

Inspection of Private Sanitary Sewage Laterals upon the Sale, Transfer or Assignment of Real Property

In October of 2016 the City of Latrobe enacted Ordinance No. 2016-9 “Requiring the Inspection of Private Sanitary Sewage Laterals upon the Sale, Transfer or Assignment of Real Property which is mandated under the Act 537 Plan”.

In November of 2016 the LMA adopted & approved this ordinance with the lateral sewer inspections slated to begin January 1, 2017.

The lateral sewer inspection, commonly referred to as dye testing, may be accomplished by pressure testing or televising of the sanitary sewage lateral while flooding the trench along the lateral; pouring dye down a main bathroom fixture of the house to determine the property connection and location of the main line; and checking the downspouts as well as other surface drains of the structure. No properties are “grandfathered” in and there are absolutely **no exceptions or exemptions to the lateral sewer inspection requirement.**

A critical requirement of the inspection involves the proper outdoor cleanout. If one is not present, one will need to be installed.

There is a \$200.00 fee required for the testing along with a contact name and telephone number. Upon receipt of the \$200.00 fee at the Authority office, the paperwork is given to the Wastewater Treatment Plant Supervisor to schedule the testing, weather permitting.

The testing is to be scheduled within 20 days from receipt of the request. In the event that an inspection is unable to be performed due to inclement weather, the lien certification covering sewage charges shall be withheld until such time that the inspection can be completed.

The LMA is not responsible for delays in closing or lost sales that result from complications with private lateral inspections.

If the property needs a re-inspection, there is a 24 hour notice required for any and all inspections. Re-inspection requests may be directed to Mr. Richard McIlroy at 724.537.2994.

Once the lateral sewer testing has been completed, the paperwork is finalized at the Wastewater Treatment Plant and delivered to the office. Paperwork is then faxed to the City of Latrobe. A lateral sewer pass letter is prepared for the closing company/attorney and attached to the water and sewage certification letters. There is a 48 hour time frame to release the completed letter.

Also in conjunction with the lateral sewer testing, any property that has more than one (1) water meter with only one (1) curb stop must have separate curb stops installed for each meter as stated in the Rules and Regulations of the Authority. This ensures that each meter can be isolated separately. All completed work will be inspected by the Latrobe Municipal Authority. Any questions regarding the curb box installation and inspections may be directed to Mr. Nick Revitsky at 724.537.3378.