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Dear Homeowner,

We are approaching the point where you will be able to tap into the new sewer system. As soon as the line along the bypass is completed, the connection will be made to Wildlife Lodge Road and tap-ins can begin. You will be notified when this happens. You are required to tap-in if your house is within 250 feet from the main line. You have 12 months to do this without incurring any interest charges.

Steps for tapping in are:

- 1) Pay your tap-in fee of \$3,925 to the City in the office of the City Treasurer. The fee is the same for all homeowners.
- 2) Obtain your own plumber to run a line from your home to the main line. Make certain the line is not covered until it has been inspected by the City Engineer. **The cost of doing this is the homeowner's responsibility.** We have made arrangements with First National Bank in Lower Burrell to develop a payment plan for those that are unable to cover these costs up front.
- 3) One year from the time that you can tap-in, you will begin to receive a quarterly bill for the base rate. This base rate is the same for all users throughout the city and is the debt the City has for installation of the main line.
- 4) Your bill will be comprised of the base rate plus consumption. Consumption is determined from your water bill. Consumption numbers come from the Water Authority and sewage bills run one quarter behind the water bill. If you are on well water, the rate for sewage is based on the number of people in the household.
- 5) The total cost (\$2.6 million) for this sewer expansion was covered by four sources of revenue:
 1. \$800,000 grant from Congress through the late Congressman Murtha.
 2. Tap-in fees (approximately \$400,000).
 3. A Community Development Block Grant for 16 tap-ins for low income households (\$64,000).
 4. \$1.3 million was added to the debt service for the entire city.

In keeping with past practice, vacant lots will not be assessed any charges until a structure requiring sewage is constructed.

We know this is a lot to absorb. We will try to answer any questions you may have.

1. Questions pertaining to sewer line installation – from home to City line:
Tony Males 724-339-2000
Michael Nedley 724-335-9875, extension 205
Scott Johnson 724-335-9875, extension 210

2. Questions pertaining to the Tap-in Fee:
City Treasurer – 724-337-4381

3. For Extended Financing:
First National Bank – 724-339-6608. Ask for Jennifer Bayer.

Sincerely,

Mayor and Council
City of Lower Burrell

Lower Burrell Municipal Authority
City of Lower Burrell