City of Rapid City, South Dakota
Trenching Board

How to Become:

Sewer and Water Contractor or Installer

Sewer and Water Contractors and Installers may engage in new construction, alteration, repair or improvement of water mains and appurtenances, water service lines and appurtenances, water treatment plant piping and equipment; sewer mains and appurtenances, sanitary sewer services, sewer treatment plant piping and equipment; and storm sewers, and the placement of sewer and water pipe into a building sufficient distance to allow connection to the building plumbing. Sewer and water installation does not include the minor adjustment of manhole castings, valve boxes and curb boxes to finish grade for street construction.

1. Applicants for a sewer and water contractor license shall show verifiable evidence of one year of previous experience installing utility mains.
2. Applicants for both the sewer and water contractor and the sewer and water installer licenses must possess a current state license of a class at least equal to the class of city license for which they have applied.
3. Applicants must complete an application form.
4. A sewer and water contractor applicant shall pay an examination fee of $200.00.
5. A sewer and water installer applicant shall pay an examination fee of $40.00.
7. If the Trenching Board finds the sewer and water contractor applicants have met all requirements after completing the application and paying the fee, they shall be tested. After the sewer and water installer applicants have completed the application and paid the fee, they shall be tested.

Trenching Contractor or Journeyman

Trenching Contractors and Journeyman may engage in the undertaking of excavating in the public right-of-way (streets, alleys, or other public places) for any purpose.

1. Applicants for trenching licenses are not required to show proof of experience.
2. Applicants must complete an application form.
3. A trenching contractor applicant shall pay an examination fee of $200.00.
4. A trenching journeyman applicant shall pay an examination fee of $40.00.
5. After the applicants have completed the application and paid the fee, they shall be tested.

All contractor applicants must provide a Certificate of Liability Insurance & valid Excise Tax license.