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Customer Name and address

RE: Proposed Municipal Code Change for Residential Fire Service Lines

Dear _____:

Our records indicate that your residence is equipped with a fire suppression system with a dedicated fire service line connected directly to the water main independent from your domestic water service line. Castle Rock Water is proposing to change the municipal code so that the ownership and associated responsibilities of fire service lines are clearly defined. Following are some frequently asked questions (FAQs) to help explain what this means.

What is the proposed change?

This proposed change to the Municipal Code will include language which will clearly distinguish ownership and responsibilities of fire suppression service lines. Currently, ownership from the tap on the main to the building belongs to the homeowner. Therefore you are responsible for the timely repair to the line, and all associated costs. The language of the Code change will redefine the line of ownership at the property line. The Town of Castle Rock will take ownership from the tap on the main to the property line, and the homeowner will retain ownership from the property line to the building.

How does the proposed change impact you?

Since homeowner responsibility for fire service line repair stops at the property line, you will no longer be required to perform line repair and excavation activities in the right of way. The cost for this work is high, not to mention the considerable time that it takes for a private citizen to coordinate such an effort. However, all repair work on your property remains your responsibility, and must be performed by an appropriately licensed Contractor, in a timely manner. This is consistent with your responsibility to repair the domestic service line on your property.

What do you need to do?

At the current time, there is nothing for you to do. However, this proposed Code change will not alter the requirement for annual testing of your fire suppression system cross-connection control device. The testing of this device ensures its proper function and, in turn, protects the public water system which thereby protects public health.

A copy of the proposed code change is attached to this letter. This proposed code change will be presented to Council on June 2nd, 2020 for first reading and again on July 7th, 2020, for second and final reading. You are welcome to attend the Council meetings, and you are free

to provide any comments on this change at the meetings. We hope this notification explains the impact of this proposed code change and if you should have any questions or concerns or a desire to comment at Council, please contact me directly at (720) 733-6004.

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Attachment

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