



VILLAGE OF ELIZABETH

Mandy L. Green, Mayor

IMPORTANT PUBLIC NOTICE

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To all occupants and residents of [Elizabeth's Sewer System](#). The [Village of Elizabeth](#) will be conducting smoke testing of the sanitary sewer systems. The testing will be conducted throughout the [Month of August 2026](#). This smoke testing will involve opening and entering of manholes in streets and public utility easements. An important task of the testing will be to locate breaks and defects in the sewer system. The smoke will also reveal sources of where storm and other surface water entering the sewer system. During the smoking testing test a non-toxic smoke will be used. This smoke is manufactured for this purpose, leaves no residuals, or stains and has no effects on humans, plants or animal life. The smoke has a distinctive, but not unpleasant, order. Visibility and odor last only a few minutes, where there is adequate ventilation. Because the plumbing appliances in your house or building are connected to the sanitary sewer system, some of this smoke may enter your house if this happens:

- Vents connected to your sewer pipes are inadequate, defective, or improperly installed.
- Traps under sinks, tubs, basins, showers, and other drains are dry, defective, improperly installed or missing.
- Pipes, connections, and seals of the wastewater drain system in and under your house are damaged, defective, have plugs missing or are improperly installed.

All residents are advised that if traces of this smoke enter your house it is an indication that gases and odors from the sewer may also enter. These can be both unpleasant and dangerous as well as a health hazard to the occupants. Location, identification, and correction of the source of smoke that enters your house is **urgently advised**. *(PLEASE contact a local plumber to investigate your sewer pipes/connections)*

A photograph will be taken of leaks occurring in the system. To do so, our representatives may have to enter your yard, depending on where the leaks are located. At no time will it be necessary for our representatives to enter your home. We would appreciate your cooperation in allowing the photographer to take pictures. The information gained from this test will be used to improve your services and may reduce the eventual cost to utility customers. While the Village of Elizabeth will render all possible cooperation, the correction of any defects in the pipes and sewer lines on private property is the responsibility of the owner.

If you have any questions, please contact Elizabeth City Hall

Monday – Thursday 8am till 3pm (closed for lunch 12-1pm) at 318-634-5100

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