ROSTRAVER TOWNSHIP SEWAGE AUTHORITY

RESOLUTION 2023 - 01

A RESOLUTION OF THE ROSTRAVER TOWNSHIP SEWAGE AUTHORITY, WESTMORELAND COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDENDING THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE FURTHER CLARIFICATION WITH REGARD TO TIME OF SALE PRIVATE SEWER LATERAL AND DYE TEST INSPECTION

WHEREAS, the Rostraver Township Sewage Authority is the designated agency for the operation of the sanitary sewer system within the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has determined to continue its efforts to eliminate infiltration and inflow into the public sanitary sewer system and soils of the Township;

WHEREAS, through inspections by the Authority it has been determined that the system, is experiencing a large percentage of water leaking into the system from privately owned portions of the system;

WHEREAS, the Authority has further determined, through engineering information and from time to time via video inspection of both the public sewer pipes and select private laterals connecting homes and businesses to the public system, that a significant portion of private laterals have defects such as cracks, root intrusion, and open joints that may allow ground water to enter the system;

WHEREAS, the Municipal Authorities Act, the governing law in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania under which the Authority operates, provides that the Authority may adopt reasonable Rules and Regulations governing the condition and repair of sewer lateral lines located on the properties of customers;

WHEREAS, the Authority previously adopted Rules and Regulations to provide for time of sale testing that includes both dye testing and a televised inspection of the private lateral;

WHEREAS, the Authority now seeks to further clarify its Rules and Regulations with regarding to dye testing and televised private sewer lateral inspections;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved and enacted by the Rostraver Township Sewage Authority, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania as follows:

1. **Effective Date.** Effective January 24th, 2023, the Authority will amend/clarify its internal policies and procedures and Rules and Regulations and abide by the following policies relative to dye testing and televising of private sewer laterals at time of transfer for properties containing homes and businesses located within the Township of Rostraver.

2. **Correction of Defect**. The Rules and Regulations of the Authority shall be amended to provide the following with regard to dye testing and televising of private sewer lateral lines at time of sale:

> If the Authority determines there is a violation of the Rules and Regulations of the Authority during the time sale dye testing and/or the private lateral sewer line televising, the current owner shall be responsible for remedying the violation regardless of whether a sale of the property is completed.

3. **Installation of Air Vent and Clean Out Required**. The Rules and Regulations of the Authority shall be amended to provide the following with regard to televising of private lateral sewer lines at time of sale:

> If the Authority seeks to conduct an inspection of the private lateral sewer line as required under its Rules and Regulations and determines the property owner does not have an clean out to allow access, the property owner must install same within thirty (30) days and notify the Authority so that testing can be rescheduled and performed. The air vent, trap and clean out must be installed no more than five (5) feet from the outer face of the outside wall regardless of whether a sale of the property is completed.