

April xx, 2024

xxxxx Property Owner xxx Creasy Springs Road Columbia MO, 65202

RE: Maintenance services to sewer system

Dear Mr. & Mrs. xxx,

The Boone County Regional Sewer District ("BCRSD") has recently become aware of a billing oversight related to your property located at <u>4970 N. Creasy Springs Rd.</u> Section 3.6.4 of the BCRSD Regulations<sup>1</sup> mandates that BCRSD charge an additional monthly fee to users on pressurized systems such as Grinder Pump Systems if BCRSD owns the pumps associated with that system – which is the case with the sewer system associated with your property. For additional information regarding the surcharge, I refer you to the <u>BCRSD</u> website which states<sup>2</sup>:

3) SURCHARGE (pressurized systems only) – Pressurized systems cost more to operate and maintain than systems served by a gravity sewer line. The additional surcharge on pressurized systems covers the cost of replacing pumps, electrical controls and float switches, cleaning pump screens and pumping septic tanks and other maintenance. The surcharge varies depending on the type of pump and/or the location of the septic tank. The amount of the surcharge is determined by the type of pressurized system pump installed. There is no surcharge on pressurized systems where the homeowner is responsible for the upkeep of the pump and/or septic tank.

BCRSD has become aware that you have not received a bill for this surcharge on the sewer bill for your property. While BCRSD will not seek payment of the <u>\$600</u> in surcharges previously unbilled, beginning on July 1, 2024, this surcharge will be included on your bill each month going forward. In accordance with BCRSD's current rate schedule, **the surcharge included on your bill beginning July 1, 2024 will be \$22.50/month** (roughly \$270/yr). This rate is subject to future rate increases as we evaluate costs going forward.

Alternatively, if you would prefer to avoid payment of this surcharge going forward, you may opt to assume ownership of the pump and related equipment connecting the public sewer line to your property. If you elect to assume ownership of the pumps and related equipment, the surcharge would not be applicable and would not be applied to your monthly bill going forward. If you choose to take ownership of the pumps and related equipment in lieu of payment of the surcharge described above, please contact the BCRSD at 573-443-2774 to advise of this choice whereupon we will provide an agreement between the property owner and the BCRSD documenting this change in ownership.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Enclosed, and available at: https://bcrsd.com/rules-regs; bcrsd.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/Chapter-

Three-User-Rate-Regs-Revised-7-23-18.pdf.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Available at: https://bcrsd.com/rates-fees.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

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Joe Foster Executive Director

C: Tom Ratermann, General Manager