



May 31, 2022

Re: 2nd Important Notice Regarding Sewer Connection

Dear Customer:

This letter follows up on the April 13, 2022 correspondence to you from LELWD regarding your property rights and the expanded Littleton Sewer District and sewer construction project.

The date by which you must decide whether to connect your Littleton property to the sewer system has been extended to June 30, 2022. Residential and tax-exempt, non-profit properties within the sewer district have the legal right to permanently opt-out of the sewer district under certain conditions but must do so by June 30, 2022.

LELWD staff is available to answer your questions about the sewer and how to opt-out. A sewer forum is planned for June 14, 2022, at 7 p.m., at the LELWD offices, 39 Ayer Road, Littleton. **Failure to opt-out will result in the residential or non-profit property being included in the sewer district and the owner will be responsible for all associated costs.**

Connecting to a sewer system relieves property owners of the maintenance of a septic system and replacement costs if the septic system fails. Residents who join the sewer system will be responsible for paying betterment fees spread out over the 30-year life of the project financing. The betterment fees are currently estimated between \$7,309-\$21,235 (or \$244-\$708 per year), which recover the capital costs of building the initial system and will be included on the property tax bills.

The betterment fee per property is difficult to pinpoint currently, in large part because we need to know how many residential properties within the district opt-out of connecting. The table below summarizes the range of cost estimates that will be refined over the next several months. A residential customer can also anticipate a monthly sewer bill (for operating the system) of between \$100 and \$150, based on water use.

Each customer will also be responsible for hiring a contractor to decommission the existing septic system and install the sewer lateral (the pipe that connects your home's

plumbing to the publicly owned sanitary sewer line). These costs can range from \$6,250-\$8,750 for a typical home.

Cost for Single Family Home	Amount	Frequency	Duration
Betterment Fee	\$244 - \$708	Yearly	30 Years
Decommission Septic & Connect to Public Sewer	\$6,250 - \$8,750	Once	Once
Monthly Sewer Use Bill	\$100 - \$150	Monthly	Perpetuity

A residential or non-profit property owner that does not exercise its right to opt-out will be included in the sewer district and be assessed the betterment fees.

Property owners that do not opt-out must connect to the sewer system within two (2) years after the sewer is approved for use and a notice of sewer availability has been issued by the Board Water Commissioners, provided that postponements for connection may be granted upon terms and conditions specified in Chapter 279 of the Acts of 2020. We anticipate the sewer system to be approved for use by the fall of 2024.

If You Want to Opt-Out

Residential and non-profit property owners within the sewer district have the right under state law to permanently opt-out of connecting to or making use of the Littleton Sewer District sewer system if the property meets one of the three conditions outlined on the Sewer District Opt-Out form (enclosed). Property owners should complete the form and provide the necessary documentation to LELWD by June 30, 2022. A property that opts-out cannot join the sewer district in the future without approval of both the Board of Water Commissioners and Littleton Town Meeting.

We hope you will join us on June 14, at 7 p.m. at LELWD's office, 39 Ayer Road, Littleton, to learn more about the project and answer your questions. In the meantime, if LELWD staff can be of assistance, please call us at 978-540-2222. Attached are the list of Questions and Answers from the two previous Sewer Public Forums held on April 27th and May 4th.

Sincerely,



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General Manager