

ORDINANCE NO. 1868

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GARDENA, CALIFORNIA,
AMENDING PORTIONS OF CHAPTER 13.04 (SEWER SYSTEM)
OF THE GARDENA MUNICIPAL CODE AND FINDING THE
ACTION IS EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT PURSUANT TO THE
COMMON SENCE EXEMPTION OF CEQA GUIDELINES
SECTION 15061 (b)(3)**

WHEREAS, the City found the existing Municipal Code to be outdated or conflicting with the new Sewer Design Manual; and

WHEREAS, on June 11, 2024, the City Council introduced this; and

WHEREAS, on June 25, 2024, the City Council adopted this Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the City Council took into account all evidence presented, both written and oral;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDENA, CALIFORNIA, DOES HEREBY ORDAIN, AS FOLLOWS:

CHAPTER 13.04 SEWER SYSTEM

SECTION 1. Section 13.04.020 of the Gardena Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

13.04.020 Scope.

The provisions of this chapter shall apply to the discharge or deposit and discharge of all wastes in, upon, or affecting the city and the design, construction, alteration, use and maintenance of public sewers and house laterals, industrial connection sewers, sewage treatment plants, sewage pumping plants, industrial liquid waste pretreatment plants, dairy screen chambers, sand and grease interceptors and appurtenances; the issuance of permits and the collection of fees therefor; and the inspection of construction.

The provisions of this chapter shall apply to all sanitary sewers and appurtenances thereto, lying within streets or easements dedicated to the city and which are under the sole jurisdiction of the city. (Prior code § 5-4.102)

Design engineers shall reference the City's Sewer Design Manual for the design and construction of sewer collection system infrastructure.

SECTION 2. Section 13.04.350 of the Gardena Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

13.04.350 Excavation Tunnels.

Excavation tunnels shall be allowed at the approval and discretion of the City Engineer.

SECTION 3. Section 13.04.660 of the Gardena Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

13.04.660 Part A Design Standards – Main Line Sewers – Size.

Main line sewer pipe shall have an inside diameter of not less than eight inches and shall have sufficient capacity to carry sewage from the area tributary there to when computed based on the methodology outlined in the City’s most recent Sewer Master Plan.

SECTION 4. Section 13.04.670 of the Gardena Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

13.04.670 Design Standards – Main Line Sewers – Velocity.

A main line sewer shall be designed to provide a minimum velocity as required in the City’s Design Manual. Any exception to this requirement may be had only upon approval by the city engineer.

SECTION 5. Section 13.04.730 of the Gardena Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

13.04.730 Design Standards - House Laterals - Services.

House lateral services shall meet the requirements of the City’s Design Manual. Any exception to this requirement may be had only upon approval by the city engineer.

SECTION 6. Section 13.04.770 of the Gardena Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

13.04.770 Design Standards – Bench Marks.

Design drawings shall use the North American Vertical Datum of 1988 (NAVD88) as the vertical control datum. All elevations shown on drawings shall be based on NAVD 88.

SECTION 7. Section 13.04.790 of the Gardena Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

13.04.790 Design Standards – Kind and Size of Pipe.

All pipe material and size shall meet the requirements in the City’s Design Manual.

SECTION 8. CEQA. The City Council finds that the adoption of the local amendments thereof is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) under CEQA Guideline section 15061(b)(3) (the commonsense exemption). The action is largely administrative in nature and designed to improve and not degrade environmental quality such that there is no possibility that adopting this Ordinance would adversely affect the environment in any manner that could be significant. As such, staff is directed to file a Notice of Exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines sections 15061(b)(3).

SECTION 9. Severability. If any section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance, or any part thereof is for any reason held to be unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of this ordinance or any part thereof. The City Council hereby declares that it would have passed each section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase be declared unconstitutional.

SECTION 10. Certification. The City Clerk shall certify the passage of this ordinance and shall cause the same to be entered in the book of original ordinances of said City; shall make a minute passage and adoption thereof in the records of the meeting at which time the same is passed and adopted; and shall, within fifteen (15) days after the passage and adoption thereof, cause the same to be published as required by law, in a publication of general circulation.

SECTION 11. Effective Date. This ordinance shall not become effective or be in force until thirty (30) days from and after the date of its adoption.


Passed, approved, and adopted this 25th day of June, 2024.

Tasha Cerda, Mayor
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ATTEST:

Mina Semenza
MINA SEMENZA, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



CARMEN VASQUEZ, City Attorney

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) SS:
CITY OF GARDENA)

I, **MINA SEMENZA**, City Clerk of the City of Gardena, do hereby certify that the whole number of members of the City Council of said City is five; that the foregoing Ordinance, being **Ordinance No. 1868** duly passed and adopted by the City Council of said City of Gardena, approved and signed by the Mayor of said City, and attested by the City Clerk, all at a regular meeting of said City Council held on the **25th day of June 2024**, and that the same was so passed and adopted by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBER LOVE, MAYOR PRO TEM HENDERSON, COUNCIL MEMBERS TANAKA AND FRANCIS, AND MAYOR CERDA

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

for Becky Romero
City Clerk of the City of Gardena, California

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