

Water/Sewer Connection Approval

_____ (water and/or sewer) fees have been paid in full
and are ready for connection at _____ (service
address for _____ Customer's name _____
(phone number)

Sewer Tap _____ (Amount Pd) on _____ (Date)

Grinder Pump _____ (Amount Pd) on _____ (Date)

Water Tap _____ (Amount Pd) on _____ Date

Water Deposit _____ (Amount Pd) _____ Date

**CITY OF PORT ST. JOE SEWER SIMPLEX GRINDER PUMP INSTALLATION
AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT**

This Agreement entered into by and between the City of Port St. Joe, (herein "provider") and _____, (herein "owner"), each in consideration of the terms contained herein and both of whom hereby acknowledge, do agree as follows:

Early initiative sewer connection program (check one) - Yes No

1. The provider agrees to make a grinder pump available to new and existing homes where there is existing sewer service for the terms and conditions stated herein. Simultaneously with the execution of this agreement, the owner shall pay the following charges:

- a. Tap Fee - \$ _____
- b. Grinder Pump - \$ _____
- c. Recording Fee - \$ _____
- d. Modeling Fee- \$ _____

Total Due - \$ _____

2. The parties agree that any litigation resulting from default or other breach of this agreement venue shall lie in Gulf County, Florida.

3. This agreement shall be binding upon the heirs, successors and assigns of the parties hereto and the owner agrees that this agreement shall be disclosed to any prospective purchaser or successor in interest to the owner.

4. The owner represents that the property description and parcel number provided herein coincides with the property where grinder is installed.

5. The provider will furnish the sewage pump or grinder pump required for the owner's connection to the force main. The owner will be responsible for the connection of the dwelling unit to the sewage pump, all required or related electrical work, the sewer pump to the force main and pumping, crushing and backfilling the existing septic tank (if applicable, unless covered by an early initiative sewer connection program). The owner further agrees that the rate increases or decreases are subject to change as determined by the City of Port St. Joe Commission through approved rate study initiatives.

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6. The provider will clean and service the lift station annually. All additional cleaning for removing grease buildup from the lift station due to negligence or misuse by the owner will be charged to the owner. In the event of such grease buildup, the Provider agrees to remove said buildup and there will be a separate additional charge for such service, billed on the next statement to the owner. Should the pumps need to be replaced due to negligence or misuse of the owner (such as the introduction of prohibited materials or substances) the cost of the new pump and installation costs are the responsibility of the owner. Whether the pump need to be replaced or can be economically repaired is within the sole discretion of the Director of Public Works, City of Port St. Joe, FL.

7. The provider shall not be responsible for emergency power due to power outages or for any damages to party of the second part caused as a result of power outages or other events beyond the control of the Provider.

8. The provider will provide maintenance at the time of this agreement which will cover the parts and labor for maintenance of the pump at a monthly cost of \$ _____ per month per ERC that will be included in the monthly sewer service rate. \$ _____ x _____ (number of ERCs)

9. The owner understands and agrees that the current rates and billing cycles included herein are as of the date of this agreement and may be subject to change up or down based on updates to the City of Port St. Joe's Impact and Rate Study approved by the City Commission and agrees to be bound by the terms of any such rate change.

10. The parties understand and agree that the provider shall not be responsible for the repair or replacement of any landscaping, driveways, fencing or sidewalks, damaged or removed, during any repairs or replacements made by the City and all such costs shall be the responsibility of the owner.

11. In furtherance of this provision, the owner grants a right-of-entry for the purpose of providing the service identified herein and agrees that the provider shall be held harmless from any and all liability as a result from the performance of this agreement.

12. The property, which is the subject of this installation agreement, is identified in Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

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13. Disconnection from City sewer services hereunder shall result in discontinuance of City water services to the premises if furnished by the City. In such cases where the City does not provide water services to subject property the City shall notify the County Health Department of disconnection of sanitary sewer service. The failure of the property owner to keep his/her sewer account current with the City shall result in a lien being placed against the property and the City may take such other legal action as is appropriate.

