

Sewer Capacity Availability Review Fee (SCARF)

Effective
December 11, 2016

Ordinance 178958, LAMC Section 64.15(i), Council File 07-0600-S28

WHAT DOES SCARF ENTAIL?

A review includes, but is not limited to, the following steps:

- Research and trace sewer flow levels upstream and downstream from point of connection.
- Conduct field surveys to observe and record flow levels. Coordinate with maintenance staff to inspect sewer maintenance holes and conduct smoke and dye testing if necessary.
- Review recent gauging data and in some cases closed circuit TV inspection (CCTV) videos.
- Perform gauging and CCTV inspection if recent data is not available.
- Research the project location area for other recently approved projects or new connections expected to discharge more than 10,000 gpd. Evaluate and calculate their cumulative impact downstream, including that of the proposed project under review, to insure sufficient capacity exists.

What is SCARF?

SCARF stands for Sewer Capacity Availability Review Fee, a new fee approved by Council to pay for a service performed by the Bureau of Sanitation. This review evaluates the existing sewer system to determine if there is adequate capacity to safely convey sewage from proposed development projects,

proposed construction projects, proposed groundwater dewatering projects and proposed increases of sewage from existing facilities – projects expected to generate at least 10,000 gallons per day (gpd) in sewage. The SCAR Fee (SCARF) recovers the costs incurred by the City in performing the review.

RATES (+3% & 7%)

PROPOSED SEWER DISCHARGE (gpd)

| | |
|-------------------|-----------------------|
| 10,000 - 50,000 | \$ 1,300 (\$1,430.00) |
| 50,001 – 100,000 | \$ 1,815 (\$1,996.50) |
| 100,001 – 200,000 | \$ 2,075 (\$2,282.50) |
| 200,001 – 350,000 | \$ 2,335 (\$2,568.50) |
| 350,000 – 500,000 | \$ 2,600 (\$2,860.00) |
| > 500,000 | \$ 2,850 (\$3,135.00) |

Frequently Asked Questions

When is the SCARF charged?

SCARF applies to all applicants seeking a Sewer Capacity Availability Review (SCAR). SCARs are generally required for Sewer Facility Certificate applications that exceed 10,000 gpd. A property owner seeking to increase discharge through an existing connection by at least 10,000 gpd would need such a review. Similarly, groundwater-related projects or future developments

discharging 10,000 gpd or more would be subject to a review.

Why is the SCARF being charged now?

The City has seen a dramatic increase in the number of SCARs over 10,000 gpd in the last few years. To respond to these requests quickly, the City has had to devote more resources such as new staff and increased gauging efforts. The funds collected through SCARF will help the City pay for these resources. Those who benefit directly from the review -- developers, property

owners -- will pay for the service.

Where do I pay SCARF?

The Department of Public Works, Bureau of Engineering (BOE) collects the fee at its public counters. Once the fee is paid, BOE prepares and forwards a SCAR request to the Bureau of Sanitation (BOS). The review is returned to BOE, which informs the applicant of the results. In some cases, BOS works directly with the applicant during the review to seek additional information and work out alternative solutions.