



**REVISION OF PIMA COUNTY CODE  
TITLE 13 – MOUNT LEMMON:  
CHAPTERS 13.28 AND 13.32**

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# What Are Our Environmental Permitting Limitations?

- In 1982 a Consent Decree was put in place to protect the water quality of Sabino Creek.
  - Prohibited any discharges into Sabino Creek and its watershed.
  - Limited wastewater connections to 47,
  - Effluent flows from the plant to a monthly average of 12,500 gpd or 17,000 gallon in any one day.
- Arizona Administrative Code (AAC) prohibited effluent discharges into Sabino Creek, AAC R18-11-123(a).

# Permitting Limitations (cont.)

- Arizona Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (AZPDES) Permit was for monthly average of 12,500 gpd or 17,000 gallon in any one day.
  - Later amended to 15,000 gpd.
- US Forest Service Special Use Permit for the discharge into the San Pedro watershed mirrored the Consent Decree.
  - Limited wastewater connections to 47.
  - Amended in 2003 to provide up to 77 residences with wastewater services.
  - Maximum effluent flows have remained identical to Consent Decree.

# 13.28 – Mt. Lemmon Sewer Connections

- Maintains emphasis on water conservation and clarifies US Forest Service limit of 77 permitted connections.
- Currently they are:
  - 32 connections with billing accounts
    - 27 Residential and 5 Commercial
  - 4 connections with Standby Status
  - 18 connections no longer being billed
- There are no capacity concerns at this time.

## 13.28 – Mt. Lemmon Sewer Connections

- Removes historical narratives and special requirements related to the 2003 Aspen fire.
- Adds references to County standard wastewater Code connection requirements to allow for consistency throughout the regional system.

# 13.28 – Mt. Lemmon Sewer Connections

- Sunsets the Standby Fee which preserved a future connection from the 77 available.
  - Ends the collection of the Standby Status Fee.
  - Allows those currently on the list to retain their Standby Status and set up a User account through June 30, 2023.
  - After June 30, 2023, all new requests will be taken in the order they are submitted.

## 13.32 – Mt. Lemmon Conservation Surcharges

- Removes low flow plumbing fixture requirements and annual inspections.
- Relies on industry standard thresholds for low flow plumbing fixtures.
- Expects fixtures in existing (pre-fire) will be or already are upgraded to low flow industry standard fixtures.

# 13.32 – Mt. Lemmon Conservation Surcharges

- Modifies the Conservation Surcharge so all connections are considered low flow compliant.
  - Residential surcharge applies at 4 CCF
  - Commercial/Industrial/Multi-family applies at 40 CCF
  - Fee remains at \$6.00 per CCF once water use exceeds the limit

# 13.32 – Mt. Lemmon Conservation Surcharges

- Documents Sewer User Fees will continue to be assessed based on their monthly water usage.
- Adds an Operations Surcharge as a placeholder for future consideration to more equitably recover costs for operating the small remotely located system.



# Questions?

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