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Nolan T. Kokkoris, ESQ
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RE: Ogdensburg City School District Request for SEQRA Lead Agency Status

Dear Attorney Kokkoris,

The city is in receipt of your letter of November 3, 2023 regarding the proposed project listed above. The city has no objection to the Ogdensburg City School District acting as lead agency for the above project.

The city would like to take this opportunity to provide the following comments on the proposed projects, specifically those located within the municipal boundary that include site development involving parking lot reconstruction. The City of Ogdensburg's sanitary sewer system is operated in accordance with the City's Municipal Code to ensure that all City customers are provided with safe and reliable service. Furthermore, the City is required to comply with its State Pollution Discharge Elimination System (SPDES) permit, regulated and enforced by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

The City's Sewer Use Law, as defined in Part III Chapter 177, details specific requirements that all users of the system must comply with in order to ensure the above. Specifically, there are two sections of Municipal Code that are may be applicable to the School's proposed parking lot improvements: request to connect a parking lot drain to the City's sanitary sewer system as follows:

§ 177-24 **Connection permit required.**

No unauthorized person shall uncover, make any connections with or opening into, use, alter or disturb any public sewer or appurtenance thereof without first obtaining a written permit from the City Engineer.

§ 177-34 **Discharge of surface water unlawful.**

No person shall discharge or cause to be discharged any stormwater, surface water, groundwater, roof runoff, subsurface drainage, uncontaminated cooling water or unpolluted industrial process waters to any sanitary sewer.

To ensure compliance with the city's Municipal Code, we ask that the School District submit a complete engineering package detailing any proposed connections of the new parking lot drains to an acceptable stormwater drain. The package must include relevant anticipated hydraulic flows so the City's Engineer can assess if the downstream stormwater drains to be connected to have sufficient capacity to handle the new connection. The engineering packet should be submitted to the Department of Public Works, Director Shane Brown (sbrown@ogdensburg.org) in advance of any construction.

Thank you for contacting the city with regard to this project and the opportunity to provide input on the process. If you have questions, or would like to discuss the comments in greater detail I can be reached at 315.393.7150 or asmith@ogdensburg.org.

Sincerely,



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