

# CONSTRUCTION SPECIFICATIONS

## SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. A minimum cover of three (3) feet over the proposed lines is required.
2. No work shall begin without notifying City of Roanoke 24 hours in advance. The contractor is responsible for obtaining any and all necessary permits.
3. No work shall begin without written approval of construction plans.
4. Work shall be subject to inspection by the City Inspectors and design engineer.
5. Contractor shall be responsible for locating and uncovering all valve boxes after surface treatment of roads and adjusting boxes to final road grades, if necessary.
6. All existing utilities may be shown or may not be shown in the exact location. The contractor shall comply with the State Water Works regulations, section 12.05.03 where lines cross.
7. The contractor shall notify the City of any field corrections to the approved plans prior to such construction.
8. All trenches within the existing or future Virginia State Department of Highways and Transportation right-of-way must be compacted in six inch layers.
9. All lines to be staked prior to construction.
10. Contractor to coordinate with the Engineer to provide as-built plans.
11. All construction shall be in accordance to approved construction practices of the applicable codes.
12. Unless noted otherwise herein all construction shall be in accordance to the latest edition of AWWA standards.

## EXCAVATION, STABILIZATION AND BEDDING

### A. TRENCHING

1. Excavation for trenches shall include the removal of all material encountered regardless of classification in accordance with the elevations and grades at the locations and stations indicated on the plans or specified herein.
2. Excavation, unless otherwise specified, shall be open cut. The contractor shall open no more than two hundred (200) feet of trench at one time during the laying of pipe, unless approved by the Engineer.
3. Trenches shall be excavated in straight lines and shall be accurately graded in order to establish a true elevation for the invert of the pipe.
4. The width of trenches, from existing grade to one (1) foot above the top of the pipe shall be of sufficient width to permit the proper installation of bracing, shoring or sheeting.
5. The sides of the trenches shall be as vertical as practical.
6. Excavation for structures shall allow a minimum of twelve (12) inches clear between the structure and the sides of the trench or any required bracing, shoring or sheeting.
7. Excavated materials suitable for backfill shall be stockpiled in an orderly manner at a sufficient distance from the sides of the trench in order to avoid overloading the banks of the trench and to prevent slides or cave-ins.
8. Excavated materials which are not required or approved for backfill shall be removed from the site and disposed of by the Contractor, at his expense.

### B. TRENCH STABILIZATION

1. Trench stabilization material shall be coarse aggregate size Number 2 and shall conform with VDOT Section 203 and/or ASTM C 33.
2. Whenever excessively wet or unstable material is encountered in the bottom of the trench, which in the opinion of the Engineer is incapable of properly supporting the pipe or structures, such material shall be removed and backfilled with trench stabilization material and shall be graded to allow for the compacted bedding material.
3. All unauthorized overdepths of excavation shall be backfilled with trench stabilization material and shall be graded to allow for the compacted bedding material.

### C. COMPACTED BEDDING MATERIAL

1. Bedding material shall be coarse aggregate size Number 57 and shall conform with VDOT Section 203 and/or ASTM C 33.
2. The bottom of the pipe trench shall be excavated to a minimum overdepth of four (4) inches below the bottom of the pipe, to provide for the compacted bedding material. Bedding material shall be placed, shaped and compacted.
3. Bell holes and depressions required for the jointing of the pipe shall be dug after the compacted bedding material has been graded and shaped and shall be only of the length, depth and width required to make the joint proper.

## PIPE, JOINTS AND FITTINGS

### A. SCOPE OF WORK

1. All materials and appurtenances required for the work shall be new, of first class quality and shall be furnished, delivered, erected, connected and finished in every detail as specified or indicated. All materials found defective, regardless of the circumstances, shall be replaced with new material at the expense of the Contractor.
2. The materials specified for the construction shall comply with the latest revisions of the applicable American Society for Testing Materials (ASTM), American National Standards Institute (ANSI) and/or the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) standards.

