



Springdale Water Utilities

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Mayor Cynthia Black
City of Bethel Heights
530 Sunrise Drive
Bethel Heights, AR 72764

RE: Temporary Moratorium on New Water Service

Mayor Black,

In light of recent developments, the issuance of the attached request, and the fact the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) has declared your wastewater treatment system as out of compliance, not functioning properly and has numerous violations, Springdale Water Utilities will not approve any new plans, provide services to any new buildings or construction from this date forward to include sub-divisions or any other facility that would use your pressurized sewer system.

We will continue to serve existing customers and facilities. We will set meters at existing houses and businesses for new tenants or owners. We will also provide new services for facilities that are not hooked to your sewer system and have an approved and legal method of sewage disposal. Any plans that were approved by Springdale Water Utilities prior to this date will be honored.

Due to the non-compliance, the condition of the system, and the negative impact to the environment, we cannot continue to add to the problem by allowing new users to further burden your already over-taxed system. This is especially appropriate when we have been made aware that your system does not operate properly and cannot safely and properly dispose of additional wastewater.

Until such a time as ADEQ declares your system to be in compliance and capable of properly processing additional wastewater, this temporary moratorium shall remain in effect.

Heath A. Ward
Executive Director
Springdale Water Utilities

CC:

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