
CITY OF WATSONVILLE

Seller Transfer of Responsibility to Buyer for Private Sanitary Sewer Lateral Repair

Property Information

Street Address	City	Assessor's Parcel Number
----------------	------	--------------------------

Requirements

Whether as part of a sale or of the recording of a contract of sale, all **Sellers** of real property (residential, commercial, industrial, or other) shall certify to the following, prior to the recording of any deed or other document transferring title:

1. A City-approved cleanout already exists on the property or a new cleanout has been installed by a licensed plumber and inspected by the City;
2. If determined necessary by the City, a City-approved backflow device (may be a cleanout/backflow combination device) already exists or a new backflow device has been installed by a licensed plumber and inspected by the City; and
3. Repairs to the private sewer lateral, if any, required by the City have been completed by a licensed plumber and inspected by the City.

However, before the sale of property, the Seller and Buyer of the property may mutually agree to transfer the responsibility for the above from the Seller to the Buyer. In the event the Buyer agrees to assume responsibility for repairing the private sewer lateral and installing the required devices, the Seller shall provide the inspection video and inspection form (reviewed by the City) to the Buyer, which indicates the repairs needed to meet the City's requirements and at least one estimate of the cost of required repairs, prepared by a licensed plumber qualified to complete the work. The Buyer shall then complete the repairs to meet the City's requirements **no later than 90 calendar days after the date of approval by the City of this transfer of ownership form.** (See date recorded at the top of this sheet). Failure to comply may result in the civil and administrative penalties as specified in the code.

Seller's Certification

By signing below, I, the Seller, declare I will adhere to the requirements stated herein and state that the Buyer has agreed to assume the responsibility to complete the required private sanitary sewer repairs and device installations at the referenced property.

Seller's Name (printed)	Seller's Signature	Date	Telephone No.
-------------------------	--------------------	------	---------------

Buyer's Certification

By signing below, I, the Buyer, declare I will adhere to the requirements stated herein and accept the responsibility to complete the required private sanitary sewer repairs and device installations at the referenced property no later than 90 calendar days after approval of transfer of responsibility, unless an extension has been granted by the City for extenuating circumstances.

Buyer's Name (printed)	Buyer's Signature	Date	Telephone No.
------------------------	-------------------	------	---------------

To be completed by the Buyer and Seller

Seller or Seller's Agent:

Mailing Address for the next 90 days

Physical Residence Address

Email Address

Buyer:

Mailing Address for the next 90 days

Physical Residence Address

Email Address

Plumber:

Name of Preparer of Inspection video and report

Phone

Name of Preparer of Estimate (if available) for repair work

Phone

Please email completed forms to: sli@cityofwatsonville.org

(For City Use Only)

The City of Watsonville Department of Public Works has reviewed this disclosure statement, and confirmed that the responsibility to complete the City-required repairs:

___ Rests with the seller and must be completed **prior to transfer of title** or

___ Have been transferred to the buyer and must be complete **no later than 90 calendar days after this transfer of responsibility form is approved by the City.**

This signed Transfer of Responsibility to Repair Form must be submitted to the City before the close of escrow and included in the real estate title transfer documentation.