

CITY OF HERMITAGE

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

All City of Hermitage property owners who wish to sell, convey, assign, transfer, or acquire property **(this excludes any transaction between immediate family)** on which a structure is located that connects to the City's sanitary sewer system on or after March 24, 2004, must first obtain a Certificate of Compliance. The seller is responsible for obtaining the certificate, **not** the buyer. **Once issued, the Certificate of Compliance is valid for a period of twenty-four (24) months.**

Before the property transaction is completed the property owner or agent must obtain a Certificate of Compliance. The first step is to complete the application form and pay the fee (\$125). An initial inspection will be conducted within ten (10) business days. The inspection will determine whether or not the property has any illegal connections (downspouts and/or sump pumps) to the sanitary sewer system and if the lateral connection (line from the building to the City main line) is operating properly (without leaking or infiltration by groundwater).

If the initial inspection reveals no illegal connections and a properly operating lateral connection, the Certificate of Compliance will be issued; however, if the initial inspection determines that a problem exists that would prevent the issuance of the certificate, the inspector will advise the owner or owner's agent the nature of the problem. The owner must complete corrective actions prior to obtaining the Certificate of Compliance. After corrective action is completed, a follow-up inspection must be done by the City. There is a \$100 fee for the second inspection due before the Certificate of Compliance can be issued.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Why is a Certificate of Compliance required?

On March 24, 2004, the Hermitage Board of Commissioners enacted Ordinance 3-2004, which requires a Certificate of Compliance. The ordinance was enacted to comply with a Consent Order and Agreement between the City of Hermitage and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. The purpose is to reduce the overloading of the City's sanitary sewer system by removing storm water and groundwater from the system.

What is the problem if sump pumps or downspouts are connected to a sanitary sewer?

Sanitary sewers are designed to accept a rather constant flow of sewage from buildings and household water. The sudden rapid flow of rainwater from roofs, patios, driveways, etc. can overload the system causing them to back up into buildings and overflow and pollute streams and rivers. Downspouts and sump pumps are illegal connections to the City's sanitary sewer system.

What is a lateral connection?

The sewer lateral is the line that connects a building to the City's sanitary sewer line. The lateral is owned and maintained by the building owner.

What does it mean when a lateral is not operating properly?

If a lateral has been damaged over time it can become obstructed with roots and debris. This condition not only permits groundwater to enter into the sanitary sewer system it can cause sewage to back up into the building.

What regulations are violated by making illegal connections to a sanitary sewer system?

To prevent the overloading of the sanitary sewer system, illegal connections and improperly operating lateral connections to the system are not permitted. Regulators enforcing this matter are:

- United States Environmental Protection Agency
- Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection
- City of Hermitage Code of Ordinances

Who is impacted by the Certificate of Compliance requirement?

All property owners in the City of Hermitage who have property connected to the Hermitage sanitary sewer system and who wish to sell, convey, assign, transfer, or acquire property **(this excludes any transaction between immediate family)**.

What happens during an initial inspection?

After the owner completes the application for a Certificate of Compliance and pays the fee, an inspection is scheduled within ten (10) business days. At that time, a City inspector will televise the lateral connection to assure that it is operating properly and check to make sure there are no illegal connections.

What if it is determined that I have an illegal connection or improperly operating lateral connection?

After completing the initial inspection, if an illegal connection or improperly operating lateral connection is discovered, the inspector will notify the property owner of the specific problem. The problem must be corrected within a specified time period and until corrected and reinspected, a Certificate of Compliance will not be issued.

Who is responsible for the correction action?

Any corrective action that is required is the **sole responsibility of the property owner**. The City of Hermitage has a Lateral Reimbursement Program that will reimburse property owners who replace laterals at the rate of \$17.50 per foot up to \$1000. The inspector can provide additional information on this program. Any work done that involves connecting to the City system must be by a City approved contractor. **(A list of bonded contractors is available at the City)**

SANITARY SEWER LATERAL REIMBURSEMENT POLICY

The policy of City reimbursement to property owners for a portion of the costs associated with required replacement of sanitary sewer laterals is based on the following:

- Infiltration and inflow of surface, storm, and extraneous water into the City of Hermitage sanitary sewer system contributes to the problem of increased flow that requires treatment at the City's Water Pollution Control Department treatment plant; and
- This infiltration and inflow increases the cost of treatment and can result in overflows at pump stations and the treatment plant creating environmental issues; and
- A significant source of infiltration and inflow is from damaged or malfunctioning lateral connections between structures on private property and the City's main sewer lines; and
- Replacement of damaged or malfunctioning lateral connections is the responsibility of the property owner; and
- The Hermitage Board of Commissioners, recognizing the importance of reducing infiltration and inflow whenever possible, is willing to assist property owners with the cost of lateral replacement.

For reimbursement to occur, the Hermitage Water Pollution Control Department Inspector or a designee must verify, prior to any replacement work commencing, that the lateral's condition is such that replacement is required.

Reimbursement will not occur if the lateral connection work is the result of an illegal connection or violation of City and/or State regulations.

