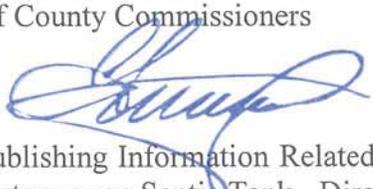


# Memorandum



**Date:** April 26, 2016

**To:** Honorable Chairman Jean Monestime  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**From:** Carlos A. Gimenez  
Mayor 

**Subject:** Feasibility Study of Publishing Information Related to Residences Connected to  
the County's Sewer System or on Septic Tank - Directive 151881

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In accordance with Resolution No. R-902-15, sponsored by Commissioner Rebeca Sosa and adopted by the Board of County Commissioners at the October 6, 2015 meeting, the Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department (WASD) analyzed the feasibility of making information regarding (1) whether a residence is connected to the County's sewer system or is utilizing a septic tank for domestic sewage disposal, and (2) where the nearest sewer connection to a residence using a septic tank may be located available to the public.

WASD is working with the Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources (RER) and the Florida Department of Health (FDOH) to create and populate the Sanitary Sewer Connection Finder Online System, which will provide residents with detailed sanitary sewer related information for any property located in the County. The Sanitary Sewer Connection Finder Online System is expected to be made available to the public later this year through the County's portal web page and WASD's home web page to give residents access to this information on demand.

### **Sanitary Sewer Connection Finder Online System**

The Sanitary Sewer Connection Finder Online System will provide estimated sanitary sewer related information about any property located within boundaries of Miami-Dade County once an address is entered. The information that will be made available to residents includes the utility name serving the property, whether a property is located in the Department's service area, or if it is connected to the County's sanitary sewer system, on septic tank, or in basin moratorium status.

If the property is on septic tank, the estimated distance to the nearest gravity main and the estimated distance to the owner's property boundary will be made available with ranges from less than 100 feet to more than 5,280 feet, which equals one (1) mile. This means that the distance(s) from the owner's property boundary to the nearest gravity main will be made available in the Sanitary Sewer Connection Online System in the ranges, as shown below.

1. Less than 100 feet
2. Less than 500 feet
3. Less than 1,000 feet
4. Less than 2,500 feet
5. Less than one (1) mile
6. More than one (1) mile

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It should be noted that a connection to the sanitary sewer system may be cost prohibitive in some instances despite the gravity main's proximity to a home because of the nature of the gravity system. If the property is on septic tank and resides outside of the Department's service area, the most recent septic tank permit information provided to RER by the FDOH and the serving utility name will be provided.

The information displayed in the Sanitary Sewer Connection Finder Online System will be expressed in terms of "estimates" and will not take in account the availability of connections due to proposed development, redevelopment, or infrastructure upgrades. Connection to the sewer system will continue to require adherence to WASD's Rules and Regulations, and relevant sections of the Code of Miami-Dade County.

Per Ordinance 14-65, this memorandum will be placed on the next available Board of County Commissioners meeting agenda.

Should you have any questions or require further information, please contact Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Director Lester Sola at (786) 552-8200.

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