

CITY OF MARION
POLICY REGARDING SEWER SERVICE FOR PROPERTIES AT
LOWER ELEVATIONS THAN AVAILABLE SEWER LINES

Due to varying lot elevations within the City Limits and the cost and impracticality of being able to provide sewer service to every lot by gravity, it shall be the policy of the City of Marion to provide the following options for sewer service for those properties that are not served by a gravity sewer line.

1. The owner of any lot within the City Limits, which lot is not served by a gravity sewer line, may install or have installed a sewerage pumping system to pump the wastewater from such lot to a City gravity sewer line. The sewerage pumping system shall be installed at the owner's expense; however, the City shall waive the tap fee and cost recovery charge for this sewer line connection, to offset the cost of the sewerage pumping system. The owner or occupant shall be required to pay the same City sewer charges as other customers. Any waiver of charges allowed under this policy must be approved by the City Manager.
2. In situations where gravity sewer lines are greater than three hundred (300) feet from a property line, or where the difference between the property elevation and the elevation of the nearest City gravity sewer line is so extreme as to make installation of a sewerage pumping system impractical, the owner may request permission from the City Council to install a septic tank, if allowed by the McDowell County Health Department. Such request shall be made in writing to the City Manager. Approval of both the City Council and the McDowell County Health Department will be required in order for the property owner to be allowed to install the septic tank inside the City Limits.
3. If any septic tank fails or if the McDowell County Health Department and/or the City Council do not authorize the installation or repair of a septic tank, where a gravity sewer line is greater than three hundred (300) feet from a property, the owner will be required to have installed a sewerage pumping system under the conditions stated in Section 1 above.

The previous policy adopted on September 18, 1990 is hereby repealed.

Adopted this the 2nd day of March, 2004.