



SL 2020-61 – An Expansion of the Deemed Permitted Rule for Sewer Extensions

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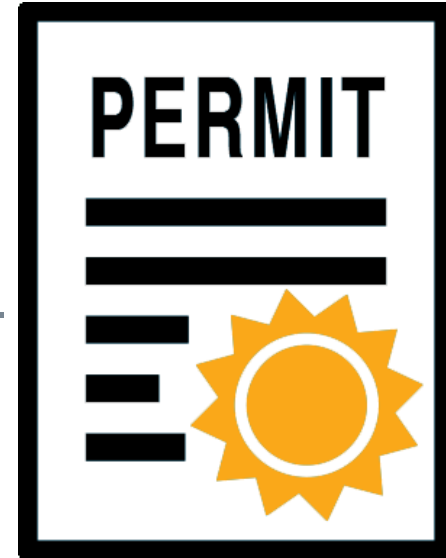
The “Deemed Permitted” Rule

- 15A NCAC 02T.0303:
 - Three “types” of new sewers are considered to be deemed permitted in accordance with this Rule and 15A NCAC 02T.0113.
- Rehabilitation/Replacement of sewer mains, pump stations, and other sewer appurtenances (within certain strictures).



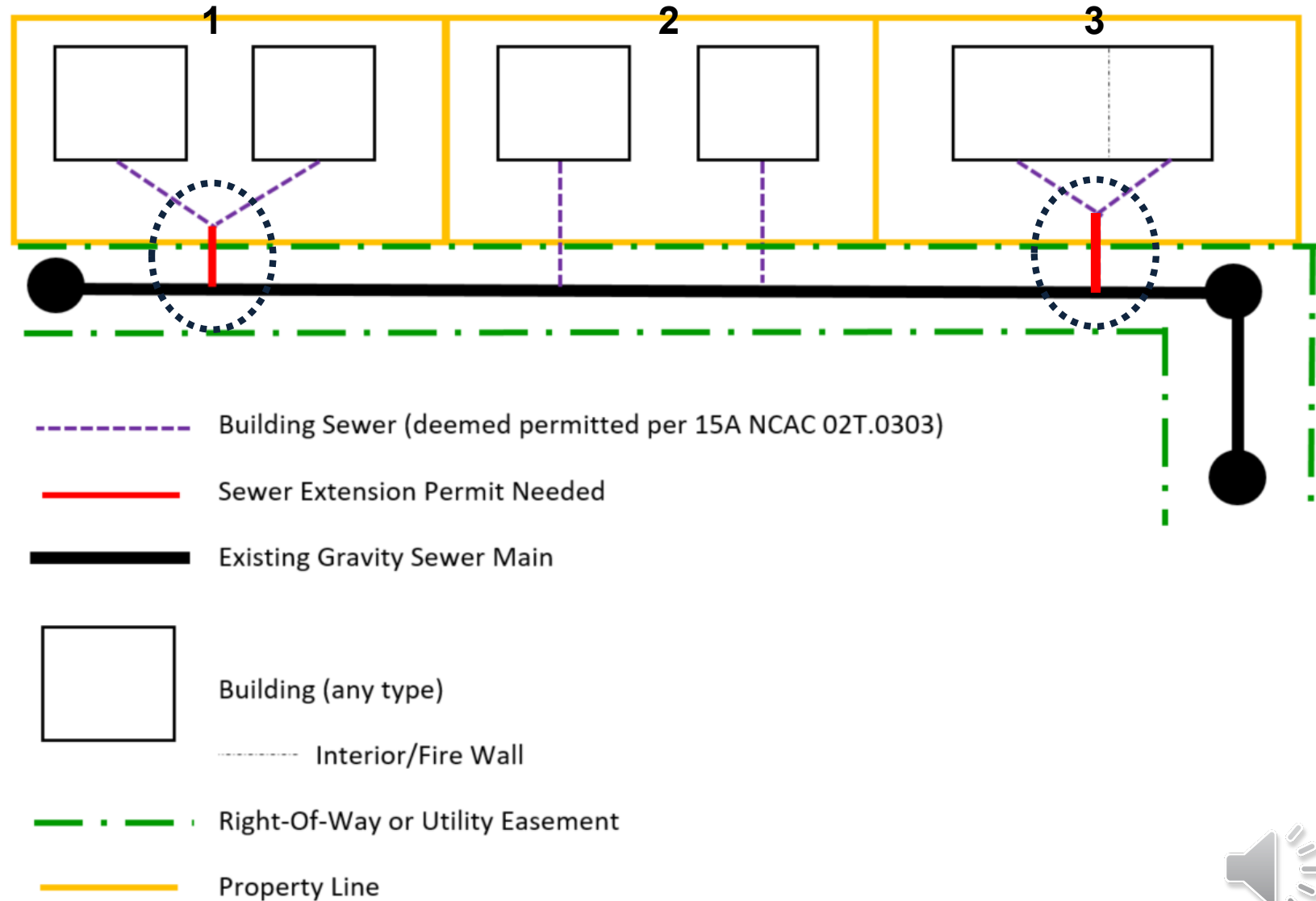
What Requires a Sewer Extension Permit?

