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**RE: Prohibited Discharges**

Dear Customer:

Please be advised that our firm represents the interests of the Lakeland Regional Sewer District (the "District"). The District understands that many customers may be unfamiliar with some of the dos and don'ts of using the Collection System (the "System"). We have written before on other issues related to the use of the System, and in an effort to keep things operating correctly, we are writing again with another matter that has been causing some issues.

The District is aware that the vast majority of its customers fully comply with the guidelines and the District appreciates your diligent efforts. Unfortunately, the District has seen a recent trend that needs to be addressed; the improper disposal of fats, oils, greases or waxes (commonly referred to as "FOG").

Prohibited Discharges

In accordance with the District's Amended and Restated Sanitary Sewer Use Ordinance, Ordinance No. 2020-02, (the "Ordinance"), it is a *violation* of the Ordinance and the District's rules and regulations to discharge or cause to be discharged to the District's Sewage Works:

Section 15.4.2 Any waters or wastes containing more than 100mg/l of **fats, oils, greases or waxes**.

Please understand that disposal of FOG in excess of 100mg/l puts a tremendous strain on the District, the System and the District's treatment facilities. Ultimately, this issue impacts all customers and can lead to higher rates for the entire District. The District has no desire to penalize customers nor increase rates to deal with this disposal problem. However, it has become an issue that needs to be addressed in order to preserve the current rates and the integrity of the System. The District recommends these three points for proper FOG disposal:

1. Allow FOG to cool and pour FOG into a covered, disposal container, and throw the container into the trash.
2. Soak up any remaining FOG with paper towels, and dispose of those paper towels into your trash.
3. Place fatty food scraps into the trash instead of into your sink or garbage disposal.

The District will continue to investigate and monitor this matter. Any person found to be violating or failing to comply with any of the provisions of the District's ordinances, or Indiana law,

may be subject to penalties plus any expenses, losses or damage that occurs to the District's equipment. These fines can reach up to \$2,500 per day of the violation, as well as the costs of any such repairs.

We trust that you will make certain that no one from your residence is in violation of the Ordinances and is disposing of fats, oils, greases, and waxes correctly. If you have any questions about appropriate disposal methods, please do not hesitate to contact the District.

Respectfully yours,

CARSON LLP

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew D. Boxberger", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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