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## **Real Estate Transfers & Sanitary Sewer Connection Requirements**

Pressure Test Requirement - The FHMA Rules & Regulations require that all buried and underslab sanitary sewer lines be pressure-tested *during property transfers* to ensure the integrity of the pipe, as it relates to the elimination of inflow and infiltration (I&I). The re-test and recertification of a property at the time of sale or transfer is valid for a term not to exceed 2-years.

Trap Removal - If a trap exists in the sewer lateral, it must be removed at the time of re-test and replaced with a standard tee and a viewport style clean-out. A Fernco fitting is required over the tee to serve as a restraint. FHMA is currently providing a \$300.00 reimbursement for trap removal. Be advised that such reimbursement will be provided *per paid tap*, regardless of number of traps removed.

Viewport - It is the current owner's responsibility to have the viewport accessible. If the current owner does not or cannot make the viewport accessible, FHMA will locate and make the viewport accessible at said owner(s) cost. For locating purposes, a cast iron cover (casting) must be placed over the viewport, flush with the ground surface. Note that the Authority can provide a viewport casting at our cost, currently \$91.25 each (with a check payable to FHMA); if stock is available.

*See enclosed Connection and Air Testing Details for specific procedures and/or connection components requirements.*

If you have any questions, require site assistance and/or are ready to schedule an inspection or pressure test witness; please contact the **FHMA at (814) 495-5614** -or- **Superintendent Josh Horvath at (814) 659-5873**.

Enclosures:    Typical Customer Connection Detail, revised 06/05/24  
                  Typical Air Testing Procedure Detail, revised 06/21/22  
                  Contractor List

### NOTES:

Inactive Account - Cap Sanitary Sewer Tap - Capping a sanitary sewer tap, *in lieu of pressure testing*; to assure no Inflow & Infiltration (I&I) into the sanitary collection system is acceptable, when appropriate. Please recognize that a capped, paid-in-full tap connection can be considered for future use. Any future connection to the existing sanitary sewer tap however must meet current construction and pressure testing standards at that time. Requirements for Tap Capping and/or Reconnection can be requested from the Authority, if or when needed.