

RE: Updated Sanitary Sewer Pressure Testing Requirements

On November 10, 2014 the Borough signed a consent order and agreement with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to "...reduce its flows to the JRA sanitary sewer system to a level of 625 Gallons per Day/Equivalent Dwelling Unit (GPD/EDU) on a peak hourly basis. If on or before June 30, 2019, Ferndale fails to meet the 625 GPD/EDU benchmark, then on or before September 1, 2019 Ferndale shall submit to the Department for review and approval a plan to achieve compliance with the 625 GPD/EDU benchmark ("Flow Reduction Plan"). To date the Borough has not been able to reduce flows to meet the 625 GPD/EDU and is creating a Flow Reduction plan to satisfy the DEP. The Borough now has to enact measures to reduce flows below the 625 GPD/EDU.

The Ferndale Borough is preparing to amend their existing Ordinance 485 such that pressure testing will be required of all underground/under slab pipes connected to the Borough's sanitary sewer system. Structures within the Borough will be classified as two categories of testing. The two categories are described below:

1. Structures that **have not passed** a full pressure test of underground/under slab piping will now be required to do so. The deadline to complete pressure testing is September 1, 2020. If testing is not completed by this deadline, legal action will be taken.
2. Structures that **have passed** a full pressure test of underground/under slab piping will be subject to a manual inspection of their viewport for inflow/infiltration during rain events. If the viewport does not show signs of excessive inflow/infiltration, no additional pressure testing will be required. Any structures found to have excessive inflow/infiltration will have 60 days to have their sanitary sewer line pressure tested.

The Borough will be presenting the amended ordinance requirements at a public meeting on Wednesday, September 4, 2019 from 6PM-8PM at Ferndale Area Junior-Senior High School, 600 Harlan Ave, Johnstown, PA 15905. Additionally, residents will be able to ask questions after the information has been presented. Representatives from the Borough, JRA and The EADS Group will be available from 6pm to 8pm to review the amendment with residents and business owners. Residents attending are requested to arrive at 6:00 PM so they do not miss portions of the presentation.

If you have any technical questions, you may contact the EADS Group at (814) 535-5388 M-F between 8:00am and 4:30pm to talk with a representative. All other questions should be directed to Ferndale Borough.

The Borough greatly appreciates your assistance and consideration as we continue to make mandated improvements to the sanitary sewer system.

Thank You!

Ferndale Borough Council