- Pump stations/force mains of any size which tie into a pressurized line.
- Gravity sewers which cross other property or parallel the ROW and serve 600 GPD or greater in flow as calculated by 15A NCAC 02T.0114.
- Pump stations/force mains which discharge into non-pressurized line and serve 600 GPD or greater in flow as calculated by 15A NCAC 02T.0114.
- Sewers that are being realigned, up/down sized, moved out of the original easement/ROW, etc.



Example of the Historical Rule

Two buildings of any type served by a shared sewer line required a permit for that line.



Residential Applications

- Previously, the only avenue for a shared sewer line was to obtain a State sewer extension permit.
- Regulatory burden could be significant for small, single-property owner situations.

Examples of Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs)

ADUs in blue; main residence in white

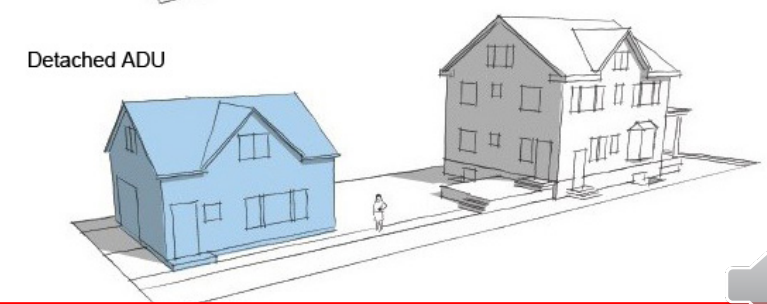
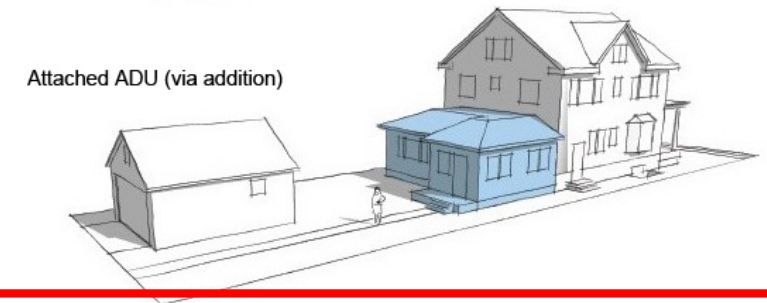
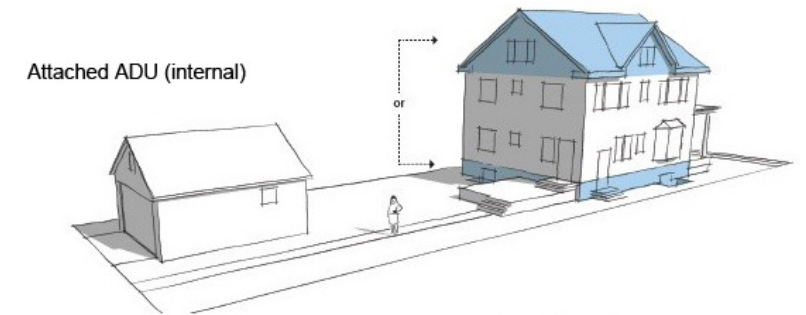