### B. OPTIONAL PIPE SELECTIONS

1. The Contractor shall install only one (1) type of pipe between structures except where ductile iron pipe is specified or indicated. Where existing pipe is to be replaced or extended the same type of pipe shall be installed, unless specified or indicated otherwise.
2. Water line shall be ductile iron.
3. Sanitary sewers with an inside diameter less than or equal to twelve (12) inches shall be either polyvinyl chloride or ductile iron pipe, at the Contractor's option, unless specified or indicated otherwise.
4. Service laterals shall be either ductile iron or polyvinyl chloride pipe, at the Contractor's option, unless specified or indicated otherwise.

### C. TYPES OF PIPE (\*)

1. Ductile iron pipe shall conform with AWWA C 151/ANSI 21.51 and fittings shall conform with AWWA C 110/ANSI 21.10. The pipe and fittings shall be bituminous coated and cement lined in accordance with AWWA C 104/ANSI 21.40. The pipe thickness shall conform with AWWA C 150/ANSI 21.50 and shall be Class 51, as a minimum, unless specified or indicated otherwise.
2. PVC sewer pipe and fittings shall be SDR 35 (ASTM D 3034).

## D. JOINTS COUPLINGS AND APPURTENANCES

1. PVC pipe and fittings shall be bell and spigot type joints. The bell and spigot joint shall be sealed with elastomeric gaskets conforming to ASTM D 3212. The joints shall be made in strict accordance with the recommendation of the pipe manufacturer.
2. Ductile iron pipe and fittings shall be either mechanical or bell and spigot type joints as specified or indicated. Joints shall be made with a single watertight rubber gasket manufactured in accordance with AWWA C 111/ANSI 21.11. The joints shall be made in strict accordance with the recommendations of the pipe manufacturer.
3. Gate Valves shall be iron-body, bronze-mounted, double-disc, parallel-seat, O-ring sealed, inside-screw, non-raising stem, fitting with 2 inch square operating nut for valve vault service, all in accordance with AWWA Standard C500 (latest revision). Connections shall be suitable for the pipe with which it is used. The valves shall be suitable for 200 p.s.i. water working pressure and shall be tested at twice the rated working pressure. All gate valves shall be installed in the valve vaults and equipped with a 2-inch square operating nut. The nut shall be marked with an arrow and the word "OPEN" and shall open by turning to the right (clockwise).
4. All other materials and appurtenances to be in accordance with details shown on plans.

