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City to conduct smoke testing July 25-26 at Comanche Trace

Kerrville, Texas (July 21, 2023) – The City of Kerrville’s Wastewater Collections department will be performing smoke testing in the Comanche Trace subdivision on Tuesday and Wednesday, July 25-26, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day. The smoke testing will impact Comanche Trace Drive, Pinnacle View Drive, Oak Park Drive, Stone Creek Drive, Club House Road, Cielo Drive, Sunset Park Drive, and Ranch Road 2771 (aka Lower Turtle Creek Road).

Some street crossover will occur because of sewer system connections.

Smoke testing is a common test method used to identify sections of the sanitary sewer collection system that have defects such as cracks, leaks or faulty connections that allow



rainwater to enter the underground pipe network. Since the sanitary sewer system is only designed to handle sewage, the addition of rainwater/storm water causes many problems in the city's collection system. The City of Kerrville intends to locate and repair as many of these rainwater connections as possible so that a heavy rain won't overwhelm the sanitary sewer system or interfere with the operation of the wastewater treatment plant.

During the test, City of Kerrville employees will blow a dense white smoke into the sanitary sewer system. The smoke will escape again through openings such as holes in manhole covers and plumbing vent pipes located on or near rooftops. Smoke will also escape through defects such as cracks or breaks, open or broken cleanout covers, damaged or defective manhole frame seals, illegally connected roof or area drains, and any other opening(s).

The smoke is odorless, non-toxic and non-staining. It will dissipate quickly. It will not harm pets or plants or leave a residue. If you detect smoke on your premises, do not be alarmed. Open a door or window for ventilation and call the number listed below to report the smoke. Smoke should only enter your premises if the traps in your home are dry or defective, or if you have uncapped or broken drain pipes.

For more information or to report an issue, call Wastewater Collections Superintendent Matthew Zapata at (830) 258-1224.

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