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## **FACT SHEET**

### **Connection to City-Owned Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System**

#### **Background**

The NPDES Permit issued by the State Department of Health (DOH) mandates the City and County of Honolulu to continue to require licenses for all private drain connections and maintain a database for all licensed connections to its Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (“MS4”).

Revised Ordinances of Honolulu defines “Private Storm Drain Connection” as: Any conveyance of storm water, including but not limited to any drainage pipe, ditch, or swale connected to any drainage facility or separate storm sewer system, including any curb and gutter.

#### **The Law**

**All connections from nonmunicipal and private drainage systems to the city-owned separate storm sewer system shall require a storm drain connection license issued by the chief engineer.**

**Any private storm drain system that is connected to the city-owned separate storm sewer system without a license issued to the property owner of record shall be considered an illegal storm drain connection.**

#### **Sec. 14-12.12 Connection to city-owned separate storm sewer system--Violation.**

##### **(a) Private Storm Drain Connection Licenses.**

(1) All connections from nonmunicipal and private drainage systems to the city-owned separate storm sewer system shall require a storm drain connection license issued by the chief engineer.

(8) Where a private drainage system is common to one or more parcels and is owned by more than one property owner, each property owner is required to have a private drain connection license and be responsible for the maintenance of the common private drainage system.

##### **(d) Private Storm Drain Connections.**

(2) Any private storm drain system that is connected to the city-owned separate storm sewer system without a license issued to the property owner of record shall be considered an illegal storm drain connection.

(3) Whenever a property owner is cited for an illegal private storm drain connection to the city-owned separate storm sewer system, the property owner shall be given 90 days after the date of the citation to obtain a connection license. The city will issue a connection license to the property owner without penalty within the 90-day period provided, however, no nonstorm water is being discharged into the city-owned separate storm sewer system. After the 90-day period, the property owner shall be in violation of the provisions of Article 12 of this chapter.

If you have any questions about private drain connection licenses, please contact Dawn Kimura, Department of Planning and Permitting at 768-8106, visit our web site at [www.cleanwaterhonolulu.com](http://www.cleanwaterhonolulu.com), or Storm Water Quality at 768-3245.