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TO: Parcel within Sewer District

MEMO: Notice of Potential Sewer Violations & Fines

Dear Sewer District Property Owner,

This letter serves as a formal notification that our Town Board has recently reviewed Ch. 153 - Sewer Use Law within the Town Code and may be holding homeowners financially responsible for improper use of Sewer Grinder Pumps. Upon receiving phone calls of any sewer or grinder pump related issues, an inspection of your property will be completed to reveal any potential violations of the code. Specifically, we shall investigate for any potential violations, to include, but not limited to issues such as the buildup of grease in the drain, or any unapproved, foreign items purposely or inadvertently placed into the sewer system. Guidelines are included in this packet.

These situations pose a risk to the integrity of the sewer system and could potentially lead to backups and/or environmental issues for both the town as well as the homeowner, not to mention costly repairs to damaged equipment. To address these potential issues the Town Board holds the right to levy charge for repair and/or replacement costs against homeowners who violate the town sewer law.

For your convenience a copy of the Sewer Grinder Pump system manual has been included. If you would like a copy of Ch.153 Sewer Use Law it is can be viewed on our website at www.berneny.org under Sewer District. If you prefer a hard copy, contact the Town Clerk's office and one can be printed for you at 518-872-1448 ext. 101 or clerk@berneny.org

Thank you,

Kristin De Oliveira

Town Clerk of Berne