## PIPE INSTALLATION

### A. GENERAL

1. The Contractor shall not lay pipe or place manholes until all water has been removed from the trench, or when in the opinion of the Engineer, the trench or the weather conditions are unsuitable for work.
2. Pipe that may require field cutting shall be done so in a neat and workmanlike manner, so as to leave a smooth end at right angles to the axis of the pipe. Care shall be taken to avoid damaging the pipe and any coatings or linings. Ductile iron pipe shall not be cut with an oxyacetylene torch.
3. The materials shall be visually inspected for defects before lowering the pipe or placing the manholes into the trench. During the laying operation no tools, clothing or other material shall be placed in the pipe or manhole. The interior of the pipe shall be clear of all soil, debris and superfluous materials prior to and during the installation.
4. The Contractor shall exercise every precaution to prevent foreign material from entering the pipe while it is being placed in the trench. Failure by the contractor to take such precautions may result in the Engineer requiring a heavy, tightly woven canvas bag of suitable size be placed over each end of the pipe and removed only when the joint can be made properly.
5. The pipe and manholes shall be lowered carefully into the trench by suitable means and handled with care at all times to avoid damage. Under no circumstances shall the materials be dropped or dumped into the trenches.
6. When work is not in progress, the Contractor shall plug the open ends of the pipe to prevent trench water or other substances from entering the pipe. The plug shall be watertight and shall remain in place until any required dewatering has been completed.
7. Water pipe shall not be laid closer horizontally than ten (10) feet from a sewer line except where the bottom of the water pipe will be at least 18 inches above the top of the sewer line and will be in a separate trench. Gravity sewer lines that will cross above the water pipe shall for a distance of at least ten (10) feet each side of the crossing be fully encased in concrete or be replaced with ductile iron or other approved pressure pipe with no joint closer than eight (8) feet from the crossing. Water pipe shall not be allowed to pass through a sewer manhole.
8. Before joints are made the pipe shall be bell bedded on a firm foundation and no pipe shall be brought into position until the preceding length has been thoroughly embedded and secured in place. Any defects due to settlement shall be made good by the Contractor at his expense. Bell holes shall be dug sufficiently large to insure the making of proper joints.
9. Pipe shall be jointed in full accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations. Push-on joints shall be thoroughly cleaned, the rubber gasket inserted in the bell socket, a thin film of approved gasket lubricant applied, the spigot end of the pipe centered into the socket and the joint completed by forcing the spigot end to the bottom of the socket by a jack-type tool or other device approved by the Engineer. Mechanical joints shall be thoroughly cleaned, the gland slipped over the spigot end of the pipe, the rubber gasket pointed with soap solution and placed on the spigot end, the spigot end of the pipe seated in the bell, the gland pressed into place within the bell, the gland moved into position, and bolts and nuts assembled by hand and tightened with an approved torque-limiting wrench.

### B. INSTALLING SEWER PIPE & MANHOLES

1. The installation of the sanitary sewer system shall begin at the downstream manhole and proceed upstream. The downstream sections shall be completed, tested and approved prior to allowing sanitary sewage to enter the system.
2. The pipe shall be installed in accordance with the pipe manufacturer's recommendations and as directed by the Engineer. The pipe shall be laid in true straight lines with the bell ends upstream and with the invert of the pipe being the true elevation and grade of the system.
3. The Contractor shall be responsible for establishing and maintaining the horizontal alignment and vertical elevation and grade of the system in accordance with the survey information indicated on the plans.
4. The horizontal alignment of the pipe shall be maintained by a transit or theodolite plumbed over the center of the downstream manhole. The vertical elevation and grade shall be maintained by not less than three (3) batter boards placed between manholes or by an adjustable laser level mounted at the invert of the downstream manhole with target(s) placed in the bell and of the pipe being laid.
5. Sewer pipe shall be installed in 4 inch gravel bedding and to springline of pipe and in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations.
6. The sanitary sewer system shall be laid and joined complete-in-place in order that each length and section of pipe between the manholes shall have a smooth and uniform invert.
7. The pipe shall be connected to manholes through precast openings and joined with either a flexible boot adapter or a pipe seal gasket.

### C. CONNECTION TO EXISTING SYSTEMS

1. The new pipe connection to be made to an existing manhole, where no stub or opening exists, shall be made through an opening of maximum diameter cut into the manhole wall at the required location and elevation.
2. The existing invert channels and benches shall be reworked as required to form a new flow channel from the new connection to the existing flow channel.
3. The new pipe connected to an existing manhole shall be secured in position and the remaining opening shall be filled and sealed with brick and mortar. The outer surface of the connection shall be given a coat of heavy bituminous waterproofing compound.

### D. SERVICE CONNECTIONS

1. The Contractor shall make of service connections to the sewer pipe and from manholes where shown on the plans and/or where located in the field. The service connections to the sewer pipe shall be made with either a wye or tee branch fitting or saddle tap, at the Contractor's option.
2. The wye and tee branch fittings for service connections shall be commercially manufactured and installed in strict accordance with the recommendations of the pipe manufacturer.
3. All service connections shall be made with four (4) inch pipe as a minimum, unless the size of an existing service connection dictates otherwise, and shall be installed on a minimum grade of one-quarter (1/4) inch per one (1) foot from the sewer pipe or manhole to the property or easement line.
4. Future service connections shall extend to the property or easement line with cleanout and be properly capped with a watertight fitting to prevent infiltration into the sewerage system. The fitting shall be installed in strict accordance with the recommendations of the pipe manufacturer.
5. Future service connections shall be field marked by a treated, solid wooden (2 x 4) marker three (3) feet long set vertically plumb with the end of the capped extension. The tops of the markers shall be painted yellow and set flush with the finished grades. The location and invert depth of the service connection shall be shown on the as-built plans.