14. As part of the installation process the homeowner, unless covered by an early initiative sewer connection program, at the homeowners expense, must supply 120/240 volt, 30 amp, 4 wire, 10 gauge, electrical service with a disconnect at the grinder station control panel, (see attached diagram). A separate form is attached that the owner must complete for the purpose of installation and inspection, construction specifications are also included for the contractor.

15. The homeowner/occupant will provide, at the homeowner's/occupant's expense, the electricity to operate the grinder pump station.

16. In the event of sewage line stoppage, the homeowner/occupant must first determine that the stoppage doesn't exist in the homeowners/occupant portion of the line. Upon determination the stoppage exists in the City of Port St. Joes' portion of the line, the homeowner/occupant should contact the Public Works Department at (850) 229-8247 Monday thru Friday 7:30 am to 4:30 pm, or (850) 227-1115 for after hours service calls.

17. The homeowner/occupant **MUST NOT** introduce any foreign objects into the wastewater collection system through the sinks, drains, or toilets such as glass, metal, plastics such as toys and utensils, sanitary napkins or tampons, seafood shells, fish scales, diapers, rags, clothing of any kind. In addition, you must **NEVER** introduce explosives, flammable material, oil or grease, strong chemicals to include household chemicals, or gasoline. Introduction of foreign objects or prohibited substances, specified above and in Exhibit B, constitutes misuse or abuse of the system.

18. If the grinder pump fails due to misuse or abuse, then the homeowner/occupant will be liable for any damages including the cost of materials, labor and equipment caused by his/her negligence. The determination of whether the grinder pump failed due to misuse or abuse is within the sole discretion of the Director of Public Works, City of Port St. Joe, FL.

19. Storm and/or surface water must not be drained into the wastewater collection system.

20. The homeowner/occupant shall not construct or allow to be constructed any type of structure (i.e. bushes, shrubs, flower beds, trees, sheds, fences, etc...), which would hamper or prevent the City of Port St. Joe from accessing the grinder pump station or control panel for routine or emergency maintenance.

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21. In no event shall the City of Port St. Joe be liable for any damages, incidental or consequential damages as a result of the installation, operations, and/or maintenance of the wastewater collection system.

22. Wastewater will not be accepted by the City of Port St. Joe until the terms of this agreement are met, the homeowner/occupant signs this document, and returns the original to the City of Port St. Joe where it will be maintained.

I have read, understand and agree to the terms and conditions of this agreement.
AGREED to this _____ day of _____, 200__

Witness

Provider – City of Port St. Joe, FL

Witness

Witness

Owner – Printed Name

Witness

Owner – Signature

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION
FOR GRINDER PUMP OWNERS**

**PLEASE READ CAREFULLY
AND FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS**

You have or you are about to have a sewer system known as a low-pressure force main with a grinder pump. This is a very reliable system as long as a few simple precautions are taken.

Wastewater from your house empties into a tank buried in the ground. There is a pump inside the tank that grinds up human wastes and pumps it under pressure to the street into a larger pipe that takes it to the wastewater treatment plant.

There are certain objects that cannot be flushed through the system and more importantly through the grinder pump. Those objects are **GREASE**, glass, metal including razor blades, plastics such as toys and utensils, sanitary napkins or tampons, **GREASE**, seafood shells, fish scales, diapers, **GREASE**, rags, clothing of any kind, and **GREASE**. In addition, you must **NEVER** introduce explosives, flammable material, oil, strong chemicals to include strong household chemicals, or gasoline.

Any of these materials may cause the pump to fail and it may not be covered under warranty. Grease is the biggest culprit because it is so easy to pour a little down the drain and think nothing of it. Grease sticks to the float switches, hardens and does not allow the pump to cycle. This will cause your system backup and cost you to have it cleaned and put back into service.

During temporary power outages, be aware that your pump will not operate. There should be enough reserve in the tank for adequate toilet flushing but you should refrain from other water needs until power is restored.

If you have any questions concerning the operation and maintenance of your grinder pump, please call the City of Port St. Joe, Public Works Department at (850) 229-8247.

Customer: _____
Please Print

Date: _____

Address: _____

Signature: _____