all sewage and dispose of such sewage in accordance with all applicable enactments; and
- Fill the septic tank with inert material such as clean sand or gravel; or
- Collapse the top and walls of the septic tank and fill any voids created with inert material such as clean sand or gravel.

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3. (a) Owners of real property within the Sooke Core Area Sewer Specified Area established by Bylaw No. 147, *Sooke Core Sewer Specified Area Bylaw, 2003* are required, at their own expense, to connect their buildings and structures to the community sewer system constructed and operated under that Bylaw, and to pay at the time of making the connection a capital expansion charge as set out in Schedule B to this Bylaw, except that owners in the following categories are not liable for the capital expansion charge:
 - (i) owners of real property included within the Sooke Core Area Sewer Specified Area on the date of adoption of this Bylaw No. 374, *Sooke Core Sewer Specified Area Mandatory Connection Amendment Bylaw, 2008 (281-2)*; and
 - (ii) owners of real property in respect of which a development cost charge for sanitary sewer services is payable or has been paid under Bylaw No. 202, *Development Cost Charge Bylaw, 2004*.
- (b) The connection required by subsection (a) must be made by September 30, 2007 in the case of real property included in the specified area established by Bylaw No. 147, and within 6 months in the case of real property included in the specified area by way of an amendment to Bylaw No. 147.
(Sections 3(a) and (b) amended by Bylaw No. 374 adopted September 8, 2008)
- (c) A permit for the sewer connection is required under Bylaw No. 70, *Building Regulation Bylaw, 2001*.
4. Upon making the connection referred to in section 2 an owner must, within 14 days, remove or decommission from the real property any septic tank previously used for the disposal of sewage generated on the premises.
5. Upon the failure of any owner to make a connection as required or remove or decommission a septic tank as required by Section 4, the District by its own forces or those of a contractor may enter on the land and perform the work at the expense of the owner, and may recover the cost from the owner as a debt.
6. The cost of the work performed by the District under Section 5 may be collected in the same manner and with the same remedies as property taxes, and if unpaid by the owner on December 31 of the year in which the work was performed, is deemed to be taxes in arrear.
7. **Offence and Penalty**
 - 7.1. Enforcement Officers, offences, and fines are as designated by the Municipal Ticketing Information Bylaw.

- 7.2. This bylaw may be enforced by means of a ticket in the form prescribed for the purpose of s. 264 of the *Community Charter*.
- 7.3. Any person who contravenes this bylaw commits an offence and on summary conviction by a court of competent jurisdiction, is subject to a fine of not more than \$50,000.00, in addition to the costs of prosecution. Each day during which a violation, contravention, or breach of this bylaw continues is deemed to be a separate offence.
8. Bylaw No. 151, *Sooke Core Sewer Specified Area Mandatory Connection Bylaw, 2003* and amendments is repealed.

Original Bylaw:

Adopted on the 8th day of January 2007.

Janet Evans
Mayor

Evan Parliament
Chief Administrative Officer

SCHEDULE A

(Schedule A added by Bylaw No. 332 adopted September 7, 2007)
[Deleted by Bylaw No. 861 (281-04, 2022)]

SCHEDULE B

(Schedule B replaced by Bylaw No. 673)

CAPITAL EXPANSION CHARGES

Single Family Residential	\$6,032.50* per unit
Duplex Residential	\$6,032.50* per unit
Townhouse Residential	\$6,032.50* per unit
Apartment Residential	\$6,032.50* per unit
Mobile home Park Residential	\$6,032.50* per unit
Commercial and Industrial area	\$20.79/m2 gross floor area

*The above charges will be increased annually by \$552 (or the amount of the parcel tax approved by Council for the year).