

January 3, 2007

To: Property Owners – **Tigertail Sewer Assessment Area**

Re: Completion of Area Sanitary Sewer Collection System
Notice of Availability and Connection Options for Service

Dear Marco Island Property Owner:

Thank you for your patience during the construction of the sanitary sewer lines in your neighborhood. We are pleased to advise that the work is complete and the sanitary sewer system is now available for connection. Homeowners are required to connect to the new sanitary sewer system on or before May 1, 2007. Property owners with undeveloped lots do not need to “connect” at this time. The following information will assist you with the transition from a septic system to the sanitary sewer collection system.

Property owners have three (3) options to connect existing homes to the new sanitary sewer system. Please review the following options, determine which option best meets your individual situation, and advise us of your decision by returning the enclosed (Blue) selection form by Friday, February 2, 2007:

Option #1

Connection from the Home to the Sewer Main by the City’s Contractor

Should you select this option the City will assume, on your behalf, the responsibility for connecting your home to the new sanitary sewer system and for abandoning your current septic tank. Selection of this option will provide for the following:

- Through a competitive selection process, the City of Marco Island has selected qualified plumbers and septic tank contractors to take advantage of volume pricing and to verify the experience of these firms.
- The City will obtain all required permits.
- The City will coordinate, manage, and inspect the work of contractors with installation to occur on or before May 1, 2007.

- The City will issue one invoice to the property owner upon completion of the work. The property owner is responsible for payment within 30 days from billing.
- The property owner will pay the actual cost based on the rate schedule contained in Exhibit A of the attached “Sewer Connection Agreement, Standard Terms and Conditions.”

Option #2

Connection from the Home to the Sewer Main by the Property Owner

With this option the property owner will be responsible for contracting with a qualified plumber and septic tank contractor to connect to the new sanitary sewer system and for abandoning the septic tank. Selection of this option must include the following:

- The property owner will hire their preferred licensed plumber and certified septic tank contractor and negotiate a contract price.
- The property owner will be responsible for obtaining the appropriate permit for the abandonment of the septic tank from the Collier County Health Department (estimated cost \$40) and coordinating an on-site inspection by the Health Department.
- The property owner will be responsible for obtaining a City construction permit for the plumbing connection (estimated cost \$35) and coordinating inspections by the City.
- The property owner will be responsible for coordinating and managing the contractor’s work with completion on or before May 1, 2007.
- The property owner will be responsible for payment directly to the contractor(s).

Option #3

On-site Advanced Treatment System

A few property owners have an on-site advanced treatment system. These systems are permitted by the Collier County Health Department and require an “annual operating permit”. A copy of this permit is required to be submitted. Property owners with an on-site advanced treatment system may:

- Defer connection to the sanitary sewer collection system for up to ten years from the date the assessment district was created (S. Barfield & Tigertail – 8/1/05).
- Defer implementation of the assessment for up to ten years from August 1, 2005.
- Connect to the sanitary sewer collection system at any time before the ten-year period and begin assessments at that time.

- Be required by law to connect to the sanitary sewer system prior to the end of the ten-year period should the advanced treatment system fail and a repair permit cannot be obtained from the Collier County Health Department.

Attached is a list of "Frequently Asked Questions" that we believe will provide more information to help you make a decision. We respectfully ask that you read this material, review the attached "Standard Terms and Conditions," and return the enclosed Sewer Connection Agreement "Connection Selection Form" to Marco Island Utilities by no later than Friday, February 2, 2007.

If a property owner decides not to return the Connection Selection Form with a selected option, it will be presumed that the property owner is accepting responsibility for connection to the sanitary sewer system on or before May 1, 2007.

Thank you again for your patience during construction. We look forward to helping you complete the sewer connection process. Should you have questions after reading the enclosed materials, please contact:

- Jim Miller at 239-389-5000 for technical questions;
- Keith Shinabarger at 239-389-5187 for financial questions.

Sincerely,

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