

# CITY OF ST. CLAIR SMOKE TESTING NOTICE

## SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM SMOKE TEST INSPECTION

The City of St. Clair will be performing smoke testing to identify locations where rain water or surface water may be entering the sanitary sewer system located along Vine Street between Carney Drive and 10<sup>th</sup> Street. These locations are of concern because unwanted flows in the sewer can use up valuable capacity and substantially increase the cost to operate the sanitary sewer system. Information gained from this study will be used to repair and improve the wastewater and/or storm water collection system.

**On Thursday, October 19, 2023, inspection crews from Anderson, Eckstein and Westrick, Inc. will be conducting a physical survey of the sanitary sewer collection system.** This study will involve the opening and entering of manholes along Vine Street.

The principal test used to identify these sources requires blowing white smoke into the sewers and noting any location where smoke escapes from the sewer system.

In most cases, smoke will only be visible at roof vents. The smoke is non-toxic, leaves no residue and creates no fire hazard. The smoke should not enter your residence unless defective plumbing exists or drain traps are dry. **If you have seldom used drains, please pour a gallon of water into each of them in order to fill the drain trap.** This procedure will help prevent the possibility of smoke entering your home through seldom used drains. **If smoke does enter the building, simply open windows and doors to air out the rooms.**

Should you have any additional questions concerning this study, or if you desire special assistance, please contact Mr. Ryan Kern with Anderson, Eckstein and Westrick, Inc at 586-854-5044 or by e-mail at rkern@aewinc.com