

**PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF COQUILLE
SMOKE TESTING SEWERS NOTICE**

As part of the Wastewater Facilities Plan (WWFP) process, the City of Coquille will be conducting smoke tests of sanitary sewers throughout the city the week of **July 19, 2021**.

These tests will assist us in locating breaks and defects in the sewer system. During the test, **YOU MAY SEE SMOKE COMING FROM VENT STACKS ON BUILDINGS OR FROM HOLES IN THE GROUND**. Don't be alarmed. The smoke has no odor, is non-toxic, non-staining, does not create a fire hazard, and will dissipate in a few minutes.

Before we conduct the smoke test, please pour water into your basement floor drains and into any unused sinks. This will seal the drain traps so that smoke will not enter your building through the drain.

If smoke should enter your building during the test, it probably means that there are defects in the plumbing that could allow **DANGEROUS SEWER GAS** to enter. Note the location of the smoke and call Dane Ramirez at City Hall at (541) 396-2115 x 205 to arrange a meeting and inspection. Open doors and windows to ventilate any smoke that enters the building.

Please notify us before we conduct the test if you have any of the following situations:

- Dogs, birds or other pets that will be confined alone in the building during test
- A person who may be alone (youth, physically impaired, or sleeping) during the test and may be alarmed by the smoke.
- Any individuals with respiratory problems who will be in the building
- Elderly persons who will be alone and might be alarmed or confused if they see smoke

If you have any of these situations or have questions regarding the smoke test prior to the week of July 19 please contact Mark Denning, Public Works Director at (541) 396-4336. Thank you.