

**Dear Escanaba Resident:**

The City of Escanaba Wastewater Department will soon be initiating a sewer rehabilitation project in your neighborhood. As part of this project, the city's contractor, Visu-Sewer, will be using an advanced trenchless lining system that allows a new pipe to be installed inside the existing sanitary sewer main without digging the street. Visu-Sewer is currently scheduled to begin the sewer lining on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, but will have a crew in Escanaba two weeks earlier preparing for the project. During the sewer lining process, your sanitary sewer service will be temporarily sealed off at the mainline while the liner is installed. Every sewer service should be fully opened and back in service within 24 hours; however, while the work is being performed we ask that each resident use toilets and sinks as sparingly as possible and not use washing machines, dishwashers, bathtubs, or showers. **If you have a sump pump or foundation drain connected to the sanitary sewer, it will need to be shut off or rerouted while the liner is installed.** If this connection is not rerouted you may unnecessarily flood your own house with ground water being pumped by your sump pump. Any such connection that discharges ground water to the sanitary sewer system is in violation of the City's Code of Ordinances. Therefore neither the City or the contractor will be responsible for any personal property damages that may occur due to this type of activity.

You will receive a hand delivered notice from **Visu-Sewer** one day in advance of the need to restrict water usage.

Extract of the City of Escanaba Code of Ordinances:

**Sec. 28-93. - Water discharges.**

- (a) No person shall discharge or cause to be discharged any stormwater, surface water, groundwater, roof runoff, subsurface drainage, cooling water, or unpolluted industrial process waters to any sanitary sewer. Use of public sewers shall be limited to those discharges that are not harmful to the public sewage system, the city treatment plant or the waters receiving the sewage treatment plant effluent. In the event that natural or manmade occurrences are detrimental to the water pollution control facilities or to the public health and welfare of the community, industrial wastes may be prohibited wholly, or in part, without further notice.
- (b) Stormwater and all other unpolluted drainage shall be discharged to sewers specifically designated as storm sewers, or to a natural outlet approved by the city council. Acceptable industrial cooling water or unpolluted process waters may be discharged on approval by the city council to a storm sewer or to a natural outlet.

(Code 1969, § 54.03; Ord. No. 921, Ch. II, 1-16-97)

More information can be found on the City of Escanaba's website, [www.esacanaba.org](http://www.esacanaba.org).

If you have any additional questions about this project, please contact the Wastewater Plant at 906-786-1301.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

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