

Resolution No. 21-00 4B

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE BOARD OF
PUBLIC WORKS OF THE CITY OF LEWES REGARDING THE
DISPOSAL OF WIPES INTO THE BPW UTILITY SYSTEM**

WHEREAS, Section 4.1, *among other provisions*, of the Charter for the Board of Public Works of the City of Lewes (the "Lewes BPW"), being Chapter 10, Volume 77, Laws of Delaware, as amended (the "Lewes BPW Charter"), grants the Lewes BPW authority, responsibility, supervision, and control over current or future utility systems established within the Lewes BPW Service Area; and

WHEREAS, Section 1 of the Lewes BPW Charter defines the Lewes BPW Service Area as "the corporate limits of the City of Lewes, the territory beyond such limits authorized in [the Lewes BPW Charter], and any franchised service area"; and

WHEREAS, Section 4.20 of the Lewes BPW Charter authorizes the Lewes BPW to "enact and adopt such rules and regulations as the [Lewes BPW] may deem proper in order to supply said utility services"; and

WHEREAS, the Lewes BPW provides an important service to the residents of the City of Lewes and those ratepayers residing outside of the corporate limits of the City of Lewes as stewards of the utility systems within its jurisdiction and, accordingly, takes care to ensure that current and future customers have access to safe, reliable, and affordable services; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with its duties, the Lewes BPW desires to ensure that the plumbing and sewer systems within the Lewes BPW Service Area will continue working properly to safely manage wastewater; and

WHEREAS, the flushing of fibrous materials, namely wet wipes, baby wipes, sanitary toiles, and other non-flushable items, can lead to costly damages to the Lewes BPW's pumping stations and wastewater management plant; and

WHEREAS, on August 15, 2021, Pump Station #4 was rendered temporarily out of service, likely due to the flushing of non-flushable materials; and

WHEREAS, in order to avoid future clogs and, thus, carry out the duties of the Lewes BPW and meet its above-described objectives, the Lewes BPW desires for residents and ratepayers to refrain from flushing wet wipes, baby wipes, sanitary toiles, and other non-flushable items that should instead be disposed of in the trash.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
LEWES BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS, IN SESSION MET THIS 22ND DAY OF
SEPTEMBER, 2021, THAT:**

Section 1. In order to promote the disposal of wipes and other non-flushable items in the trash, the Lewes BPW hereby reminds, encourages, and insists that residents and ratepayers of the Lewes BPW Service Area adhere to the Lewes BPW's "No Wipes in the Pipes" Public Service Announcement introduced to stop the flushing of wipes, paper towels, tissues, and other non-flushable items.

Section 2. This Resolution shall be posted in the office of the Lewes BPW and on the Lewes BPW website within two (2) days of its adoption by the Board of Directors of the Lewes Board of Public Works.

Section 3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the Board of Directors of the Lewes Board of Public Works.

Adopted by the Board of Directors
of the Lewes Board of Public Works

I, Thomas Panetta, Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Board of Public Works of the City of Lewes, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Resolution passed by the Board of Directors of the Lewes Board of Public Works at its meeting on September 22, 2021, at which meeting a quorum was present and voting throughout and the same is still in full force and effect.

Secretary