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The General Permit

- General Permit WQG100000:
 - Developed late 2019/early 2020.
 - Released February 2020.
- Online application process, no fee.
- Specific requirements for residence sizing, sewer line type, and deed restriction.
- No longer in effect.

**GENERAL PERMIT NO. WQG100000 – Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) and
Accessory Residential Buildings (ARBs)**

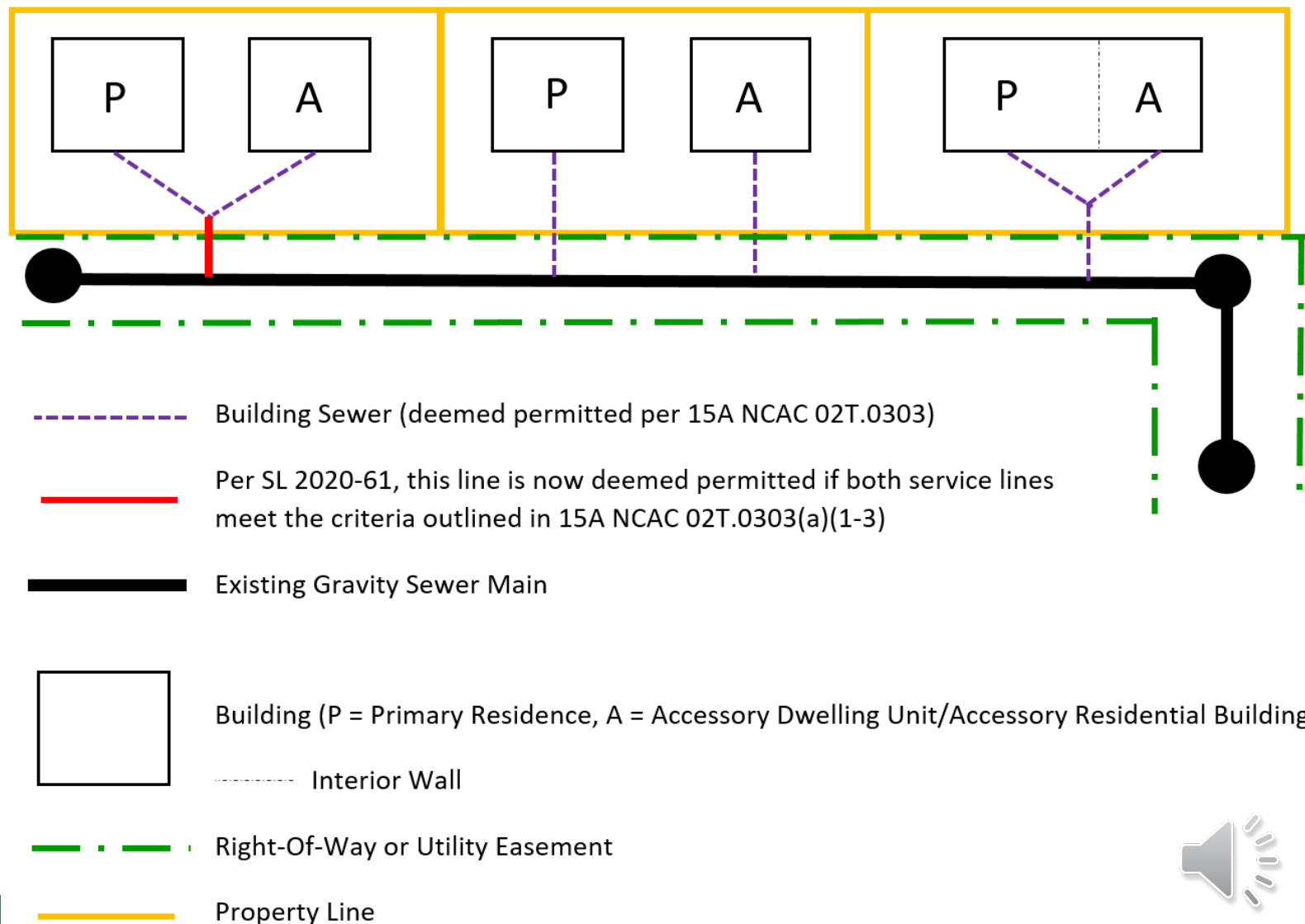
PERMITTING ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS AND ACCESSORY RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS TO SHARE A
COMMON SEWER LINE WITH A PRIMARY RESIDENCE



