



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

December 13, 2018

NAME
ADDRESS
Indianola IA 50125

Dear Resident:

Recently, the City received inquiries concerning regulations about the build-up of ice on streets and sidewalks caused by sump pump discharge from properties in our community. During a follow-up to this inquiry, City Staff noticed that the sump pump from your property is discharging into the public right-of-way and is causing ice buildup on South J Street and West Salem Avenue, creating a situation which may injure a person, animal or vehicle using this area.

We are writing to let you know that City regulations prohibit the discharge of sump pumps any closer than five (5) feet to a property line or any public right-of-way (City Code Section 50.02.17). City regulations also prohibit the deposit on any street or alley any sump pump discharge, or any substance likely to injure any person, animal or vehicle (City Code Section 135.03).

The City of Indianola is asking for your assistance in correcting this issue and ask that correction of these issues be performed on or before Friday, December 28, 2018. To bring this violation into compliance, the sump pump discharge shall be placed at least five (5) feet from the property line/public right-of-way. For a point of reference, all sidewalks in residential areas shall be located one (1) foot outside of the lot line, so the sump pump discharge shall be placed at least six (6) feet from the house side of the sidewalk. Again, we ask for your assistance in correcting this matter by the deadline to prevent any further enforcement action, which could include fines or taking whatever action is available to abate the violation and assess the associated costs and attorney fees against you.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (515) 962-5276 or at cdissell@indianolaiowa.gov.

Regards,

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Director of Community & Economic Development
City of Indianola