

## CITY OF NAPOLEON

## ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

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Current Resident 1125 Hurst Dr. Napoleon, Ohio 43545

Re: Illegal Sewer Connection

To Whom It May Concern,

As part of the City of Napoleon's negotiated Long Term Control Plan (L.T.C.P.) with the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (O.E.P.A.), many of the sanitary and storm sewers in the City of Napoleon are being repaired or replaced to eliminate sources of inflow and infiltration (I/I). This I/I is causing many of the existing, as well as the new sewers, to be overloaded.

Although the City of Napoleon has undertaken the initiative to repair and replace many of the mainline sewers, some responsibility does, however, fall onto the homeowner. This letter is in regards to the homeowners' responsibilities.

As per Rule 4.1.6 of the <u>City of Napoleon</u>, <u>Ohio Engineering Department Rules & Regulations</u>, "downspouts shall outlet onto the ground surface." The City of Napoleon requires that no downspouts be connected to either the sanitary or storm sewer networks. Therefore, you are required to remove your downspout connections and outlet them onto the ground surface. You have six (6) months from the date of this letter to comply.

In order for the removal of the downspouts to be effective, the downspouts must outlet onto the ground a minimum of five (5) feet from the face of the foundation wall of your house. This helps insure that the water does not leach back into the ground and enter into your footer tile.

The only allowable connections to the storm sewers are sump pumps, footer tiles, and floor drains. If sump pumps or footer tiles are connected to the sanitary sewer, they must be removed and either connected to the storm sewer or outlet onto the ground.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact my office at your convenience.

Yours truly,

Chad E. Lulfs, P.E., P.S.

City of Napoleon Engineer