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- Expands 02T.0303: Permitting By Regulation

- Sewer lines serving two residential structures, each duplex or smaller, are deemed permitted as long as both building sewers meet the criteria laid out in 15A NCAC 02T.0303(a)(1-3).

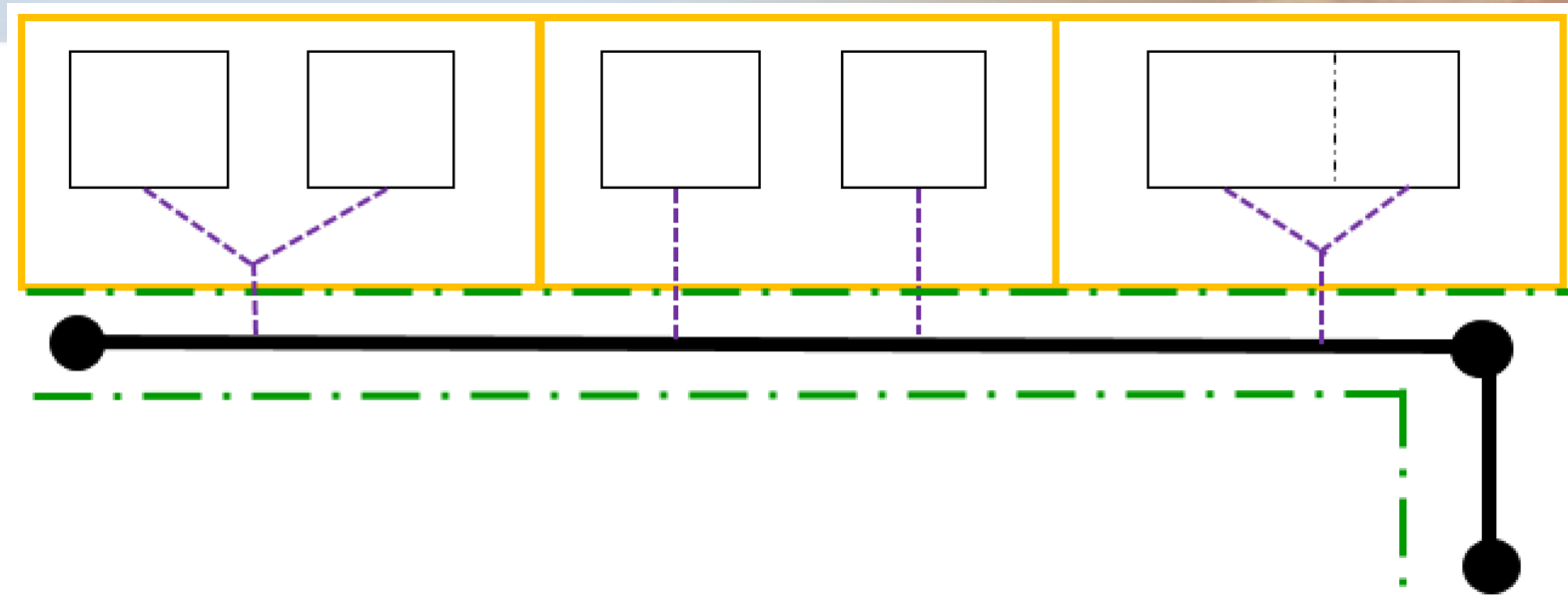







SL 2020-61 – Notable Items

- Shared sewers as well as the individual service lines from each structure must meet all criteria as outlined in 15A NCAC 02T.0303(a)(1-3).
 - No shared pressure sewer lines.
 - Flow restrictions.
