

February 25, 2019

**Re: Update – Columbia & Cook Phase V Sanitary Sewer Project**

Dear Resident,

This letter is an update to the meeting held on April 26, 2018 regarding the *Columbia and Cook Phase V Sanitary Sewer* project and the second letter being sent out for this temporary sewer connection fee reduction that is in effect until March 31, 2019. This letter specifically addresses the sewer connection fee (tap-in charge) that is payable to Cuyahoga County.

The County and the Township Trustees have jointly agreed to reduce the current connection fee associated with this project to **\$14,231.64** (per single family equivalent - SFE) for a limited time. This reduction makes the connection fee equivalent to the fee that was in place in **2015**. In addition to this connection fee amount you will be responsible for the \$245 permit fee and any contractor costs associated with connecting your lateral to the sewer, as well as any costs associated with decommissioning your septic system.

**This is a temporary reduction and will expire on March 31, 2019. Please be aware that on January 1, 2019, the connection fee rose to the 2019 rate of \$17,298.66 which will be in effect for this project after the temporary reduction ends on March 31st. Please also be aware that there is a 5% annual increase for this fee that takes effect on January 1<sup>st</sup>, and in 2020 the connection fee rate will be \$18,163.58.**

To lock in the temporarily reduced connection fee at \$14,231.64 you must complete one of the following options:

1. Apply for a County sponsored 10-year mortgage and complete all the necessary application materials (mortgage amount does NOT include the \$245 connection permit fee). Information regarding the mortgage program is attached. **No applications will be accepted after March 15, 2019** to ensure sufficient processing time prior to deadline of March 31, 2019. Contact Adrienne Simons at 216-443-8277 for further information.
2. Send a check or money order made payable to the **Cuyahoga County Treasurer** in the amount of \$14,231.64. (The resident pays the separate \$245 permit fee at the time the connection permit is pulled). This payment must reach the County by

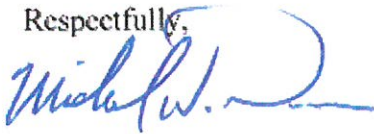
March 31, 2019. Please contact Adrienne Simons at 216-443-8277 for further information before making this payment so it may be processed properly.

If you choose to apply for the County sponsored mortgage your first semi-annual payment will be due in January 2020 and every six months thereafter for ten years. The annual interest rate of the mortgage is 3% but interest will not start accruing until January 1, 2020. There are no credit checks or prepayment penalties and the mortgage program is open to all homeowners and businesses. The program is not available to Developers.

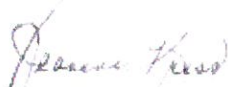
Additionally, if for any reason part(s) of the project schedule is delayed past 2020, you may request the County in writing to release the mortgage. If you do request the County to release the mortgage, please note that when the project is eventually completed you will be charged the connection fee rate in effect at the time of project completion.

If you have any questions concerning these connection fees or the 10-year mortgage program, please contact Adrienne Simons of the Cuyahoga County Department of Public Works at 216-443-8277 for further assistance.


Respectfully,



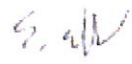
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