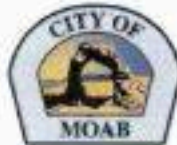


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Jeff Whitney
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Dear Jeff:

The City of Moab wastewater treatment plant is currently operating at or near capacity. Although the City is undertaking construction of a new wastewater treatment plant, that plant is not likely to be completed until 2018. As it now stands, demands for service from development within the City of Moab and in Grand County are likely to outstrip the City's ability to deliver service.


The Moab City Council will be considering an ordinance establishing a moratorium on new sewer connections at the November 1, 2016 Council meeting. That ordinance will likely include some form of exception for applicants that have obtained building permits through October 21, 2016. At present, that exception would include a significant number of projects within the City of Moab and Grand County, which will have first priority as capacity becomes available. As you know, the City contracts to provide wastewater treatment service to the Spanish Valley Water and Sewer Improvement District (SVWSID) customers within the District's service area. The City will be requesting that the SVWSID implement a similar moratorium on new connections within its service area.

In the meantime, we expect that you will be receiving requests for building permits for projects which may require a wastewater connection. As a matter of public notice we request that your office inform applicants of the pending consideration of the moratorium, and of the likelihood that new applications will not be able to secure a wastewater connections until the City determines that additional capacity is available. We propose that the Building Department inform applicants as follows (or words to similar effect):

This development requires service from the City of Moab wastewater treatment plant. Due to a lack of system capacity, the City will not be able to provide sewer service to this project until treatment plant upgrades are in place. Approval of this project is subject to the following condition: Certificates of Occupancy will not be permitted until such time as treatment capacity, as determined by the City of Moab, is available and a wastewater connection is installed.

We expect that there will be questions about this policy from members of the public. Accordingly, it may be helpful to meet with you and representatives of the SVWSID to discuss implementation of this plan. Please let me know when you would like to meet to discuss this matter.

Yours truly,



David Everitt, Interim City Manager

cc: David Sakrison

Moab City Council

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