The amount contributed by the City to the property owner shall be \$17.50 per linear foot of lateral sewer line that is replaced, but in no case will reimbursement exceed a total of \$1,000.00. The entire lateral connection must be replaced and connected to the main line for reimbursement.

Work must be done by a contractor registered with the City of Hermitage Water Pollution Control Department to perform work on the City sanitary sewer system.

The City will reimburse based on the shortest feasible distance from the structure facilities to the City right-of-way line (as determined by the Water Pollution Control Department Inspector or a designee).

Reimbursement will be authorized only after completion of the replacement work and the final inspection and approval by the Water Pollution Control Department Inspector or a designee.

CITY OF HERMITAGE
Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Program

Instructions

1. Hire a licensed and bonded contractor from the attached list.
2. Notify the City Sewer Inspector at 724-347-4941, ext. 106 (leave a voice mail if not available) of who is doing the work and when it is scheduled to be done.
3. After completion of the replacement work and final inspection and approval by the City Sewer Inspector, submit an invoice marked paid to:

Mail: City of Hermitage
Water Pollution Control Plant
2133 Broadway Avenue
Hermitage, PA 16148

Fax: 724-347-3544



**PLEASE INCLUDE WHO THE REIMBURSEMENT CHECK
SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO AND THE ADDRESS
TO WHERE IT SHOULD BE SENT**

4. The amount of reimbursement will be \$17.50 per linear foot of lateral sewer line as determined by the City Sewer Inspector, but in no case will reimbursement exceed a total of \$1,000.00.
5. Please direct any questions to Jason McClafferty, City Sewer Inspector, at 724-347-4941.

CITY OF HERMITAGE
CONTRACTORS BONDED FOR SEWER INSTALLATION

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>CITY</u>	<u>STATE</u>	<u>ZIP</u>	<u>PHONE</u>	<u>EXPIRES</u>
A M Salance Excavating	539 Twitmyer Avenue	Sharpsville	PA	16150	724-962-0235	12/31/2015
B & B Contractors & Devel.	2781 Salt Springs Road	Youngstown	OH	44509	330-270-5020	12/31/2015
Central Heating & Plbg.	925 Moravia Street	New Castle	PA	16101	724-658-7111	12/31/2015
Combine Construction	306 Furnace Road	Sharon	PA	16146	724-346-1132	12/31/2015
David Construction, Inc.	1991 S. Hermitage Road	Hermitage	PA	16148	724-342-6811	12/31/2015
Donghia Environmental	P.O. Box 294	Greenville	PA	16125	724-813-8838	12/31/2015
Drew Excavating, Inc.	P.O. Box 75	Masury	OH	44438	330-502-3706	12/31/2015
Frank Schwartz & Son	216 Snyder Road	Hermitage	PA	16148	724-866-2612	12/31/2015
Garland & Sons	5023 Shanks-Phalanx	Newton Falls	OH	44444	330-898-8087	12/31/2015
Giordano Construction Co.	3018 Nashua Road	New Castle	PA	16105	724-652-5055	12/31/2015
Greenawalt Excavating, Inc.	45 Miller Road	Transfer	PA	16154	724-962-4450	12/31/2015
Hohmann Excavating	2157 Plain Grove Road	Volant	PA	16156	724-530-2419	12/31/2015
J & T Paving, Inc.	108 Grant Street	Greenville	PA	16125	724-588-0901	12/31/2015
Kirila Contractors	505 Bedford Rd., Box 179	Brookfield	OH	44403	330-448-4055	12/31/2015
Komar Plumbing	49 Roche Way	Boardman	OH	44512	330-758-5073	12/31/2015
Leali Brothers	2850 Industrial Road	Hermitage	PA	16148	724-981-2438	12/31/2015
Rien Construction Company	P.O. Box 68	Brookfield	OH	44403	330-448-4086	12/31/2015
Roto Rooter	P.O. Box 709	Grove City	PA	16127	724-458-0955	12/31/2015
R.T. Vernal Paving & Ex.	11299 South Avenue	North Lima	OH	44452	330-549-2852	12/31/2015
Tim Garland Excavating	3234 St. Rt. 534	Southington	OH	44470	330-898-1967	12/31/2015

CONTRACTORS BONDED FOR CLEANING AND/OR INSTALLING SEPTIC SYSTEMS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>CITY</u>	<u>STATE</u>	<u>ZIP</u>	<u>PHONE</u>	<u>EXPIRES</u>
Charles Enterline	196 Maysville Road	Jamestown	PA	16134	724-932-5340	12/31/2015
K & M Septic	Plain Grove Road	Volant	PA	16156	724-735-2978	12/31/2015
Lang Concrete Products	5979 East State Street	Hermitage	PA	16148	724-981-6330	12/31/2015
Romo Septic	8049 Thompson Sharpsville	North Lima	OH	44452	330-549-2852	12/31/2015
Shallow Creek Septic	1151 Overlook Avenue	Farrell	PA	16121	724-813-5089	12/31/2015

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