

BASS LAKE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

ORDINANCE NO. 23-11

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 96-2 AND POLICY 96-1 TO PROHIBIT
THE UNAUTHORIZED CONNECTION OF RECREATIONAL VEHICLES TO
BUILDING SANITARY SEWERS**

WHEREAS, the Bass Lake Conservancy District enacted Ordinance 96-1, known as the "Sewer Use Ordinance," on June 8, 1996, which Ordinance regulates the connection to and use of public and private sewers and drains, the installation and connection of building sewers, and the discharge of waters and wastes into the public sewer system of the Bass Lake Conservancy District, as well as provides for penalties for violations; and,

WHEREAS, the Bass Lake Conservancy District has further enacted Ordinance 96-2 and Policy 96-1, as amended, all of which provide Specifications and Requirements for Sanitary Drain Connections to the Main Sewer System; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2(a) of the Sewer Use Ordinance, it is "unlawful for any person to place, deposit or permit to be deposited in any unsanitary manner on public or private property within the District or in any area under the jurisdiction of said District, any human excrement, garbage or other objectionable waste;" and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2(g) of the Sewer Use Ordinance, it is "unlawful to construct or maintain any privy, privy vault, septic tank, cesspool or other facility intended or use of the disposal of sewage;" and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2(h) of the Sewer Use Ordinance, "The owner of all houses, buildings or properties used for human occupancy, employment, recreation or other purposes, situated within the District and abutting on any street, alley or right-of-way in which there is now located a public sanitary sewer of the District is hereby required at his expense to install suitable toilet facilities therein, and to connect such facilities directly with the proper public sewer in accordance with the provisions of this ordinance..." and,

WHEREAS, Ordinance 96-2 and Policy 96-1, as amended, each provide, pursuant to their respective sections on "Prohibited Connections," that "Septic tanks, holding tanks, drywells, or drain fields cannot be connected to or discharge into the building sanitary sewer;" and,

WHEREAS, Starke County Ordinance 6-12-3-28(C) provides that "All recreational vehicles parked or stored shall not be connected to sanitary facilities;" and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Bass Lake Conservancy District wishes to provide explicit guidance prohibiting the connection of recreational vehicles to building sanitary sewers within the District and provide clear rules regarding the same that are consistent with Starke County ordinances concerning the occupancy and use of recreational vehicles in the County;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Directors of the Bass Lake Conservancy District that:

1. This Ordinance shall amend, modify, and supplant all prior resolutions, policies, or ordinances enacted by the Board concerning the subject matter herein and shall specifically amend Ordinance 96-2 and Policy 96-1 with regard to permissible connections to building and public sanitary sewer systems in the District.
2. The Sections of Ordinance 96-2 and Policy 96-1 entitled "Prohibited Connections" shall be amended to read as follows:

"Rain, surface or subsurface water, or any sump collecting same cannot be connected to or discharge into the building sanitary sewer.

Septic tanks, holding tanks, drywells, or drain fields shall not be connected to or discharge into the building sanitary sewer. No recreational vehicle shall connect to or discharge into the building sanitary sewer, no matter whether such connection is permanent or temporary in nature, regardless of whether the connection is made to drain directly from said vehicle's sanitary facilities or to empty or drain any septic or holding tank that may be installed on the vehicle.

Penalty Provision – Any violations of the provision of this Section shall be subject to the penalty provisions and procedures of Section 17 of Ordinance 96-1, the Sewer Use Ordinance."

ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Bass Lake Conservancy District, Starke County, Indiana, on June 12, 2023.

Attest:

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Chairman, Board of Directors

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