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Dear Customer,

The Borough of Somerset (Borough) manages and operates the Municipal Authority of the Borough of Somerset's (MABS) sanitary sewage collection, conveyance and wastewater treatment system (POTW). The POTW is operated under NPDES Permit No. PA0021768.

MABS received a Notice of Violation (NOV) dated May 11, 2018, which identified a hydraulic overload of the POTW. In response to the NOV, MABS and its' consulting engineer, The EADS Group, Inc., prepared an assessment, Repair and Abatement Plan, to address the hydraulic overload condition. This plan was provided to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for review and approval on October 12, 2019. After some comments and revisions, the plan was categorized by DEP as a Corrective Action Plan (CAP) and approved on October 1, 2020.

The upcoming MABS rehabilitation projects include a combination of mitigation techniques to address the hydraulic overloading including equalization, stormwater management and sewer system improvements and infiltration and inflow (I/I) removal (due to aging and failing infrastructure). Based on historical records and evaluations of similar projects approximately half of the I/I come from customer side sewer laterals, floor drains, sump pumps (interior of structure and under floors). Therefore, MABS has implemented customer lateral testing and inspection requirements during qualifying events as described in Section 22.2 of the Rules and Regulations adopted by MABS on December 16th, 2024 and ratified through Resolution 2025-01, with an effective date of January 1, 2025.

The Borough will begin enforcing the lateral testing and inspection requirement on **April 1, 2025**. The qualifying events for property owners to conduct testing in accordance with the prevailing Construction Specifications and Details and/or Policy, and obtain a Certificate of Compliance are; at the time of original connection to the POTW, at the time of sewer lateral replacement, repair or alteration completed by customer or its agent, at the time of property transfer or change of ownership, and at the time state in any governing Municipal ordinance which requires lateral testing. Attached at the end of this notice is a detail for a typical sewer gravity service. This outlines that per the 2025 Rules and Regulations the customer owned lateral begins at Viewport (typically the property line) into the structure.

More information can be found on the borough website at the following link: https://www.somersetborough.com/watersewer/general_information.htm, the Rules and Regulations for Water, Wastewater and Stormwater, or by calling into the Borough at 814-443-2661.



