

SECTION 24 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

24.1. Comprehensive Plan. In developing a Sewer Service Area Map (“SSAM”) and in its decisions to extend sanitary sewer service, accept wastewater, or allow connection to an interceptor from proposed development, the Utility considered and will continue to consider the City of Bloomington Comprehensive Plan and the Monroe County Comprehensive Plan, as applicable and as provided in this Rule, as well as input from City and County governmental officials and non-governmental organizations and individuals.

24.2 Service Area. The SSAM will designate the area in which the Utility will allow sewer connections. The Utilities Service Board hereby authorizes the Director of the Utility to make the decision as to whether a request for extension of sanitary sewer service shall be granted in areas located outside of the City’s municipal boundaries. The Director may grant a request for extension of sanitary sewer service to a parcel or parcels located outside of the City’s municipal boundaries if the owner or owners of the parcel(s) have submitted a valid petition for voluntary annexation that complies with the requirements of Indiana Code § 36-4-3-5.1, after considering the plans and input in 24.1 above.

If the owner or owners of the parcel(s) have not submitted a valid petition for voluntary annexation that complies with the requirements of Indiana Code § 36-4-3-5.1, then sanitary sewer service shall not be extended.

24.3 Additional Information. Utility staff will determine what additional information is required from the applicant and advise as to what information is necessary to process the request. Any connection or extension must be in compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local rules and regulations.

24.4 Time for Processing Requests. The Director and Utility Staff shall complete processing of all requests for sanitary sewer service within 30 days of receipt of all necessary materials. In the event changes are made in the proposal for sanitary sewer service received by the Utility Staff, the 30 day period will run from the date that information regarding those changes is received.

24.5 Applicant’s Obligation for Costs. Under no circumstances shall the Utility’s approval of a request for permission to extend sanitary sewer service obligate it to construct or pay for the construction of any sanitary sewer extension or connection to the City’s sanitary sewer collection system. All such costs and any upgrades to the Utility collection systems that are required to accommodate the impact of the new connection shall be calculated and allocated in accordance with the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission sewer extension rules found at 170 IAC 8.5-4.