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Peter L. Beilenson, M.D., M.P.H., Health Officer

August 20, 2010

Herbert and Frances Martin
10813 Hunting Lane
Columbia, MD 21044-4207

RE: **Order to connect to the public sewer system**
10813 Hunting Lane
Tax Map 41, Parcel 273, Lot 52

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Martin,

The Howard County Health Department investigated your property on August 18, 2010 and observed a dry well installed in August 1963 that had collapsed exposing a pool of sewage, fifteen feet in diameter, near the soil surface. Further investigation on August 19, 2010 to locate potable wells on your property and adjacent properties resulted in the determination that there is no area on the property for on-site sewage disposal that meets setbacks to wells. Furthermore, wells in the neighborhood that were installed when the homes were constructed do not meet current well construction standards.

Based on the aforementioned information, the Health Department has determined that the collapsed dry well is considered a potential threat to health as described in Howard County Code Section 12.105, as would be any replacement on-site sewage disposal system.

Therefore, pursuant to provisions of section 12.105 as amended by Council Bill 32-202, you are hereby **ORDERED** to apply for the necessary permits and begin the process for connection to the public sewer system within thirty (30) days of receipt of this letter. Contact Ms. Tammy Frank at (410) 313-3362 for assistance. Barring any unusual processing delays or extreme weather conditions, connection to the public sewer system shall occur within sixty (60) days of receipt of this letter. **In addition**, you are required to immediately pump the sewage out of the hole, cover the area with hydrated lime, and fill the void to abate the public nuisance and eliminate the threat to public health. You are responsible for maintaining the septic tank to assure that there is not a sewage overflow. This means that the tank may need to be emptied by a licensed liquid waste hauler to prevent overflows until the connection to public sewer has been completed. At that point the septic tank shall be properly abandoned by removal or crushing the lid and filling the void.

This decision may be appealed to the Board of Health. If you choose to appeal, you shall file a written request to the executive secretary of the Board of Health (at the above address) within fifteen (15) days of receipt of this order.

Failure to comply with this order shall be grounds for enforcement action(s) as set forth in Section 12.110 of the Howard County Code.

If you have any questions, contact Michael J. Davis (410) 313- 1771.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peter L. Beilenson". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the typed name.

Peter L. Beilenson, M.D., M.P.H.
Health Officer

Copy: Michael J. Davis, Assistant Director, Bureau of Environmental Health
Tammy Frank, Department of Planning and Zoning
Carl Katencamp, Real Estate Services
James M. Irvin, Director, Department of Public Works
Don Lieu, DPW Utility Design Division
Bert Nixon, Director, Bureau of Environmental Health
Jeff Welty, Deputy Chief, Bureau of Utilities, DPW
Executive Secretary, Board of Health

Davis, Michael

From: Davis, Michael
Sent: Friday, August 20, 2010 3:08 PM
To: Lieu, Don; Frank, Tammy; Katenkamp, Carl
Cc: Welty, Jeff; Irvin, Jim
Subject: 10813 Hunting Lane
Attachments: Order to connect 10813 Hunting Lane.pdf

We will be contacting the homeowners today to let them know the order to connect has been signed and can be picked up at the Health Department today or will be mailed on Monday.

Michael J. Davis
Assistant Director
Bureau of Environmental Health
Howard County Health Department

FILE INQUIRY NOTES

DATE	RESULTS OF REVIEW FOR FILE
8/18/2010	Notified by Carl Katonkamp (Real Estate Services)
	<p>that a homeowner is requesting emergency connection to public sewer due to failure of their septic system</p> <p>homeowner is Frances & Herbert Martin 10813 Hunting Lane (4105316104)</p>
	<p>Conducted site inspection at about 4 p.m.</p> <p>15-ft diameter hole in yard and partly under concrete driveway greyish water at ~1 ft. from soil surface (lower part of slope) deteriorated pieces of wood boards floating on (blackened) surface. Several birds (dead) are floating at the solution surface.</p> <p>I request that water tap at kitchen sink be turned on, and during next several minutes air bubbles were observed rising to solution surface. Air bubbles cease when kitchen tap is turned off.</p> <p>Occasionally a raw sewage odor is noticeable though it is not persistent. Location matches recorded location of 15-ft diameter dry well in Health Dept. file.</p>
	<p>well located; extended PVC casing from pit (wood boards cover pit) 2-pc metal cap, PVC conduit fast in its part</p>

Collapsed Dry Well

-76°53'14"



39°10'41"

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well 18' from garage
metal 2-pc cap pipe extended
20' above wood pit cover has PVC conduit

By:
Office:
Map Width: 660.00 ft.
Print Date: 8/18/2010