



August 1, 2025

Village of Lansing  
2405 North Triphammer Road  
Ithaca, NY 14850

**RE: IMPORTANT SEWER NOTICE**  
**Sanitary Sewer Benefit Area Expansion, Village of Lansing, Tompkins County**  
**Cayuga Heights Road, Twin Glens Road and East Shore Drive**

Dear Resident/Property Owner,

I'm writing to keep you informed regarding the final and perhaps most important step of connecting to the Village's newly constructed sanitary sewer system.

**Project Summary**

As part of our infrastructure expansion efforts, the Village has completed the installation of sanitary sewer infrastructure along Cayuga Heights Road, East Shore Drive, and Twin Glens Road.

**Connection Required**

In the Village, pursuant to Village Code, when public sewer is available (which is now the case for your home) property owners are required to connect to the system. Thus, along this route, properties that previously lacked access to public sanitary sewer service now have the ability, and are required, to connect directly to the Village's system. Property owners are responsible for all permitting and installation costs associated with the connection.

To allow property owners to plan for the transition, Village Code provides a three-year window to complete connection. Accordingly, pursuant to Village Code §111-11(C)(a) or §111-11(C)(b) your property must be connected to the new sewer line on or before **August 1, 2028**.

As property owner, you are responsible for all costs associated with the installation and completion of the sewer service from the lateral stub provided by the Village at the property line to the connection point at the house. This is the case for a gravity lateral or an ejector pump station as each property is unique in topography. Interior plumbing modifications may be necessary and must comply with applicable codes and permits. During the process, a proper abandonment of any existing septic tank is required.

**Rationale**

The Village Code requires connections to municipal sewer lines and services for several important reasons, including the protection of the Cayuga Lake watershed, the sanitary treatment of sewage, the safeguarding of public health and safety, the prevention of sewage-related nuisances, and the support of housing and business growth. Additional benefits of converting from a septic system to the municipal sewer system include increased property values and enhanced marketability, and reduced maintenance issues and risk of sewage system failures.

**Questions or Assistance**

For additional information, please refer to the Village website (<https://vlansing.org/>). You will find a list of Answers to Questions and the Sewer Permit Application Form in the Village News Section under "Connecting to New Sewer Expansion".

For questions regarding the permit process, contact Jodi Dake, Village Clerk at (607) 257-0424 or email at [clerk@vlansing.org](mailto:clerk@vlansing.org).

For questions about the connection process, contact John Courtney, Supt. of Public Works at 607-280-4893 or by email at [dpw@vlansing.org](mailto:dpw@vlansing.org)

We appreciate your cooperation as the Village of Lansing continues to modernize its utility infrastructure and support long-term community growth and environmental protection.

Sincerely,

Mayor Ronny Hardaway

## Answers to Questions:

- **Are we required to connect to the sewer if we have a septic system that is well-maintained? If so, what are the timelines for the required hook-up?**

The Village Code Section 111-11 C.(1) requires a resident to hook up within 3 years. If their septic system is in good working order, a variance can be requested to extend that time.

Our Village Code can be found on our website at the bottom of the page under Select a topic area, Village Code. Sewer is chapter 111.

- **What are the fees for connecting to the Village Sewer line?**

The fee for connecting to the sewer is \$2,350. Before you have a contractor connect you to the sewer system, you would need to fill out a Sewer Permit. The Sewer Permit Form can also be found on our website in the "Select a Topic" area under Applications & Forms.

- **Are there projected monthly/quarterly fees for the sewer service?**

The sewer charge is based on your water consumption. The current sewer charge is \$11.16/1,000 gallons. It is billed quarterly on your Water/Sewer Billing (January, April, July, October)

- **How high are the sewer fees projected to be?**

The sewer rate is made up of a Village of Cayuga Heights charge which they set and a 25% surcharge of your water which is charged by the Village of Lansing to maintain the sewer infrastructure. Village Code Section 111-21.

- **How much can we expect to have to pay to connect our houses to the sewer line? Are there estimates of how much we need to set aside to do this?**

Each property is different so there is no way to tell you what your specific costs will be. You may want to consider getting together with your neighbors to hire a contractor to get a better bulk connection rate.

- **Is there any financial assistance for neighbors who may have trouble with this?**

No, the Village does not provide financial assistance.

- **Whom do we call to do the connecting to the sewer line?**

We cannot suggest a contractor. When looking for someone to do the work, you should look to hire a general site contractor or plumber.