# Sewer Main Line Abandonment Requirements

**Authority:**
- Revised Municipal Code, Chapter 56, Article III, Division 2 (Private & Building Sewers).
- Public Works Rules & Regulations Governing Sewer Charges and Fees and Management of Wastewater
- City & County of Denver, Dept. of Public Works: Wastewater Management Division Storm Drainage Design and Technical Manual
- City and County of Denver Sanitary Sewer Design Technical Criteria Manual
- Dept. of Public Works, City & County of Denver, Wastewater Management Division Standard Detail

**Purpose:**
A Sewer Abandonment review and approval is required in order to abandon a Public Sanitary or Storm Sewer. This request is initiated at the request of a property owner, for such reasons as construction of a new building in the area of the existing line.

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**Customer Interface:**
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**Definition:**
A sewer main line abandonment request involves abandoning or removing a portion of existing sanitary or storm sewer mainline that is not in use by any active or potential future users or will be re-routed with an approved replacement.

**Considerations:**
The following criteria must be met before an existing sewer line can be considered for abandonment:

- Verify that there are no active users on the line. (It may be required that WMD video the main at the applicants expense)
- Verify no potential future users will be denied service.
- Plan must state that the abandoned line will be abandoned in place or removed per City and County of Denver (CCD) criteria (Section 2.12 Sewer Abandonments, Sanitary Sewer Design Criteria Manual)
- As Builts will be required to be submitted.
- Existing easements may need to be relinquished.
- If the sewer main to be abandoned is in the public right of way that is to be vacated, the abandonment must be completed before the vacation will be approved.
- A Surety Bond may be required

**Submittal Requirements:**
See the Storm and Sanitary Construction Plans/Studies General Requirements located under Sanitary sewer and storm drainage submittal requirements for information on:

- Submittal process and plan/profile drawing minimum requirements
- Standard notes to include on the plan/profile drawings
- Additional documentation required for administrative approval of the project

**Approval Process:**
The plan must be found to be Technically adequate which is the first step of approval
Additional documentation is required for Administrative approval. Refer to the Development Services Sanitary and Storm General Submittal Guidelines located under Sanitary sewer and storm drainage submittal requirements for the list of additional items

**Fees:**
For fee amount information, refer to the schedule of fees for Public Work/SUDP at the following link: