

05-01-2019 Town Council Meeting
Responses to Council Questions #1

ITEM #5: Authorize the Town Manager to Execute an Interlocal Agreement for Installation of Private Sewer Laterals for Low and Moderate Income Homeowners

Council Question: What is the cost of the sewer service lateral connection per LMI Heritage Lot household?

Staff Response: *Staff has estimated the cost to be approximately \$9,000 – 12,000 per dwelling unit. Installation at each site will vary, and the cost will include challenges such as topography, amount of rock, distance, and trees.*

Council Question: What do all the costs covered for each LMI Heritage Lot Household include exactly?

Staff Response: *The cost estimate per dwelling unit includes the service availability fee to OWASA, abandonment of the existing septic tank, and installation of internal and external plumbing.*

Council Question: What is the process for those households when they want to connect within the specified three-year period for joint funding?

Staff Response: *Staff from the three jurisdictions are contacting each Heritage Lot property owner to explain the three-year funding period. Households will need to be qualified as meeting the low-moderate income thresholds to be eligible for this funding. Staff has been working with residents to understand the qualification process.*

Council Question: When will the eligibility expire for the Years 1-3 cost coverage for LMI Heritage Lot Households who have not expressed a wish to be connected?

Staff Response: *Staff anticipates the sewer system being certified within the next couple of weeks and it is anticipated that the funding initiative for the lateral connections would begin following the certification. Staff would suggest that the time periods align with the fiscal year, with year 1 beginning July 1, 2019. Year 3 would end June 30, 2022.*