

Side Sewer Permitting Program Transfer and Administrative Code Update

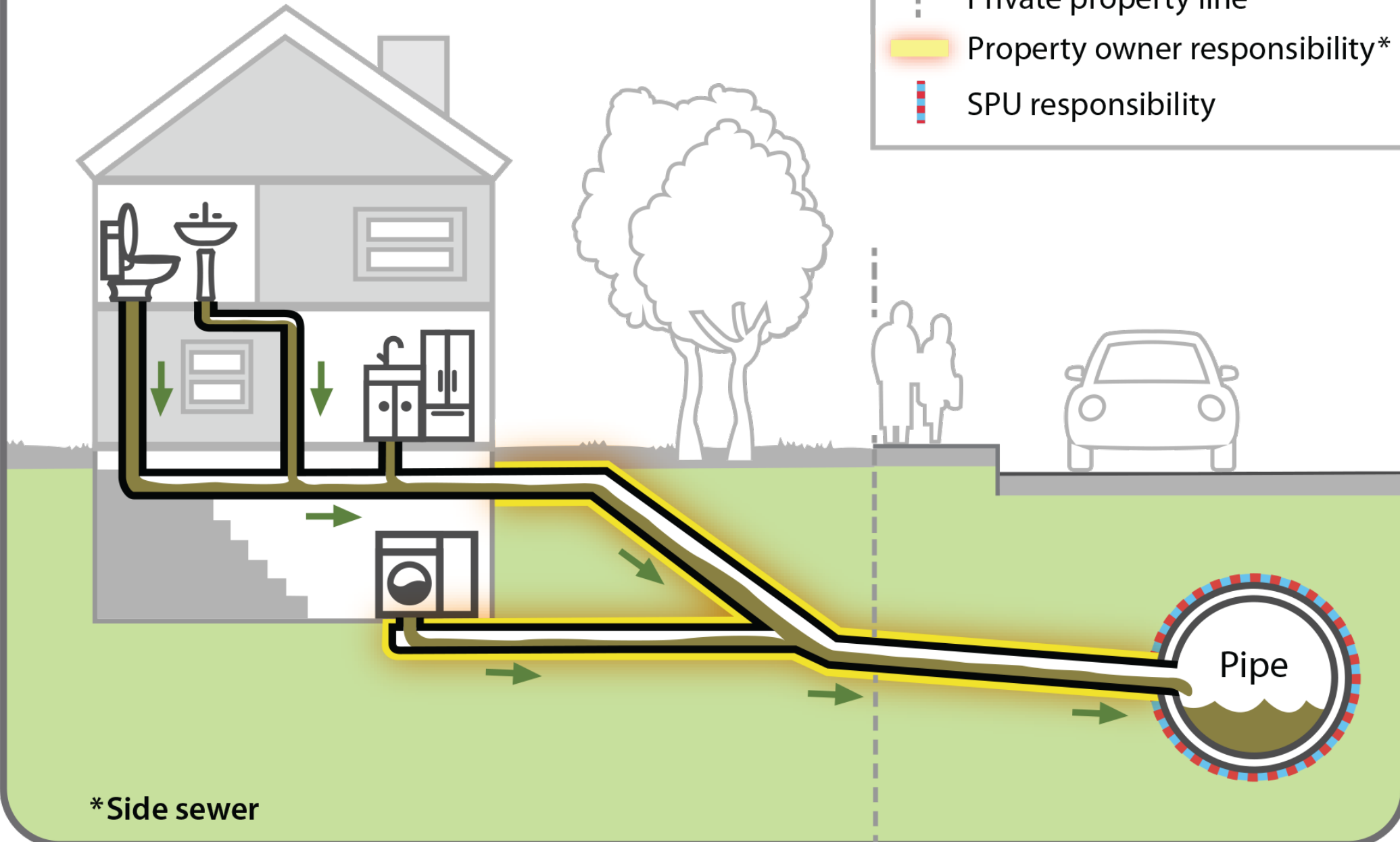
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Typical Side Sewer

SEWER PIPE RESPONSIBILITY

- Private property line
- Property owner responsibility*
- SPU responsibility



*Side sewer

What is the Side Sewer Permitting Program?

Regulates New Development

- Specifies how new construction can connect to the public sewer and drainage system

Provides oversight for repairs of existing side sewers

- Majority of permits are for repairs to existing side sewers
- Private side sewers can be over 100 years old
- On private property and in the right-of-way



Purpose of Legislation

- SDCI has administered the side sewer permitting program since 2003.
- SPU manages and maintains the wastewater and stormwater collection system.
- SPU assumed side sewer permitting to better align the two departments' core functions and to enhance customer service.
- To make this change, the authority of each department must be revised.



Clarify Director's Authority

Side Sewer Permitting Program Transfer

- Permitting will be done by SPU
- Restart requirements for “Registered Side Sewer Contractors”



Relocates Side Sewer Permit Fees

Consistency

- Relocates fees to SPU Director's Rule to be consistent with other SPU charges.

Timeliness

- Will allow updates with other revenue managed by Rates & Finance



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