



PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Dear Property Owner:

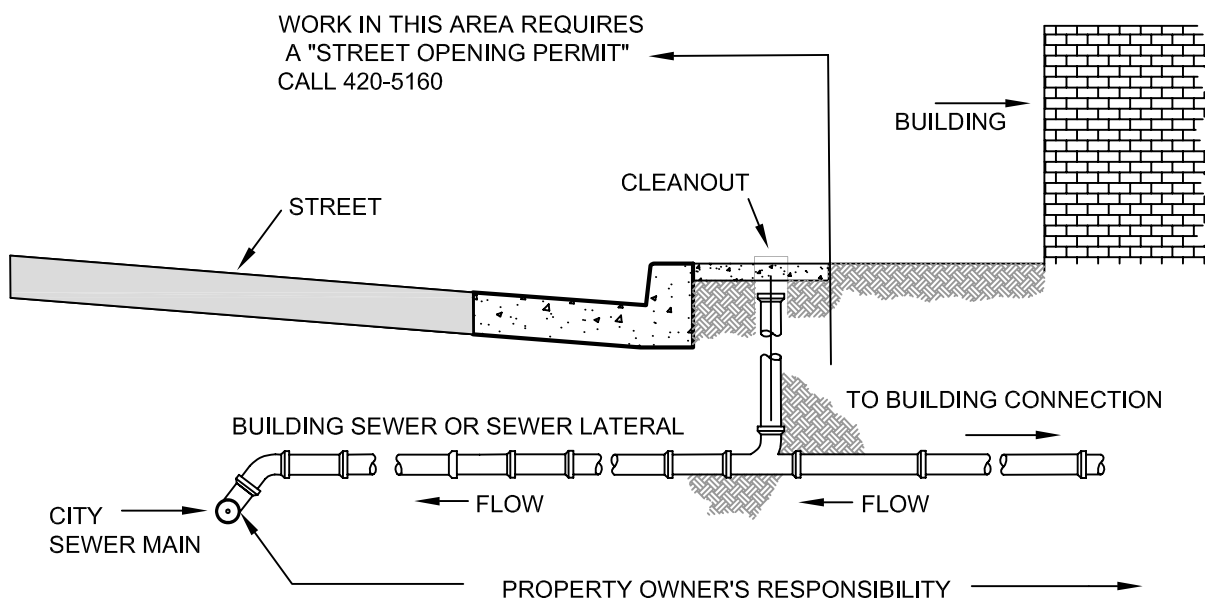
In accordance with the Santa Cruz Municipal Code, Title 16, Chapter 16.08.060:

The property owner is responsible for ensuring the proper functioning of the building sewer pipe that connects the home or establishment to the main sewer pipe, usually located in the middle of the street. The property owner's responsibility includes the portion of the building sewer pipe under the City Street and the connection to the main sewer pipe.

This building sewer pipe should have a cleanout that is accessible for the purposes of inspection, repair or maintenance. The cleanout is usually located in or near the sidewalk.

If a sewage spill occurs due to a malfunction of the property's building sewer pipe then the property owner will be held liable. The property owner must take appropriate action to prevent sewage spills from the building sewer pipe. A fine of \$500 will be levied if repeated sewage spills occur.

The drawing below illustrates a building sewer pipe with a cleanout, and delineates the boundaries of your responsibility as a property owner.



If you have any questions please call the Wastewater Mains Division at 420-6036.