

CONNECTION TO THE VILLAGE OF LAWRENCE SEWER SYSTEM

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

HOW LONG DO PROPERTY OWNERS HAVE TO CONNECT TO THE SEWER SYSTEM ONCE NOTIFICATION IS RECEIVED?

- **PROPERTY OWNERS HAVE 120 DAYS TO CONNECT FROM THE RECEIPT OF THE CONNECTION LETTER.**

DO I HAVE A CHOICE OF WHETHER OR NOT TO CONNECT TO THE NEW SEWER?

- **NO. PROPERTIES IN THE SEWER SERVICE AREA ARE REQUIRED TO CONNECT.**

IS THERE A PAYMENT PLAN AVAILABLE FOR THE TAP-IN FEE?

- **NO. THE TAP-IN FEE MUST BE PAID WHEN THE RESIDENTIAL APPLICATION FOR SEWER CONNECTION PERMIT IS SUBMITTED.**

HOW MUCH IS THE NON-RESIDENTIAL TAP-IN FEE?

- **THE TAP-IN FEE FOR EACH DWELLING IS \$4500.00. ADUPLEX PROPERTY IS CONSIDERED TWO DWELLINGS WITH EACH REQUIRING A \$4500.00 TAP-IN FEE.**

CAN CONSTRUCTION BEGIN PRIOR TO RECEIPT OF THE TAP-IN PERMIT FROM THE CECIL TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY?

- **NO. CONSTRUCTION IS NOT PERMITTED TO BEGIN UNTIL THE TAP-IN PERMIT IS ISSUED**

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR CONNECTING THE BUILDING TO THE SEWER LINE?

- **CECIL TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY HAS PROVIDED A CONNECTION POINT AND SIGHT TEE AT THE PROPERTY LINE. PROPERTY OWNERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR HIRING A QUALIFIED CONTRACTOR OR QUALIFIED PLUMBER TO COMPLETE THE CONNECTION FROM THE BUILDING TO THIS POINT.**

CAN THE WORK BE PERFORMED BY THE PROPERTY OWNER?

- **YES. THE INSTALLATION OF THE LATERAL CONNECTION MAY BE PERFORMED BY THE PROPERTY OWNER PROVIDED THAT YOU COMPLY WITH THE AUTHORITY'S STANDARD CONNECTION TO SANITARY SEWER SPECIFICATIONS. CECIL TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY RECOMMENDS CAREFUL CONSIDERATION OF THE RISKS AND LIABILITY INVOLVED BEFORE UNDERTAKING THIS WORK.**

DOES GREY WATER HAVE TO BE CONNECTED TO THE SEWER SYSTEM?

- **YES. ALL GREY WATER AND DOMESTIC WASTEWATER MUST BE CONNECTED TO THE SEWER.**

WILL THERE BE AN INTERNAL INSPECTION OF THE PLUMBING CONNECTIONS?

- **YES. THE INSPECTOR SHALL VERIFY FACILITIES CONNECTED TO SANITARY SEWER BY INTERNAL INSPECTION.**

CAN ITEMS SUCH AS GUTTERS, DOWNSPOUTS, INTERNAL FRENCH DRAINS, SUMP PUMPS, ETC. BE CONNECTED TO THE SEWER SYSTEM?

- **NO. ANY TYPE OF STORM WATER CONNECTIONS ARE STRICTLY PROHIBITED FROM BEING CONNECTED TO THE SEWER SYSTEM. (I.E. GUTTERS, DOWNSPOUTS, INTERNAL FRENCH DRAINS, SUMP PUMPS, EXTERNAL STORM DRAINS, ETC.)**

CAN THE CONTENTS OF THE SEPTIC TANK BE PUMPED INTO THE NEW SEWER SYSTEM?

- **NO. SEPTIC TANK CONTENTS ARE PERMITTED TO BE PUMPED OR DISCHARGED TO THE SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM.**

DOES THE EXISTING SEPTIC TANK HAVE TO BE ABANDONED AND REMOVED?

- **THE SEPTIC TANK IS NOT PERMITTED TO BE CONNECTED TO THE SEWER SYSTEM. THE SEPTIC MUST BE TAKEN OUT OF USE. IT MUST BE CAPPED AT BOTH ENDS. THE CECIL TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY RECOMMENDS THE EXISTING TANK CONTENTS IS PUMPED OUT AND FILLED WITH SAND, PEA GRAVEL, OR OTHER CLEAN NATIVE MATERIAL. THE INSPECTOR WILL CONFIRM THAT THE SEPTIC SYSTEM HAS NOT BEEN CONNECTED TO THE SEWER SYSTEM.**

DOES THE LATERAL HAVE TO HAVE AN AIR TESTED TO PASS INSPECTION?

- **YES. THE LATERAL MUST SUCCESSFULLY PASS AN AIR TEST IN THE PRESENCE OF THE INSPECTOR – NO EXCEPTIONS**

HOW MUST NOTICE MUST BE GIVEN IN ORDER TO SCHEDULE AN INSPECTION?

- **48 HOUR NOTICE AT A MINIMUM SHOULD BE PROVIDED BY THE PROPERTY OWNER TO ALLOW FOR THE INSPECTION TO BE SCHEDULED. COMPLETE INSTALLATION TO BE EXPOSED AND NO BACKFILLING SHALL BE DONE UNTIL APPROVED BY INSPECTOR.**
- **INSPECTION CAN BE SCHEDULED BY CALLING DAVID VEATCH FROM THE MIDDLE DEPARTMENT INSPECTION AGENCY, Inc. (MDIA) at 814-617-1590**

ARE THERE ANY GRANTS OR LOANS AVAILABLE?

- **IF YOU NEED FUNDING TO CONNECT TO THE SEWER SYSTEM, FINANCING MAY BE AVAILABLE THROUGH THE PENNVEST HOMEOWNER SEWAGE PROGRAM IN THE FORM OF A LOW FIXED INTEREST RATE LOAN WITH UP TO 20 YEARS TO REPAY, IF ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS ARE MET. THE PENNVEST HOMEOWNER SEWAGE PROGRAM CAN ALSO INCLUDE THE TAP-IN FEE. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT BRIAN STINE AT AMERICAN BANK AT 610-973-8117 OR bstine@ambk.com FOR MORE INFORMATION.**

WHAT IF PROPERTY OWNER DOES NOT COMPLY WITH TAP IN NOTICE?

- **FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENT TO CONNECT TO THE SEWER SYSTEM BY THE DEADLINE WILL CAUSE THE CECIL TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY TO TAKE ADDITION MEASURES TO ACHIEVE COMPLIANCE.**

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST FOR A CONTRACTOR TO CONNECT MY PROPERTY TO THE SEWER?

- **THE COST WILL VARY DEPENDING ON THE AMOUNT OF WORK INVOLVED WITH THE INSTALLATION. THE CECIL TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY RECOMMENDS THAT AT LEAST THREE (3) WRITTEN ESTIMATES ARE OBTAINED FROM LICENSED SEWER EXCAVATORS OR PLUMBERS ALONG WITH A COPY OF THEIR LIABILITY AND WORKER'S COMPENSATION INSURANCE CERTIFICATE FOR YOUR PROTECTION.**