## BACKFILLING

### A. JOB CONDITIONS

1. Prior to placing backfill, all organic, rubbish, debris or other unsuitable or objectionable material within the trench shall be removed. All concrete forms shall be removed. All shoring or sheeting shall be removed or cut off at the depth stipulated by the Engineer.
2. Prior to placing backfill, the trench, shall be removed. All concrete forms shall be removed. All shoring or sheeting shall be removed or cut off at the depth stipulated by the Engineer.
3. Backfill material shall be placed in uniform horizontal layers and thoroughly compacted with proper mechanical or hand operated tampers or other equipment as approved by the Engineer to perform such work.
4. Backfill material shall be placed and compacted so as to not unevenly support, damage or displace the alignment of the pipe or structures.
5. Backfill shall not be placed or compacted against cast in place concrete until it has obtained sufficient strength to withstand the backfilled pressure placed upon it.
6. Upon the completion of backfilling, all excess soil, stones and debris shall be removed from the site and disposed of by the Contractor.

### B. BACKFILL MATERIAL

1. Materials for backfill shall be approved excavated material or approved suitable material obtained from other sources. All material shall be approved by Soil Engineer.
2. Material shall consist of durable natural granular material or granular aggregates free from organic material, loam, debris, or other objectionable material which cannot be thoroughly compacted.
3. Material shall not contain stones larger in diameter than those specified herein, granite, broken concrete, masonry rubble or other material which in the opinion of the Engineer is unsuitable for backfill.
4. Excessively wet excavated material shall not be used as backfill. Frozen material shall not be placed in the trench, nor shall approved backfill be placed upon frozen material. However, backfilling may be allowed in freezing weather with prior approval of the Engineer.

### C. BACKFILL BELOW UNPAVED AREAS

1. Backfill from the top of the pipe bedding or bottom of the pipe trench to one (1) foot above the top of the pipe shall be free of stones larger than two (2) inches in diameter and shall be placed in layers not to exceed six (6) inches and compacted with hand operated tampers.
2. Backfill from one (1) foot above the top of the pipe to the topsoil subgrade shall be free of stones larger than four (4) inches in diameter and shall be placed in layers not to exceed eight (8) inches and compacted with mechanical tampers. Fill material shall be compacted to 95% density, standard proctor.

### D. BACKFILL BELOW EXISTING OR NEW PAVED AREAS AND SIDEWALKS

1. Backfill from the top of the pipe bedding or bottom of the pipe trench to one (1) foot above the top of the pipe shall be free of stones larger than two (2) inches in diameter and shall be placed in layers not to exceed six (6) inches and compacted with hand operated tampers.
2. Backfill from one (1) foot above the top of the pipe to the pavement subgrade shall be free of stones larger than four (4) inches in diameter and shall be placed in layers not to exceed eight (8) inches and compacted with mechanical tampers. Fill material shall be compacted to 95% density, standard proctor.

## INSPECTION AND TESTS

### A. TESTING OF SANITARY SEWER

The Contractor shall prove the watertightness of the sewer system or portions thereof by one of the following tests, at such times as the Engineer may direct. Tests shall be made only in the presence of the Engineer. The Contractor shall furnish all labor and equipment required for the test and shall make repairs necessary until test results are satisfactory.

