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City to conduct smoke testing in Louise Hays Park and along the River Trail next week

Kerrville, Texas (Sept. 6, 2024) – The City of Kerrville’s Wastewater Collections Department will perform smoke testing throughout Louise Hays Park and along the River Trail on Sept. 10-11. On Tuesday, Sept. 10, testing will extend from the Riverside Nature Center Trailhead to the G Street Trailhead. Louise Hays Park and that segment of the River Trail will be closed from 6 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for safety.

On Wednesday, Sept. 11, testing will resume at 6 a.m. at the G Street Trailhead and will extend east to the intersection of Camp Meeting Creek and Bandera Highway. The G Street Trailhead parking lot and this segment of



the River Trail will be closed until approximately 12:30 p.m. These closures are for safety – please do not walk/bike past safety barriers.

About Smoke Testing

Smoke testing is a common test method used to identify sections of the sanitary sewer collection system that have defects such as cracks, leaks, or faulty connections that allow rainwater to enter the underground pipe network. Since the sanitary sewer system is only designed to handle sewage, the addition of rainwater/storm water causes many problems in the city's collection system. The City of Kerrville intends to locate and repair as many of these rainwater connections as possible so that heavy rain does not overwhelm the sanitary sewer system or interfere with the operation of the wastewater treatment plant.

During the test, personnel will blow dense white smoke into the sanitary sewer system. The smoke will escape again through openings such as holes in manhole covers and plumbing vent pipes located on or near rooftops. Smoke will also escape through defects such as cracks or breaks, open or broken cleanout covers, damaged or defective manhole frame seals, illegally connected roof or area drains, and any other opening(s). The smoke is odorless, non-toxic, and non-staining. It will dissipate quickly. It will not harm pets or plants or leave a residue. If you see smoke in these areas, do not be alarmed.

For more information or to report an issue, call Assistant Utility Director Chris Clark at (830)-258-1231 or Wastewater Superintendent Matthew Zapata at (830) 258-1224. We appreciate your patience and cooperation.

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