



# CITY OF PITTSBURGH

## Department of Finance

August 14, 2006

### **IMPORTANT CHANGES TO CITY OF PITTSBURGH TAX CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

Dear Title Searcher/Attorney:

In order to comply with the requirements of the Clean Streams Law, 35 P.S. §619.20, the City of Pittsburgh enacted Ordinance No. 3 of 2006 (Pittsburgh City Code Chapter 433: Illegal Storm Water Connections), which governs the requirements pertaining to the disconnection of illegal surface storm water connections, including the obligation to perform dye testing in conjunction with the sale of certain real property.

In order to ensure compliance with the Chapter's various requirements, Section 433.07 states that "A request to the City for a City Lien Verification Letter (Tax Certification) must be accompanied by a valid Evidence of Compliance Certificate and/or a valid Temporary Evidence of Compliance certificate" (Compliance Certificate) issued by Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority (PWSA).

Effective September 5, 2006:

- The fee for the 4 year tax certification will increase to \$40.00.
- All requests for a tax certification for real property being sold in the City must be accompanied by the PWSA Compliance Certificate.
- All requests for a tax certification must be made on the Request For City Lien Verification Letter (Tax Certification) (rev 8/7/06). A supply of new forms is enclosed. They are also available from the Real Estate Tax Department or on the Pittsburgh web site: [www.city.pittsburgh.pa.us/finance/html/forms-real\\_estate.html](http://www.city.pittsburgh.pa.us/finance/html/forms-real_estate.html).

For information on the requirements for the issuance of the tax certification, please visit the Finance Department on the City of Pittsburgh's web site [www.city.pittsburgh.pa.us](http://www.city.pittsburgh.pa.us) or call the City of Pittsburgh Real Estate Tax Office at 412 255-2525.

Information on the Dye Testing and other Illegal Storm Sewer Connection requirements is available from PWSA [www.pgh2o.com](http://www.pgh2o.com) or by calling 412 255-0801 or 412 255-0804.

Sincerely,

Treasurer  
City of Pittsburgh