

CITY OF PEPPER PIKE

Mayor Richard Bain

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To: Residents for the Shaker Blvd. Sanitary Sewer Project -

Pepper Pike has completed all the work involved in relation to the Shaker Boulevard Sewer Project within the public right of way. At this stage of the project, what remains is the work that will occur on each individual home. This work is the responsibility of each individual homeowner and involves the installation of a sewer connection from the sewer cleanout at the right of way to the sewer discharge location at your house. It will also be necessary to abandon the existing septic system, including a final cleaning of the septic tank(s) and crushing and backfill of the septic tank(s).

We are aware that many of you have been contacted by contractors that are eager to get started on this work, and some of them may have given you conflicting information as to how and when this process should start. In order avoid confusion; we have put this letter together with the help of the Building Commissioner so that you may better understand the process and the pertinent facts.

As of the date of this letter, the Cuyahoga County Board of Health has not sent out letters requiring the abandonment of your existing septic system. This does not mean that you cannot connect to the sewer; you may start connecting now. Once the Board of Health sends the letter to each homeowner, there will be a timeline for making the necessary conversion. We do expect these letters to go out from the County Board of Health over the next several weeks, but right now, we are operating under a small "grace period" where residents can connect without a defined deadline.

Each of you will be responsible to hire your own contractor to perform the work. While we cannot recommend any contractor over another, the Building Department can provide a list of contractors that have registered with the Building Department to perform this type of work.

Please consider a few words of advice on this type of work: Check references and get your quote in writing! Many reputable contractors have done work within the City, and a good contractor should be able to give you references from among your friends and neighbors. We would also strongly urge you to have your contractor be responsible for obtaining all the necessary permits for this job. In this way, the contractor will ultimately be responsible for all work performed, and satisfying the conditions of the City, the County Sanitary Engineer, and the County Board of Health.

The steps below should be work that your contractor will perform as part of gathering the appropriate permits for the connection installation:

1. Obtain a permit from the Pepper Pike Building Department for the new sewer connection at the house. The contractor must be registered to perform work within the City of Pepper Pike. The contractor will need to submit a drawing to the building department showing the location of the proposed connection. The contractor will need to make an appointment to meet the Building Commissioner to verify the proper connection of all existing fixtures in the home. The Pepper Pike Building Commissioner will issue a permit once the disposition of all connections is determined.
2. Obtain a permit from the Cuyahoga County Board of Health for the abandonment of the septic tank(s). This will also include the cleaning out of the tank(s), crushing of the tank(s) and filling in the chamber with suitable materials.
3. Obtain a permit from the Cuyahoga County Department of Public Works for the installation of the sewer connection from the house to the cleanout at the right of way. The contractor will need to provide a copy of the approved drawing from the Building Department to obtain a permit from the County Department of

Public Works. The County will inspect this installation to make sure the contractor follows the County requirements for pipe material, stone bedding around the pipe, the proper pipe joints and bends, the proper slope, and the backfill of the trench.

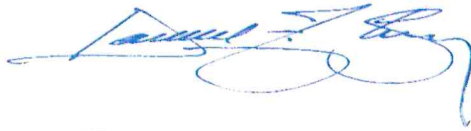
Your contractor will need to coordinate all of these activities so that the conversion can be made with minimal disruption to your sewer service. We hope this addresses the questions we have been asked in relation to this process. While it seems like a complicated process, most contractors are very familiar with each step, and should understand the permit requirements.

We are aware some residents may have additional questions regarding technical requirements of this work. We are coordinating with the Cuyahoga County Department of Public Works on the material and performance standards. We will provide the residents with this information in the coming weeks.

A few residents have inquired as to how they will receive their connection reimbursement grant. Following the connection work on your property, provide the City with a copy of the invoice from the contractor and a copy of the cancelled check or receipt of payment. The City will send a reimbursement check up to \$5,000.00.

Much of this is of a technical nature, if you have any questions or concerns please contact me, Don Sheehy, at 440-439-1999. Also, our Building Department has been through this process for numerous connections and can be reached at (216) 896-6134.

Sincerely,
Chagrin Valley Engineering, Ltd.



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