

BOROUGH OF WESTMONT

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Preliminary Notice To Comply

Dear [Name]:

You should be aware that the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Environmental Protection, which enforces the Clean Streams Law and the Sewage Facilities Act, has mandated that the Borough of Westmont eliminate the Inflow and Infiltration from its Sanitary Sewer System which has been causing Sanitary Sewer Overflows. The unfunded mandate was memorialized by Consent Order Agreement dated December 9, 2014, by and between the Department of Environmental Protection and the Borough of Westmont. Paragraph 4(d)(v) of the mandate specifies that the Borough of Westmont shall require televising or pressure testing of all private sewer laterals (Building Sewers) and the remediation, repair and/or replacement of any private sewer laterals which fail to pass the televising or pressure testing.

Therefore, upon the sale, transfer, financing, refinancing, or upon the Borough completing its sector-by-sector rehabilitation of its Sanitary Sewer System, you will be given Notice that you are required to make application at the Borough of Westmont municipal building to have your Building Sewer (private sewer lateral) air pressure tested, with five pounds of pressure for 15 minutes, or water pressure tested, maintaining a water tower of 10 feet for 15 minutes or CCTV inspected by an Borough approved NASSCO certified engineer, technician or camera operator. In the event your property passes the air or water pressure test, you will be issued a Certificate of Compliance/Sanitary Sewer Inspection/Testing which shall be valid for fifteen (15) years from the date of issuance unless you make alterations to your Building Sewer (private sewer lateral) in the future. However, in the event you elect to have a CCTV inspection and your property passes, you will be issued a Qualified Certificate of CCTV Inspection which will be valid for 15 years, provided that the sewage flows from your drainage area are within the maximum limits imposed by the Department of Environmental Protection. In that event, you

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may still be required to pressure test your Building Drain or Building Sewer. In the event your property fails to pass the testing method, you will be given notice that you have five (5) months to make such remediation, repair or replacement of your Building Sewer (private sewer lateral) until your property passes the test. The Borough Engineer will coordinate with you, if you are qualified, or with your contractor to supervise the testing or re-testing, if to effect repairs.

Despite the fact that the Borough has engaged in a sewer system-wide rehabilitation project in the approximate amount of \$16,000,000, empirical data has revealed that up to 40% of all Inflow and Infiltration comes from private sewer laterals (Building Sewers), illegal connections and deteriorated pipes which admit ground and surface water.

Although this comes as a hardship to all Borough customers, compliance is required. Failure to perform can result in summary prosecution and the imposition of continuing fines, costs and the discontinuance of water service, in accordance with the Borough of Westmont Rules and Regulations.

In the event you have any questions concerning compliance, you may refer to the Rules and Regulations which are available at the Westmont Borough municipal building, and they are also available on line at www.westmontborough.com. If you need any further assistance and clarification, kindly direct your questions to the Borough Engineers:

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Very truly yours,

Westmont Borough Council