



CITY OF NEW BALTIMORE

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Dear Residents and Property Owners:

The City of New Baltimore recently held a Town Hall meeting to discuss current and projected water levels. The Army Corp of Engineers is predicting levels to be the same, if not higher, than last year.

The City of New Baltimore is asking all property owners to plan now to not only protect their homes, but also take measures to prevent water from adversely affecting their neighbors or the public streets. This is required under Ordinance 232, which is enclosed for your review.

Excess storm or flood water cannot be discharged into the sanitary sewer system. The New Baltimore Wastewater Treatment Plant is designed to only handle the disposal of waste water from the sanitary sewer system. Infiltration of storm water can cause major issues for the Wastewater Plant. The plant was not designed to handle drainage from property due to flooding.

Property owners should be aware that it is illegal to:

- Connect a sump pump or any other pump to drain water into the sanitary sewer;
- Use open cleanouts to drain yards into the sanitary sewer; and
- Lift manhole covers to allow surface water entry into the sanitary sewer;

Increased flows to the sanitary sewer can cause sewer backups in homes and pollution to get into Lake St. Clair if the plant were forced to discharge due to over-capacity.

The City of New Baltimore will be focused on preventing injury or loss of life and assisting with the reduction of public and private property loss due to flooding. Information will be provided via the city website, Facebook and press releases to inform the community of flood conditions and related information as necessary.

Frequently asked questions regarding sandbags can be found on the city website at www.cityofnewbaltimore.org.

The recent high-water levels have been a challenge for everyone. Please work cooperatively with your neighbors as we prepare for these exceptional conditions. Should you unfortunately experience any flooding that enters a structure or causes damage, please report it to the Mayor's office so that it can be reported to Macomb County Emergency Management. If you have questions, please contact mayor@cityofnewbaltimore.org or bmcinerney-slater@cityofnewbaltimore.org.

Sincerely,

Mayor John Dupray

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF NEW BALTIMORE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 24, ARTICLE II, BY ADDING SECTION 24-47, TO PROVIDE FOR EMERGENCY AUTHORITY TO THE MAYOR IN THE EVENT OF RISING WATERS, TO NOTIFY OWNERS AND OCCUPANTS OF RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY TO IMMEDIATELY PROVIDE ADEQUATE PROTECTION AGAINST FLOOD WATERS, TO PROVIDE FOR THE AUTHORITY FOR THE CITY TO UNDERTAKE SUCH WORK IN THE EVENT THE OWNER FAILS TO DO SO AND CHARGE BACK SAME AGAINST THE LOT OR PREMISES AT ISSUE TO BE RECOVERED AS A TAX ASSESSMENT, TO PROVIDE FOR REPEALER, SEVERABILITY, AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

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MACOMB COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

ORDINANCE NO. 232

THE CITY OF NEW BALTIMORE ORDAINS:

Section 1. The City of New Baltimore Code of Ordinances, Chapter 24, Article II, is hereby amended to add Section 24-47 to provide as follows:

Sec. 24-27 – Emergency authority in the event of rising waters.

- (a) Regardless of whether an area is defined as an area of special flood hazard under this Article, the powers emulated hereunder apply to all areas of the City. Whenever the Mayor finds that, as a result of the rising level of the waters in Lake St. Clair, the canals, rivers, navigable streams or similar places in the City, the public health, safety, property and general welfare is endangered by potential rising waters or flood such that immediate action is necessary to protect the public interest, the Mayor shall notify the owners and occupants of riparian property to immediately provide adequate barriers, dikes or other embankments to protect against the rising waters, the over-flow of waters and/or floods. The City of New Baltimore shall have the authority to order the installation of a particular type of barrier and to order any additional measures or barriers which may be required in the interest of protecting the public health, safety, property, and general welfare. Such notice shall be provided to the owners listed on the last assessment roll and shall be posted on the subject property. In the event any owner and/or occupant fails to thereafter immediately provide adequate barriers, dikes or other embankments, the Mayor may proceed to provide such barriers, dikes or embankments by or under the direction of any department of the City. All expenses incurred by the City in this regard shall be charged against the lot or premises at issue and shall be recovered as a tax assessment or, in the alternative, the City may bring an action for collection against the owner and/or occupant of any such lot or premises.