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**Issued under the provisions of the State of Massachusetts Environmental Code, Title 5,
Standard Requirements for the Siting, Construction, Inspection, Upgrade and Expansion of On-Site
Sewage Treatment and Disposal Systems and for the Transport and Disposal of Septage
310 CMR 15.000**

Sent via U.S. Certified Mail and USPS Regular Mail

August 31th, 2023

Owner of Record: Daniel Crosby
Kathleen Crosby
14 Pierce Avenue
Westford, Ma. 01886

Property Location: 14 Pierce Avenue
Westford, Ma. 01886

Enforcement Order

Dear Owners of 14 Pierce Avenue:

On August 2nd, 2023, the Westford Health Department conducted a septic inspection after receiving a notification from the Water Department of a possible septic effluent breakout at 14 Pierce Avenue. The inspection was conducted by Samuel Fontaine and further inspections including a meeting with the septic system designer Norse Design Services were conducted August 3rd and 11th. During these inspections a consistent flow of water sourcing from the location of the septic field was observed on the surface of the lawn and road, discharging into a stormwater catch basin. This is in violation of 15.204 (8) of 310 CMR 15.000, the State Environmental Code, Title 5 and Chapter 82 of the General Bylaws of the Town of Westford: Discharges to the Municipal Storm Drain System.

15.024: Violations of 310 CMR 15.000

Violations of Title 5 shall include but not be limited to the following:

- (8) discharge of effluent directly or indirectly to the surface of the ground through ponding or surface breakout above the disposal area or to a surface water of the Commonwealth;

§ 82.7. Prohibited Activities

- A. Illicit Discharges. No person shall dump, discharge, cause or allow to be discharged any pollutant or non-stormwater discharge into the municipal separate storm sewer system, into a watercourse, or into the waters of the Commonwealth.



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You are hereby ordered to implement a plan to correct these violations within thirty (30) days of receipt of this letter via certified mail. Failure to do so in this timeframe will result in a fine of \$100.00 per day.

All violations shall be corrected in a workmanlike manner, and in accordance with all applicable building, fire, and other pertinent codes. Some corrections of the violations may require permits from the building and/ or other departments. It is the owner's responsibility to check and if required, file the proper permits.

Affected parties are entitled to a hearing before the Board of Health and are entitled to be represented by council at any such hearing. Any request for a hearing must be in writing and received at the Board of Health office within seven (7) days of receipt of this letter. You or any other parties have the right to inspect and obtain copies of any and all relevant documents in possession of the Board of Health regarding this matter. Should you have any questions regarding this order or your responsibilities to bring this property into compliance, please do not hesitate to call the Board of Health office.

Sincerely,

Samuel Fontaine
Health Agent
Westford Board of Health

Cc:
Owner sent via regular and certified mail
Copy to file
Copy to Engineering Department via email



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Date: November 14, 2023

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ABATEMENT LETTER

Dear Owners of 14 Pierce Avenue,

As a result of an illicit discharge complaint, the property referenced above was inspected by Samuel Fontaine, Health Agent, for the town of Westford on August 2nd, 2023. The inspection of the property revealed violations of the State Environmental Code 310 CMR 15.000, Title 5 and Chapter 82 of the General Bylaws of the Town of Westford that were need of correction by the property owner.

The property was reinspected by Samuel Fontaine on November 2nd and 14th, 2023. All violations cited in the August 31st, 2023 order letter appear to have been corrected at the time of the inspections.

We greatly appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

If you have any questions, please contact the Westford Health Department at 978-692-5509.

Thank you,

Samuel Fontaine,
Health Agent

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Engineering Department, via email