NOTICE BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 2005-14

ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 81A-3, PROHIBITION OF ILLICIT CONNECTIONS TO SANITARY SEWERS IN THE BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE

was introduced at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge held on August 9, 2005 at the Municipal Building, 55 Park Avenue, in the Borough of Park Ridge and that said Ordinance will be further considered for final passage at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge to be held on September 13, 2005 at the Municipal Building, 55 Park Avenue, Park Ridge, New Jersey at 8:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter can be reached, at which time and place anyone interested in said ordinance will be given an opportunity to be heard.

Karen Hughes

Borough Clerk

The above mentioned Ordinance is as follows:

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ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 81A-3, PROHIBITION OF ILLICIT CONNECTIONS TO SANITARY SEWERS IN THE BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of Park Ridge, as part of a statewide stormwater protection program, have been advised to prohibit illicit connections to the municipal separate storm sewer system(s) operated by the Borough of Park Ridge; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have deemed it to be the best interest as to protect public health, safety and welfare, and to prescribe penalties for failure to comply; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance is a part of a required State mandate to control Illicit Storm Sewer connections;

NOW THEREFORE, Be It Ordained by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge that Chapter 81A-3 is amended to add the following new section: **SECTION I.** (a.) No person shall discharge or cause to be discharged, through an illicit connection to the municipal, physical or non-physical connection that discharges domestic sewage, non contact cooling water, process wastewater or other industrial waste to the municipal separate storm sewer system operated by the Park Ridge Borough, unless authorized under a New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection permit and that is also endorsed by the Borough itself;

(b.) Non-physical connections may include, but are not limited to, leaks, flows or overflows into the municipal separate storm sewer system.

SECTION II. PENALTY. Section 81A-6 violations and penalties is repealed and replaced in its entirety with the following:

Any person who shall violate or fail to comply with any of the provisions of this chapter or who shall participate or assist in the violation or failure to comply or who, as owner, tenant or other person in occupancy, architect, contractor or agent, servant or employee, shall permit the commission of such violation or maintain such violation or shall suffer such violation to continue shall, upon conviction, be subject to a fine up to

one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisonment for a term not exceeding ninety (90) days, or both, in the discretion of the Municipal Court. Each day that such violation shall continue or is permitted or suffered to be continued or maintained shall constitute a separate offense.

SECTION III. SEVERABILITY. If any section, or clause or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the remaining provisions of this ordinance. The governing body of the Borough of Park Ridge declares that it would have passed the ordinance and each section and subsection thereof, irrespective of the facts that one or more of the subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases may be declared unconstitutional or invalid.

SECTION IV. INVALIDITY. If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence or other of this ordinance is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid, such judgment shall not affect or invalidate the reminder of this ordinance, but shall be confirmed in its effect to the section, subsection, paragraph, sentence or other part of this ordinance directly involved in the controversy in which said judgment shall have been rendered and all other provisions of this ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION V. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall take effect on the earliest date allowed by law following final passage, adoption and publication in the manner prescribed by law.

APPROVED: Donald J. Ruschman, Mayor ATTEST: Karen Hughes, Borough Clerk