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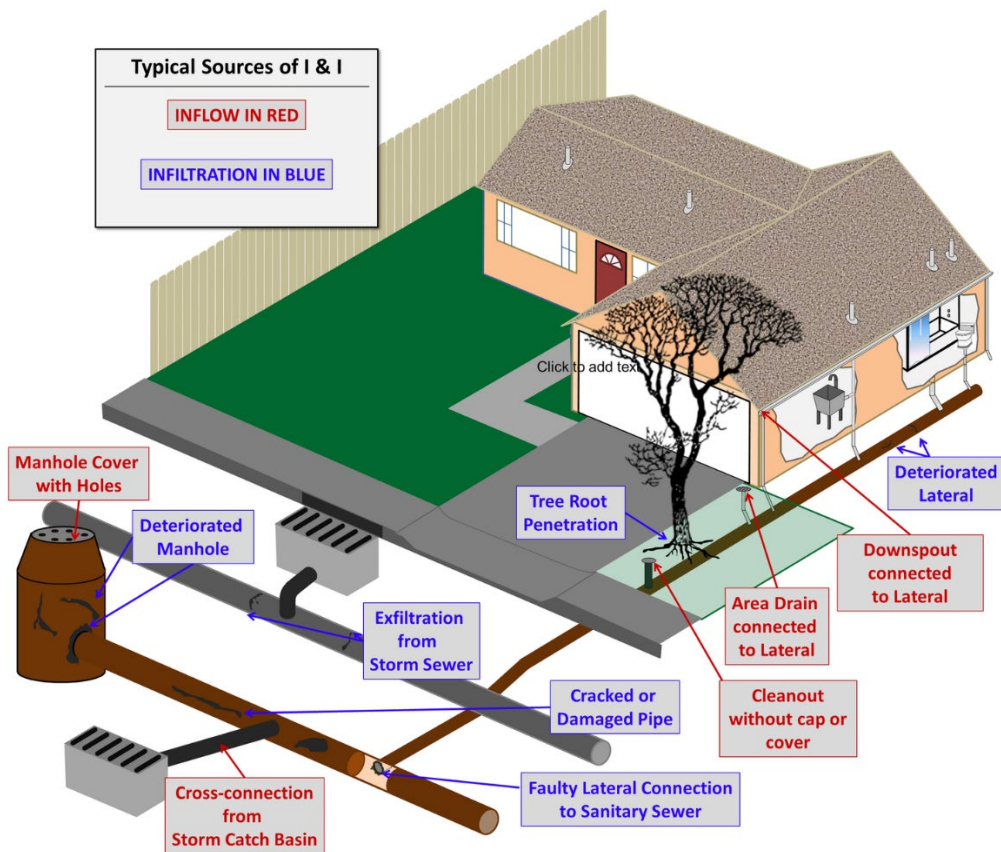
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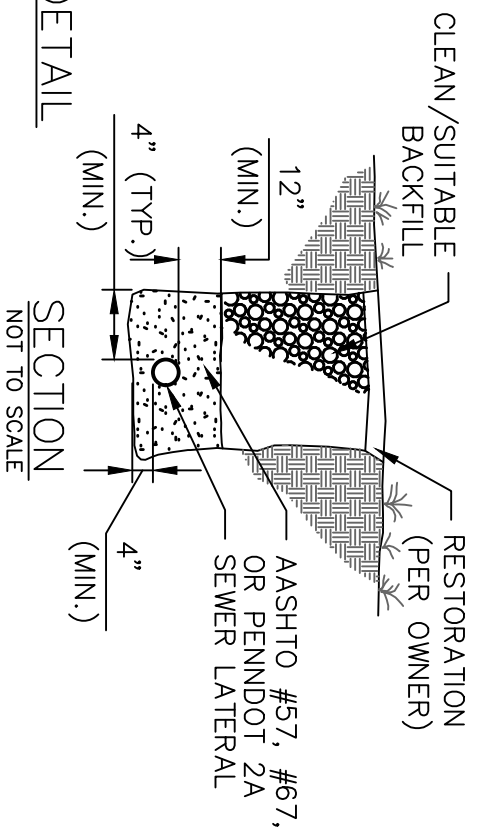
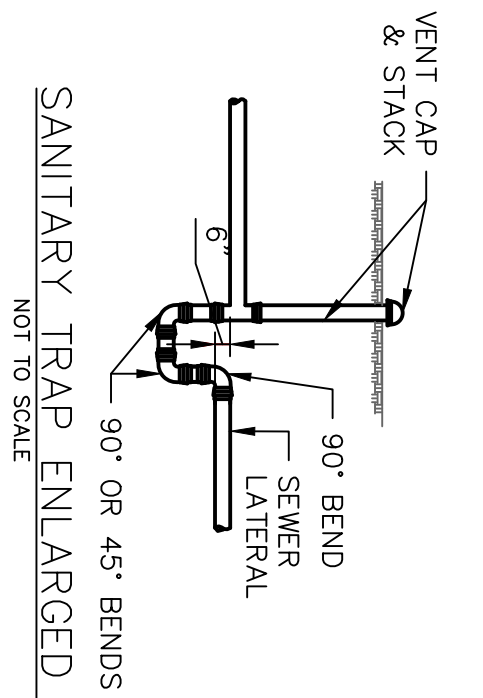
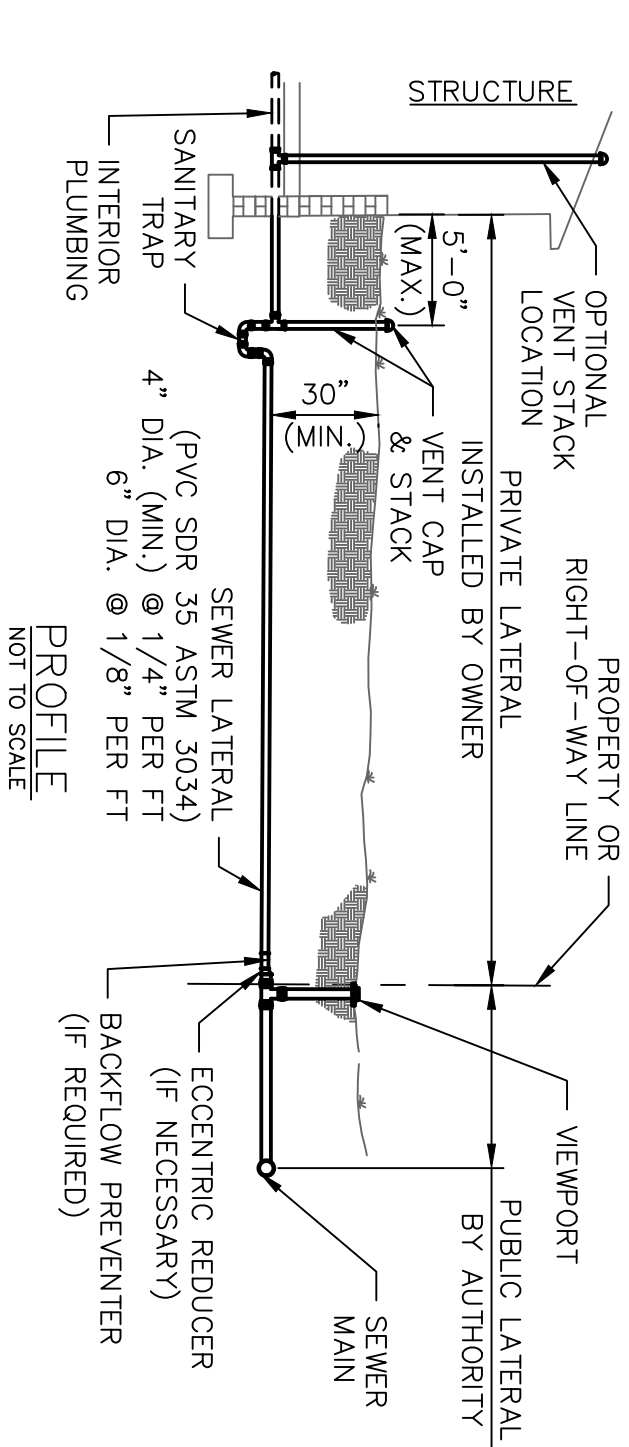
Respectfully,
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