### B. AIR TEST

The testing equipment, procedure, and results will all be subject to the strict approval of the Engineer. Results of the air test will be reviewed for compliance with ASTM designation C-828, current revision. The air test is to be conducted between two (2) consecutive manholes. The test equipment shall consist of two (2) plugs (one tapered and equipped for air inlet connection), a shut-off valve, a pressure regulating valve, a pressure reduction valve, and a monitoring pressure gauge having a pressure range from 0 to 5 psi, graduated in 0.10 psi with an accuracy of plus/minus .04 psi. The test equipment shall be set up outside the manhole for access and reading. Air shall be supplied to the test slowly and shall be regulated to prevent the pressure inside the pipe from exceeding 5.0 psi. The pipeline shall be filled until a constant internal pressure of 3.5 psi is maintained. The internal pressure shall be maintained at 3.5 psi or slightly above for a five (5) minute stabilization period, after which time the internal pressure will be adjusted to 3.5 psi, the air supply shut off and the test begun. No person shall remain in the manhole while the pipe is being pressurized or throughout the test for safety purposes. A pressure drop of 1.0 psi from 3.5 to 2.5 psi shall be allowed for the test times specified in the following table, based upon the designated pipe size and test segment length.

### PIPE DIAMETER, INCHES

| LENGTH OF TEST SEGMENT | 4    | 6    | 8    | 10   | 12   | 15    | 18    |
|------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|-------|
| 25                     | 0:04 | 0:06 | 0:08 | 0:28 | 0:40 | 1:02  | 1:28  |
| 50                     | 0:09 | 0:20 | 0:35 | 0:55 | 1:19 | 2:04  | 2:58  |
| 75                     | 0:13 | 0:30 | 0:53 | 1:23 | 1:59 | 3:08  | 4:27  |
| 100                    | 0:18 | 0:40 | 1:10 | 1:50 | 2:28 | 4:08  | 5:58  |
| 125                    | 0:22 | 0:50 | 1:28 | 2:18 | 3:18 | 5:09  | 7:28  |
| 150                    | 0:28 | 0:59 | 1:48 | 2:45 | 3:58 | 6:11  | 8:30  |
| 175                    | 0:31 | 1:09 | 2:03 | 3:15 | 4:37 | 7:00  |       |
| 200                    | 0:35 | 1:19 | 2:21 | 3:40 | 5:17 |       |       |
| 225                    | 0:40 | 1:29 | 2:38 | 4:08 | 5:40 |       |       |
| 250                    | 0:44 | 1:39 | 2:58 | 4:35 |      | 8:31  |       |
| 275                    | 0:48 | 1:49 | 3:14 | 4:43 |      | 9:21  |       |
| 300                    | 0:53 | 1:58 | 3:31 |      |      | 10:12 |       |
| 350                    | 1:02 | 2:19 | 3:47 |      |      | 8:16  | 11:54 |
| 400                    | 1:10 | 2:42 |      |      | 8:03 | 9:27  | 13:36 |
| 450                    | 1:19 | 2:50 |      |      | 9:48 | 10:38 | 15:19 |
| 500                    | 1:28 |      |      |      | 5:14 | 7:34  | 11:49 |

Should the 1.0 psi drop occur in less time than that specified in the table the sewer segment shall have failed. If the time required for the pressure to drop 1.0 psi is greater than that shown in the table, the sewer segment shall have passed. For a more detailed description of the air test method refer to ASTM designation C-828, current revision. An air pressure correction shall be required when the prevailing ground water is above the sewer line being tested and shall be calculated as follows:

$$\text{Ground Water Depth (ft)} + 3.5 = \text{Starting Test Pressure}$$

$$\text{Ending Test Pressure} = \text{Starting Pressure} - 1.0 \text{ psi}$$

There is no change from time requirements established for the basic air test.

6. Manholes shall be tested by infiltration by plugging lines with inflatable stoppers and filling the manhole with water for 12 hour soak period. Leakage shall not exceed one-half (1/2) gallon per hour in the one hour test period following the soak period. Approved air test for manholes will also be considered.

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