

# City of NAPOLEON, OHIO

255 WEST RIVERVIEW AVENUE, P.O. BOX 151  
NAPOLEON, OHIO 43545-0151  
(419) 592-4010  
FAX (419) 599-8393



November 5, 1998

**Mayor**  
Donald M. Stange

Mr. David Ward  
907 Huddle Road  
Napoleon, Ohio 43545

Re: City of Napoleon  
Huddle Road Sanitary Sewer

**Members of Council**  
Michael J. DeWit, President  
Robert G. Heft  
James Hershberger  
David F. Miller  
Travis B. Sheaffer  
Char Weber  
Terri A. Williams

**City Manager**  
Jon A. Bisher

**Finance Director**  
Gregory J. Heath

**Law Director**  
David M. Grahm

**City Engineer**  
Adam C. Hoff, P.E.

Dear Mr. Ward:

This letter is in response to your concerns regarding odors within your residence and sanitary sewage within the catch basin in your front yard. We are currently working with the Henry County Health Department in addressing the sanitary discharge into the storm sewer along the south side of Huddle Road. We have also been in contact with representatives of the Ohio EPA Northwest District Office in Bowling Green and they have been fully briefed on the situation.

In regards to the odors within your residence, we do not believe that the City is responsible for the problems you have encountered. When we were originally made aware of the situation, it did appear that sewage may have backed into your footer drain from the catch basin in your front yard. On that basis, we offered to pay your expenses at a hotel and we will stand behind our word. We also provided assistance in placing bleach and clean water into your footer drain system for disinfection.

It is our understanding that the reason you had requested to connect to the City sanitary sewer system was that this septic system had failed and was creating a health hazard in your yard. Based upon further investigation, we believe that the sewage which had previously saturated the ground in the back yard as a result of your old septic system failing remained in the ground and migrated to your footer drains. The large rains which occurred in late August of this year most likely accentuated the problem. We further believe that the sanitary waste which was within the catch basin was flushed out to the storm sewer versus surcharging back into your sump pit.

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Therefore, as stated above, the City will reimburse you for two (2) nights of hotel stay as we promised. We will not, however, assume any further responsibility for any damages incurred as a result of this incident. Please provide us with a copy of the invoice from your hotel stay this past weekend for reimbursement.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please call me at (419) 592-4010.

Yours truly,



Adam C. Hoff, P.E.  
City Engineer

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cc: Mr. Jon A. Bisher, City Manager  
Mr. Brent Damman, Bldg/Zoning Administrator  
Mr. David Grahn, City Law Director  
Mr. Jon Lindsay - Henry County Department  
Mr. Al Rupp - Ohio EPA NWDO

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November 29, 1999

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Glenn A. Miller

Dear Dave:

I am enclosing the public documents that you have requested. The charge per page is \$0.05. Please remit \$4.00 to the City of Napoleon.

City Manager  
Dr. Jon A. Bisher

Sincerely,

Finance Director  
Gregory J. Heath

Dr. Jon A. Bisher  
City Manager

Law Director  
David M. Grahn

City Engineer  
Adam C. Hoff, P.E.

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