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Town of Cicero Utility Customers,

The Wastewater Department of the Town of Cicero is dedicated to providing the best sanitary services to its customers. The implementation of this Inflow/Infiltration (I/I) reduction program provides for inspection of and certification of compliance for all properties connected to the Wastewater Department's sewer system. The program is a step towards a more efficient sewer system by reducing the amount of clear water that enters our system. This ultimately means less flow to treat at the wastewater treatment plant, less chance of sewer backups and therefore lower operating and treatment costs.

All properties will be inspected at the start of the program. Then the program requires that at the time of the sale and/or change of ownership of a property, the property owner notify the Wastewater Department and schedule an inspection. The inspection will verify that:

- Downspouts are not connected to the sanitary sewer
- The sump pump is not connected to the sanitary sewer
- Cleanout caps are in place and water tight
- No yard drains are connected to the sanitary sewer
- There are no sinkholes or other indications that the sewer lateral is leaking
- Other potential clear water connections to sanitary system or sanitary connections to stormwater system do not exist

The Wastewater Department may also elect to perform inspections at their discretion.

If no deficiencies are found, the Wastewater Department will issue a certificate of compliance which will be good for three (3) years. A sale and/or change of ownership of a property after three (3) years would require a new inspection and certification.

If deficiencies are found, the property owner will be notified and must make corrections immediately. The property owner will need to schedule a follow up inspection. If a certificate of compliance is not issued within sixty (60) days of the change in ownership or receipt of a Notice of Violation a sewer charge of \$20.00 per month will be assessed and added to the sewer bill. Such sewer surcharge shall be in addition to any and all other fines levied under existing ordinances.

With our existing treatment plant nearing capacity, it is desirable to delay expansion as long as possible. Every gallon of clear water that we can eliminate from the collection system means one more gallon of capacity for new residents and businesses and also reduces other potential costly system improvements.

This policy was developed to help both property owners as well as experienced plumbers understand this program. Copies of the Ordinance and Policy are available at the Town Utility office as well at the Town's web site www.cicero.in.org This program is new to our service area

but is based on similar programs being successfully operated in other sewer utilities. The policy will be reviewed and revised as needed to reach our goal of reducing I/I.

Sincerely,

Pat Comer
Utility Director