

NOTICE TO ALL RESIDENTS WITHIN THE BUENA BOROUGH MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY SERVICE TERRITORY

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You are hereby notified that the Borough of Buena Municipal Utilities Authority has recently contracted for the performance of a study searching for sources of possible infiltration into the sewer lines. The results of this study indicate that there is a strong possibility that there are numerous prohibited sump pump connections unlawfully discharging water into sewer lines which are part and parcel of the BBMUA sanitary sewer system. The water being discharged into the system is causing the BBMUA to unnecessarily treat clean water, and could in fact lead to an overload of the Authority's sewer system, ultimately resulting in the discharge of raw and inadequately treated sewerage into the waters of the State of New Jersey.

Ordinance 466 indicates an amendment to Section 191-4, entitled "Connection of Sump Pumps Prohibited" which provides as follows:

191-4 – The owner, lessee, or occupant of every house, building or structure in the Borough of Buena, which is connected to the sanitary sewer system operated by the Borough of Buena Municipal Utilities Authority in accordance with Section 1 of this Chapter, is hereby prohibited from connecting or allowing any person to connect sump pumps or similar devices, either directly or indirectly, to the Authority's sewer system."

Further, there are serious penalties associated with the connections and discharge of sump pumps into the BBMUA's sanitary sewer system, as outlined below. Section 191-5 entitled "Penalties" provides as follows:

191-5 "Each day on which the owner, lessee or occupant of any house building or structure, or any person acting on behalf of such owner, lessee, or occupant causes a sump pump or similar device to be connected to the sanitary sewer system operated by the BBMUA shall constitute a separate violation. Any person, firm, corporation, partnership, limited liability company or other entity that violates the provisions of Section 191-4 shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not more than \$1,000.00 for each violation, or by imprisonment for a term not exceeding ninety (90) days for each violation, or by both fine and imprisonment for each violation."

This ordinance became effective on September 7, 1999. Any violations of this ordinance will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.