- Both residential structures must be located on the same property.
 - Splitting a property at a later date results in the shared line being no longer deemed permitted.
- Both residential structures must be duplex or smaller.



Scenario 1 – Everything is Gravity









-  Gravity Building Sewer (deemed permitted per 15A NCAC 02T.0303 and SL 2020-61)
-  Existing Gravity Sewer Main
-  Residential Building – duplex or smaller
-  Right-of-Way or Utility Easement
-  Property Line



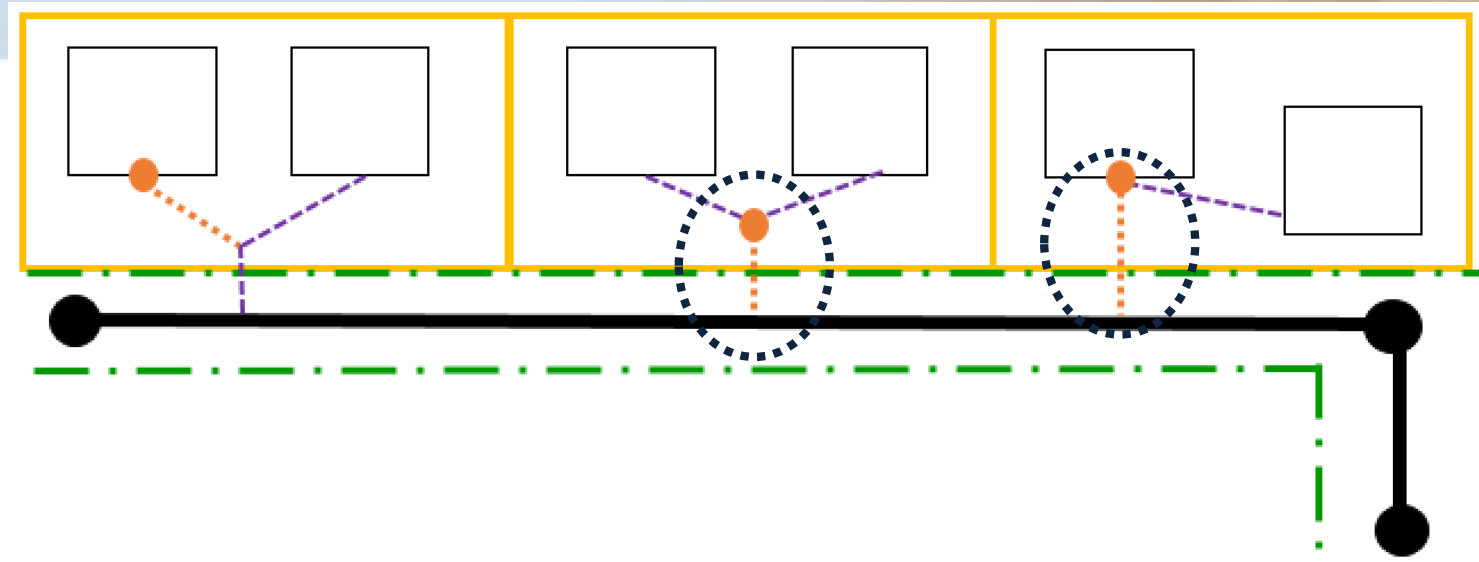
Scenario 2 – Everything is Gravity With Property Crossing or ROW Parallel



