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Sewer Ordinance Comments

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Hi Ben,

Thanks for taking the time to chat with me at the Sewer Ordinance Open House last week. I appreciate all your work, and the work of the Committee and Council on this topic.

Following the recent open house, I have the following comments.

- 1) City Council should structure the proposed ordinance to allow existing septic system owners to choose if they want to connect to any city sewer line expansion (without penalties). Why penalize owners who did not have the option to connect to city sewer when they built their dwelling and, instead, paid for the installation and ongoing maintenance of a septic system? That being said, I do prefer the proposed ordinance to the existing ordinance.
- 2) If an owner receives a 90 day notice forcing them to connect to the city sewer system, the Sewer Development Charge waiver would apply if the connection did not happen in 90 days due to scheduling, city permitting delays or other unexpected events. Perhaps using words like "...best efforts or reasonable efforts" where the owner could be granted a short time extension to allow for connection is appropriate.

Thanks again.

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