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Emergency Cease and Desist Order: Cedar Grove Manufactured Home Community (Update)

Copperas Cove, Texas – An inspection was conducted on the morning of Tuesday, September 13, 2022 at the Cedar Grove Manufactured Home Community with the following City of Copperas Cove Code of Ordinances violation being noted: Code Section 11-121 (Illicit Discharge) of the City’s Stormwater Management Ordinance. At the time of the inspection, it was noted that an active sewage spill was continuing to discharge into a nearby waterway that is part of the City’s MS4 system. This information is being shared with the community to help provide factual information due to conflicting information in the community.

Due to the previous warnings and past assurances that necessary repairs would be completed, along with continued violation today, the City’s potable water system was suspended at approximately noon today for Cedar Grove Manufactured Home Community. During that time all residents were notified by City staff of the suspension of the City’s potable water system. The attached Emergency Cease and Desist Order was prepared and issued to the appropriate property management prior to the disconnection of water services. City staff has remained onsite today in support of the property’s management, making themselves available to provide information and guidance on how this situation can be resolved as quickly as possible. We encourage all affected residents to review the order, and specific questions should be directed to their property management.

Additionally, questions or concerns regarding the matter may be directed to Public Works at (254) 547-0751.

(Letter Attached)

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September 15, 2022 (Update)

Copperas Cove, Texas – On September 13, 2022 the City of Copperas Cove issued an Emergency Cease and Desist Order and terminated water service to the Cedar Grove Manufactured Home Community as a result of repeated and ongoing sewage illicit discharges to the City’s regulated Municipal Separate Sanitary Storm Sewer (MS4) system. Following these actions, Cedar Grove MHP has established a plan to rectify the outstanding issues associated with their private sewer collection system to remediate and prevent future recurrence of illicit discharges from the system. While the plan has not yet fully been

implemented nor completed, as of late this afternoon, Thursday, September 15, 2022, the City of Copperas Cove has issued a Consent Order in an effort to reestablish water service to Cedar Grove's residents in advance of the completion of further necessary action.

The City would like to remind residents of Cedar Grove MHP that the park's administration either has, or will be, issuing a Boil Water Notice until further notice by them as pressure was lost in the water lines. On behalf of the City of Copperas Cove, we express our sincere apologies to the many residents who were most unfortunately affected by this preventable situation.

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