

BOROUGH OF WESTMONT

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[Date]

[Name]

[Address]

Notice To Comply

Dear [Name]:

You were given Preliminary Notice of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Environmental Protection, mandate that Westmont Borough shall remove all Inflow and Infiltration from its Sanitary Sewer System in order to eliminate Sanitary Sewer Overflows. Westmont Borough has recently completed its sewer main, manhole rehabilitation and viewport installations in your sanitary sewer drainage area.

You are now hereby given formal Notice that you must make an application at the Borough office at 1000 Luzerne Street and pay a \$50.00 inspection fee within 30 days of receipt of this letter. The application and fee are for the Borough Engineer inspector to witness and certify the testing of your sewer laterals.

After filing the application and payment of the inspection fee, you should contact multiple contractors and/or plumbers (at your expense) to obtain quotes for any needed remediation, repair or replacement necessary to enable your private sewer laterals to pass a test for water tightness (no inflow or infiltration of surface of ground water is permitted). It is highly advised that you consult the contractors about the necessity of installing a sump pump in the event they identify sources of inflow or infiltration. Once your chosen contractor has completed said work and is ready to perform a test, the contractor must coordinate with the Borough's Engineer, Mesko & Associates, to arrange a time and date for the Borough Engineer's inspector to witness and validate a passing test. Upon completion of a passing test, you will be issued a Certificate of Compliance of Sanitary Sewer Pressure 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.

There are four (4) methods of testing available. You may elect to have an air pressure test, a water test, a CCTV inspection, or a flow meter inspection. The air pressure test requires five pounds of air to be held for 15 minutes. The water test requires a 10 foot tower of water to be held for 15 minutes. If you wish to have your lines televised (CCTV), it must be by a Borough approved NASSCO certified engineer, technician or camera operator. The last method is the rental of a Borough approved flow meter that would be installed on your sewer lateral (at your expense) that would provide data to the engineer to determine the existence of illegal inflow or infiltration. The

rental fees are the responsibility of the property owner. These flow meters may be used when any of the other three (3) methods cannot be utilized.

You will have six (6) months from the date of this letter to complete and pass one (1) of the four methods of testing. In the event you have unique circumstances wherein you cannot comply with this notice within the six (6) month time frame, you may obtain an application for Time Extension Agreement, whereupon, the Council Of Westmont Borough may grant extensions of time at its sole discretion on a case-by-case basis. This Application is self-explanatory. This will notify the Borough office and engineer's office that you are making efforts to comply with the State Mandate. However, the extension of time, if granted, will not be an exoneration. Compliance will still be required.

Your failure to comply with this Notice, unfortunately, can result in summary prosecution, the imposition of continuing fines, costs, or the imposition of additional non-compliance fees and/or termination of your water service.

For more information on testing methods and private sewer requirements, you may refer to the Westmont Borough Rules and Regulations, particularly, Sections 1105 through 1109 which are available at the Westmont Borough municipal building or on line at www.westmontborough.com.

If you need any further assistance and clarification, kindly direct your questions to the Borough Engineers:

Mesko & Associates, Inc.
1790 Goucher Street
Johnstown, Pennsylvania 15905
Telephone Number: (814) 255-6901

Very truly yours,

Council
Borough of Westmont

**CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**