



## **PSL Program Informational Handout**

### **For Obtaining a Compliance Certificate**

#### **Purpose**

This informational handout details the required steps to obtain a Compliance Certificate for the property's sewer lateral in order to comply with CVSan's Sewer Lateral Ordinance No. 179.

If the property owner already knows that the sewer lateral's condition will require a full replacement, continue to Step 4.

If the property owner is unsure what condition the sewer lateral is in, continue to Step 1.

#### **Step 1: Hire a Contractor to Perform a CCTV Inspection**

If the property does not have a valid Compliance Certificate and the property owner is not sure what the condition of the lateral is, the property's sewer lateral must be inspected by a contractor through closed circuit television (CCTV). After a contractor has been hired, continue to Step 2.

#### **Step 2: Pay for and Schedule a CVSan CCTV Permit**

The contractor's CCTV inspection must be witnessed by a CVSan inspector. To schedule an inspection appointment and pay for a CVSan CCTV permit, visit [www.cvsan.org/PSL](http://www.cvsan.org/PSL) or CVSan's main office located at 21040 Marshall Street, Castro Valley. The CVSan CCTV permit is \$230 and covers the cost of CVSan's staff time to review the CCTV video. After scheduling and paying for the permit and inspection, continue to Step 3.

#### **Step 3: Receive the Inspection Results**

After the CCTV inspection is complete, CVSan inspectors will review the CCTV video to determine if the sewer lateral passed or failed the inspection based on CVSan's standard criteria.

If the sewer lateral passes the inspection, CVSan will issue a Compliance Certificate that is valid for 10 years and it can be given to the buyer with all other certifications necessary for selling a property.

If the property does not pass the inspection, continue to Step 4.

#### **Step 4: Complete Necessary Repairs Before Property is Sold**

If CVSan's inspectors determine that the sewer lateral needs to be repaired or replaced,



the work must be completed before the close of escrow.

The property owner or contractor must receive a CVSan sewer repair permit before beginning any repair work. The CVSan sewer repair permit is \$160 and can be obtained online at [www.cvsan.org/PSL](http://www.cvsan.org/PSL) or in person at CVSan's main office located at 21040 Marshall Street, Castro Valley, CA 94546.

If the sewer lateral requires a complete replacement, CVSan will issue a Compliance Certificate that is valid for 30 years after the work is completed and the repair permit has been signed by a CVSan inspector.

If the CCTV inspection determines that only a portion of the sewer lateral requires repairs, CVSan will issue a Compliance Certificate that is valid for 10 years after the work is completed and the repair permit has been signed by a CVSan inspector.

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

### **Can You Provide a List of Licensed Contractors?**

Yes, please visit [www.cvsan.org/PSL](http://www.cvsan.org/PSL) for a list of licensed contractors.

### **What Should I Consider When Reviewing a Contractor's Estimate?**

CVSan recommends the property owner obtain at least three written estimates from contractors to ensure best price. The quote for the sewer work is dependent on many factors, including the length of the sewer line, required permits, current landscaping, etc.

### **What is CVSan's Standard Criteria When Reviewing CCTV Videos?**

When CVSan reviews CCTV videos, staff looks for the presence of sewer lateral structural issues such as major sags, offset joints, cracks, breaks, and root intrusions. CVSan will also look for any improper connections to the sewer lateral, pipe material, and ensure that the lateral is equipped with a correctly installed backwater prevention system.

### **What is the Purpose of This Program?**

The private sewer laterals connected to most Castro Valley properties are the original pipes that were installed when the building was built. Over time, sewer laterals can crack, become disjointed or displaced, or intruded by tree roots, causing leaks and blockages. By inspecting, testing, and repairing sewer laterals, CVSan will be able to ensure that rain and ground water does not enter the public sewer system, which causes the wastewater treatment plant to unnecessarily treat clean water.