



ATTENTION

Re: "Sump Pump Amnesty Program"

Dear Resident:

In an effort to reduce infiltration and inflow (I&I) of surface and groundwater into the sanitary sewer system; the City of Florence has embarked on a program to identify and remove illicit sump pump connections to the sanitary sewer system. Excessive I&I results in extreme overburdening of the sanitary sewer system, often resulting in basement back-ups, sewer overflows into our waterways, and decreased life-expectancy of the sewer infrastructure. While the introduction of any surface or ground water into the sanitary sewer system is illegal and subject to civil prosecution, the City is granting **Amnesty** to all residents who help us eliminate this problem. If you suspect that your sump pump may be tied into the sanitary sewer system please contact the City to schedule a full in home inspection of your sump pump system **free of charge**.

During the testing City employees will need to enter your home. You can expect to see them introducing dye into your sump pump system, taking notes and photographs of the homes internal plumbing and related appurtenances.

If your sump system is inspected and it is determined to be in violation, the city will require the problem be fixed under the terms outlined in Ordinance O-23-05. In an effort to alleviate the cost burden, the City of Florence will reimburse the first \$1,000 of the documented cost to repair or if the cost exceeds \$1,000, the City will reimburse one-half of the total cost of the repair up to a maximum of \$2,000 only during this amnesty program.

To schedule an appointment or request more information, please call (859) 647-5416.

Please note that no person or entity is authorized to issue any official notices on behalf of the City of Florence. Also, no person or entities are authorized, endorsed or approved by the City of Florence to do the corrective work, if required by the City.

We thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Robert W. Townsend
City of Florence
Public Services Director