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December 31, 2012

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RE: 1104 E 11TH ST, AUSTIN TX 78702

Title: NOTICE OF VIOLATION, FAILURE TO MAINTAIN A PRIVATE LATERAL

Subject: Testing of wastewater private lateral, notification of identified defects, and request for corrective action

Dear Sir or Madam,

The Austin Water Utility of the City of Austin has recently tested your wastewater private lateral. A private lateral is the portion of the wastewater service line located on your property that connects your building structure to the City wastewater main located in the street right-of-way or Utility easement.

Testing of your private lateral resulted in observing an identifiable defect, as listed in 15-11-4(E) of the Code of the City of Austin, in the pipeline. A defect in your pipe, such as a crack or break, can allow dirt and debris or roots to enter the pipe and may clog the pipe resulting in backups, stopups, or overflows of wastewater into the building or surface which may create a public health and environmental hazard. Additionally, cracks and breaks may allow rainwater to enter the City's wastewater system increasing the quantity of wastewater that must be conveyed and treated at our treatment facilities potentially increasing the operation and maintenance costs resulting in higher utility rates.

Attached please find a report and supporting documentation detailing the defects that were observed during the testing of your private lateral.

Operation, maintenance, and upkeep of the wastewater plumbing system on the property are the responsibility of the property owner, and any identified defects shall be repaired. We are requesting your cooperation and ask that you make the necessary repairs to your plumbing system to correct the defects. Chapter 15-11-4(F) of the Code of the City of Austin requires the property owners repair any problems brought to their attention within (120) days of notification.

Any repairs to the private lateral shall be performed in compliance with the City of Austin plumbing code, and shall be permitted and inspected before the lateral is accepted for compliance. Please contact Building Inspection Division of the City of Austin Planning and Development Review Department for information on permitting and inspection at (512) 974-2027.

We request your cooperation in maintaining a safe and reliable wastewater system, which benefits you, the citizens of Austin and the environment. Please notify us as soon as the repairs have been completed. If you have any questions, or require additional information, please contact me at (512) 972-0267. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

George R. Smith Jr., R.S.

Environmental Compliance Specialist Senior Utility Development Services Division

Austin Water Utility

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