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| <b>Title</b><br>Restrictions on Use of Easements In Lieu of Drainage and Wastewater Main Extensions |   | <b>Number</b><br>DWW-160                 | <b>Rev. no.</b><br>0 |
| <b>Responsibility</b><br>Drainage and Wastewater Line of Business                                   |   | <b>Supersedes</b><br>N/A                 | <b>Pages</b><br>1    |
| <b>General Manager/CEO Approval</b><br><br>/s/ Mami Hara  | <b>Approved</b><br><br>October 29, 2020 | <b>Effective</b><br><br>October 30, 2020 |                      |

**A. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to clarify the City of Seattle (City) Side Sewer Code and Stormwater Code requirements for drainage and wastewater public main extensions. Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) protects existing and future assets and ratepayer resources by providing an orderly and predictable public system. Minimizing the length of privately-owned side sewers and service drains will better serve future residents of the property, as well as reduce the total life cycle costs of owning and maintaining them.

**B. POLICY**

The City does not allow the use of an easement in lieu of an extension of the public storm or sewer system (i.e., public sanitary sewer [PSS], public combined sewer [PS], public storm drain [PSD]). Any adjustments or exceptions to this restriction must be authorized by the SPU General Manager/CEO or a designee.

**C. AUTHORITY/REFERENCE**

- [SMC 21.16.040](#), Connection or abandonment of side sewers
- [SMC 22.800.080](#), Stormwater Code—Authority
- [SMC 22.16.250](#), Side Sewers—Easements and agreements