-  Gravity Building Sewer (deemed permitted per 15A NCAC 02T.0303 and SL 2020-61)
-  Requires a sewer permit if the combined flow exceeds 600 GPD – since line crosses other property OR parallels the ROW.
-  Existing Gravity Sewer Main
-  Residential Building – duplex or smaller
-  Right-of-Way or Utility Easement
-  Property Line



Scenario 3 – Add a Pump Station



----- Gravity Building Sewer (deemed permitted per 15A NCAC 02T.0303 and SL 2020-61)

●----- Pressurized Building Sewer with Pump Station

●-----● Existing Gravity Sewer Main

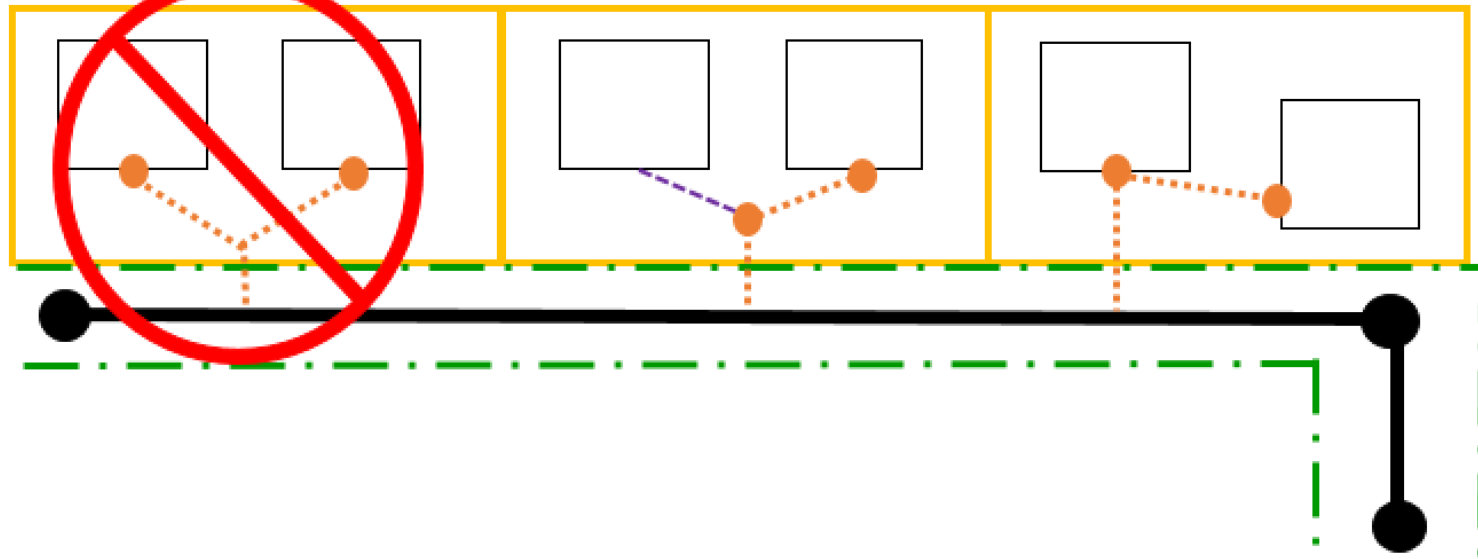
□ Residential Building – duplex or smaller







- . - . - Right-of-Way or Utility Easement

— Property Line



Scenario 4 – Two Pump Stations



-  Gravity Building Sewer (deemed permitted per 15A NCAC 02T.0303 and SL 2020-61)
-  Pressurized Building Sewer with Pump Station
-  Existing Gravity Sewer Main
-  Residential Building – duplex or smaller
-  Right-of-Way or Utility Easement
-  Property Line



What Does This Mean?

- A sewer permit is no longer required for certain residential situations where the criteria under SL 2020-61 are met.
- If you have any questions regarding a particular project's eligibility, please contact the Central Office staff.
- The permitting program for General Permit WQG100000 has been shut down – website updates are coming.



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Thank you! Any Questions?

