City Testing Portions of Sewer System Next Week

Harrisonburg, Va. – The Public Utilities Department will be testing Harrisonburg’s sanitary sewer system starting next week.

On Monday, February 6, crews will begin testing and anticipate finishing by Wednesday, February 8.

A small portion of sewer lines will be tested in the area of North Liberty Street, Edom Road, and Jefferson Street.

Tips for residents:

- It is recommended to pour one gallon of water into the drain traps of floors, sinks, showers, and tubs. This will prevent sewer gases or smoke from entering a home or business.

- If the non-toxic smoke enters a residence or business, this is a sign of a defect in the plumbing on the residential end. When this occurs, there is no need to contact emergency services. Open a window or door for ventilation, note the location of the smoke, and contact a qualified plumber.

- Anyone with respiratory or cardiovascular conditions should not stay in a building where smoke has entered, as a precautionary measure.

This schedule is subject to change due to weather conditions and unforeseen maintenance on equipment.

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Pictured above: The area outlined in red serves as the boundaries for where the sewer system testing will take place.

Questions? Contact the Public Utilities Department at 540-434-9959.

The Harrisonburg Department of Public Utilities is responsible for providing water and sewer services to residences and businesses. The Department currently manages approximately 16,000 accounts. For more information about these functions of the city, visit www.harrisonburgva.gov/public-utilities.