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NOTICE SMOKE TESTING SEWERS 2016

These tests will assist us in locating breaks and defects in the sewer system. During the test, **YOU MAY SEE SMOKE COMING FROM VENT STACKS ON BUILDINGS OR FROM HOLES IN THE GROUND. Don't be alarmed.** The smoke has no odor, is non-toxic, non-staining, does not create a fire hazard, and will dissipate in a few minutes.

Before we conduct the smoke test, please pour water into your basement floor drains and into any unused sinks. This will seal the drain traps so that smoke will not enter your building through the drain.

If smoke should enter your building during the test, it probably means that there are defects in the plumbing that could allow **DANGEROUS SEWER GAS** to enter. Note the location of the smoke and call the number at the bottom of this letter to arrange a meeting with our inspector. Open all doors and windows to ventilate any smoke that enters the building.

Please notify us before we conduct the test if you have any of the following situations.

- . Dogs, birds or other pets that will be confined alone in the building during the test.
- . A person who will be alone and is invalid or sleeping during the test.
- . Any individuals with respiratory problems who will be in the building.
- . Elderly persons who will be alone and might be alarmed or confused if they see smoke.

If you have any of these situations or have questions regarding the smoke test call.

**City Hall 205-669-5800
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