Village of Lancaster Local Law _____ of the year 2026

A Local Law Amending Village Code Chapter 263 Sewers

Whereas the Village Board of the Village of Lancaster desires to revise applicable provisions of Chapter 263 “Sewers” of the Village Code to clarify that in most instances village residences must be equipped with a functioning sump pump to keep surface runoff or groundwater from entering a public sanitary sewer, and

Whereas the Village Board seeks to assure that as to each residency there is compliance with such provisions not later than at a time of transfer of ownership thereof;

Now;

Be it enacted by the Village Board of the Village of Lancaster, New York as follows:

1) Section 263-21 A of Village Code Chapter 263 Sewers shall be amended to read as follows:

A. Subject to Subsection B below, no person(s) shall transfer title to another person(s) nor accept from any other person(s) the transfer of title to any structure or parcel of land upon which a structure is located unless and until the Superintendent or other authorized agent of the Village shall have inspected the sanitary sewer discharge mechanisms on said structure or parcel of land, and a certificate of compliance is issued stating

(1) that same is found to be in compliance with the provisions of §§ 263-24 and 263-41, restricting the discharge of unpolluted waters into the public sanitary sewer collection system, and

(2) that same is serviced with a functioning sump pump compliant with the provisions of §263-24 and 263-41 or that a condition set forth in either subparagraph (a) or (b) below is present in which case a functioning sump pump shall not be required:

(a) the structure or parcel of land upon which a structure is located discharges via gravity unpolluted water to an unpolluted water conveyance, such as Cayuga Creek or the other creek or

(b) the structure has no basement and does not otherwise invite unpolluted waters into the sanitary sewer collection system.

This section shall not apply to transfers of property by gift, intestacy or testamentary disposition, transfers pursuant to the Federal Bankruptcy Act, transfers for which consideration is $1 and no more, and transfers in connection with a partition.

2) Section 263-21 B (2) of Village Code Chapter 263 Sewers shall be amended to read as follows:

(2) Shall have provided a sum of $7,500, which shall be held in escrow by the Village of Lancaster, and which sum shall be returned to the person(s) acquiring title if the corrections are completed within the time specified in the form of agreement, but which sum shall be forfeited to the Village if corrections are not completed within the time specified in the form of agreement.

2) This local law shall become effective 20 days following its enactment.