

## **DYE TESTING / CERTIFICATION INSTRUCTIONS**

Effective August 1, 2012, all properties being serviced by the Clairton Municipal Authority must pass a routine DYE TEST in order to be sold. A dye test is required should the property be purchased. Penalty and fines will accrue should the property transfer / sale and dye test not be completed.

The procedures outlined herein must be met in order to obtain the required Dye Testing Certificate of Compliance and Sewer Certification Letters from the Clairton Municipal Authority. Both documents are needed for the sale of property by closing companies or owners selling on their own.

Sewer Certification Letters will not be issued without a completed Dye Test.

### **PROTOCOL FOR SEWER CERTIFICATION LETTER & DYE TESTING**

A SEWER CERTIFICATION LETTER is required to obtain the amount of sewage / assessment that is due for a sale / transfer of a property. The request for a Sewer Certification Letter must be in letter form and contain the following:

- a. Check in the amount of \$25 made payable to the Clairton Municipal Authority;
- b. Correct Lot / Block Number and Property Address;
- c. Proposed Buyer(s) and Proposed Closing Date; and
- d. A self-addressed stamped envelope must be included with the request for Sewer Certification Letter.

### **INQUIRY LETTER PROCEDURE (FORECLOSURE / SHERIFF SALE) ONLY**

1. An Inquiry Letter does not include dollar amounts. The letter only states the status of the account for the referenced property (i.e. current, delinquent, liened, etc.)
2. The request for an Inquiry Letter must include all of the above information plus state that the property is in foreclosure or sheriff sale status.
3. A \$15 fee is required when requesting an Inquiry Letter.

### **CONTACTING AN AUTHORIZED PLUMBER**

Dye testing is conducted by authorized plumbers. To begin the process:

1. Send in a check payable to the Clairton Municipal Authority for the required \$200 Dye Testing fee. **DO NOT PAY THE PLUMBER DIRECTLY.** List the address of the property on the check memo line.
2. Download the Dye Test Form and give to the approved plumber that YOU have contacted from Authorized Plumbers List. Clairton Municipal Authority does not contact the plumbers to perform the dye testing.
3. Once the plumber completes the dye test, please mail the **ORIGINAL AND SIGNED** form to the Clairton Municipal Authority.
4. Once the Request for Dye Testing Certification is received, a Certificate of Compliance will be generated and will accompany the Sewer Certification Letter and mailed to the closing company.

5. If the agent / seller requests a copy of the Dye Test Certificate of Compliance, please include a self-addressed stamped envelope with the completed request form / check and a copy will be mailed to you.
6. Once all of the correct documents are received, Sewer Certification Letters are issued within 7 – 10 business days.

**CLAIRTON MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY**

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Clairton, Pennsylvania 15025  
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Fax: 412-233-3249

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**AUTHORIZED PLUMBERS LIST  
for Dye-Testing to obtain Certificate of Compliance**

Clairton Piping Consultants, LLC  
Guy Benack  
411 Wylie Avenue  
Clairton, PA 15025  
412-965-9413

Pastore Plumbing  
Ken Pastore  
1054 Houston Drive  
West Mifflin, PA 15122  
412-233-3344  
412-400-9442

Brenning Plumbing Inc.  
Chad Brenning  
146 Beisner Avenue  
Brentwood, PA 15227  
412-527-4343

C. Gregg Boyce  
381 Broadway Drive  
Pittsburgh, PA 15236  
412-287-5498