

**Public Works - Purchase of Sewer Services**

Statutory Reference: [M.G.L. c.83, s.1](#)

Summary: Allows cities, towns, districts or commissions to enter contracts to establish and operate joint sewer treatment systems and joint stormwater control systems.

**Creation** - If authorized by town bylaw, city ordinance or by vote of a commission or district governing body, a sewer department can enter agreements with other towns, cities, commissions or districts to provide services involving the operation, repair and maintenance of waste water treatment and stormwater control systems.

**Governance** - Primary oversight resides with the provider community, but services would be monitored as well by sewer department heads in recipient communities.

**Finances** - Recipient community compensate the provider community for services provided and received under the contract.

**Employee Rights** - None specified.

**Other** - The maximum contract term is set 20 years.