VILLAGE OF SCHAUMBURG
PROGRESS THROUGH THOUGHTFUL PLANNING

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Mr. John Doe
123 Main Street
Schaumburg, IL 60193

RE: Compliance with Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago's (MWRD) Inflow and Infiltration Control Program (IICP)

Dear Mr. Doe:

In 2017, the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) made changes to their Inflow and Infiltration Control Program (IICP) and mandated the Village of Schaumburg evaluate the sanitary sewer system. The Village owns much of the local sewer system that conveys sewage to the larger MWRD sewers and treatment plant. MWRD is a special purpose district created by Illinois state government with the main purpose of reclamation and treatment of wastewater in Cook County. One of the goals of the IICP program is to reduce basement backups and sanitary sewer overflows.

In response to MWRD's mandate, the Village retained a professional engineering firm to conduct investigations of the sanitary system throughout the Village. These investigations identify potential sources of stormwater entering the Village's sanitary sewer system.

Initial smoke testing investigations identified your property as having potential inflow and infiltration to the sanitary sewer system. Follow-up dye trace inspections confirmed the direct connections of these sources. Sanitary sewer collection systems are designed to only be able to convey wastewater (from sinks, laundry, toilets, etc.) and are unable to accept excess stormwater.

The identified connections are in violation of MWRD's program and Village code § 51.031 – STORMWATER AND UNPOLLUTED DRAINAGE, subsection (A): No person shall discharge, or cause to be discharged, any stormwater, surface water, ground water, roof runoff, subsurface drainage, uncontaminated cooling water, or unpolluted industrial process waters to any sanitary sewer.

Per the MWRD Technical Guidance Manual, Article 8, "Low-cost, High Priority Deficiency corrections include: downspout disconnections, replacing missing and/or damaged cleanout caps/covers and addressing poorly disconnected downspout drains that act as area drains. These High Priority Deficiencies must be addressed **within one year** of identification"

Below is a list of the sources identified at your property address.

I/I Source	Repair Deadline
Cleanout Cap (Defective/Broken)	1 Year
Downspouts	1 Year
Area Drain	
Broken Lateral	
Driveway Drain	
Foundation Drain	
Stairwell Drain	
Sump Pump	
Window Well Drain	

Deficiencies shown with a 1-Year repair deadline in the table are considered Low-Cost High Priority Deficiencies. MWRD requires these repairs to be completed as soon as feasible, weather permitting. If no attempt is made to correct the Ordinance violation within this specified time frame, a citation may be issued to the owner.

For all other deficiencies identified on your property, MWRD requires these to be documented and tracked for long-term correction. Corrective action will be needed prior to or during any new water service permit (existing domestic water service upgrade or increase in water service pipe size), any building addition greater than 500 square feet or in the case of a teardown. To meet this requirement, the Village will place a hold on the real estate transfer stamp for your home and it will remain until the deficiencies in the table above are properly addressed. As codified in Village ordinance § 36.083 - NONISSUANCE OF REVENUE STAMPS, subsection (F): Any outstanding notice of violation for refusal to allow entry to inspect sewer systems or for a failure make repairs to sewer systems pursuant to title 5, chapter 51 of the Schaumburg Village Code.

The hold will remain on your tax stamp until the Village can verify the deficiency has been removed. Village release of a tax transfer stamp is required prior to transfer of ownership for any property. You will be unable to sell your home unless the deficiency is removed, or a new owner submits a signed and notarized statement acknowledging the responsibility to address the deficiencies. The property owner shall remain bound by MWRD requirements until all deficiencies are corrected. All disconnection work will require a permit from the Village and an inspection to be scheduled with Village staff to confirm the sources no longer discharge to the sanitary sewer.

The Village of Schaumburg administers a cost-sharing program for Village residents to help mitigate the costs of such repairs. The program allows owners of single-family detached homes to be reimbursed for 50% of the disconnection of inflow and infiltration sources, up to a maximum reimbursement of $5,000.

Included with this letter are educational materials regarding the MWRD IICP, the importance of removing inflow and infiltrations sources from the sanitary sewer, and details on the types of repairs that need to be completed.

Should you require assistance in this matter or would like more information, please feel free to contact Joseph Wentzel, Management Analyst with the Community Development Department at jwentzel@schaumburg.com.

The Village thanks you for your continued cooperation in these efforts.

Sincerely,

Village of Schaumburg