

Borough of Somerset

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Municipal Authority of the Borough of Somerset Sewage Service Lateral Test Form Instructions

1. Acquire a Sewage Lateral Compliance Form and a Certificate of Compliance Form from the Borough of Somerset Office located at 347 West Union Street Somerset, PA; or online at

https://www.somersetborough.com/watersewer/general_information.htm or QR Code: and click on Appendix D-2 – Lateral Test Form and Appendix D-1 – Compliance Certificate under MABS Rules and Regulations. To be acquired due to a qualifying event as noted in the Rules and Regulations section 22.2.1 and also listed below:

- a. At the time of the original connection to the public sanitary sewage system
- b. At the time of sewer lateral replacement, repair or alteration completed by the Customer or its agent;
- c. At the time of property transfer or change of ownership;
- d. At the time state in any governing Municipal Ordinance which requires lateral testing.
- 2. It is the responsibility of the customers connected to the public sanitary sewage system to maintain all private building drains, building sewers, customer service laterals and service laterals in good repair free from defects. All private side sewer laterals to the public sanitary sewage system shall be installed per the Rules and Regulations and specifications of the Municipal Authority of the Borough of Somerset.
- 3. The owner of the property applying for the Sewage Service Lateral Test must fill out the top or have their designated contractor fill out the information on their behalf. The form must be filled out prior to the Borough's Inspector arriving on site.
- 4. The property owner is responsible for hiring a contractor that holds a valid Pennsylvania license to perform work on residential properties or a Master Plumber's license to perform work on commercial properties. Proof of license must be provided upon request of any party. The property owner may perform pressure tests on any of their properties. The property owner may perform piping installations to the property on which they reside.



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- 5. The property owner or contractor shall contact The Somerset Borough at 814-443-2661 x 113, between 8:00-4:30 pm, to schedule an appointment for the Inspector to witness/inspect the pressure test prior to backfilling. A minimum of 72-hour notice must be provided. No inspections will be performed on weekends or holidays. It is suggested that a pre-test be performed. If the pre-test fails, call the Borough at least 2 hours prior to the scheduled appointment time to cancel the appointment and re-schedule for another day/time. Canceled appointments will not be counted as an inspection. Please see the Rate Schedule for the Inspection fees.
- 6. The Inspector will provide a viewport frame and cover at the time of inspection, to be installed by the contractor.
- 7. The Certificate of Compliance must be provided to the Inspector at the time of the pressure test. If everything is in compliance, the certificate will be approved, and the property owner shall provide a check made payable to the "Somerset Borough" for inspection fee. A copy of the approved Certificate of Compliance will be sent to the property owner upon request. The Certificate of Compliance is valid for a period as specified in the Rules and Regulations section 22.3.3 from the date of issuance.
- 8. Failure to comply with the testing requirements within the time specified as per the Rules and Regulations will result in a monthly fee as provided in the Rate Schedule, continued until sewer lateral is in compliance.