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Dear Front Street Property Owner, Resident, or Merchant:

The City of Wilmington and the Cape Fear Public Utility Authority are excited about the upcoming Front Street Improvement Project and how this project will help our downtown merchants, residents and visitors. The City of Wilmington is coordinating the project to replace aging underground water and sewer pipes and enhance the streetscape with new sidewalks, crosswalks and landscaping. The work will take place in a two-block area on Front Street from Market to Chestnut streets.

The improvement project is scheduled to begin on January 4, 2010 and last until August, 2010. Before the project gets underway, we need to get your help to ensure the project goes smoothly and your water and services are handled without significant interruption.

What to do:

All of the large water and sewer pipes under Front Street and the smaller pipe connections up to your building will be replaced. Since the smaller pipes will be reconnected to the existing plumbing coming from your building, we ask that: **Between now and January 1, 2010 have your water and sewer plumbing from your property located and inspected to confirm the condition of the pipes.** In many cases, this will involve a visual inspection from the basement of your building where your plumbing connections go out of your building.

This inspection is important because we need to make sure the pipes coming into your building are in good condition and strong enough to make a solid connection to the new pipes. Pipes in this area can date back 100 years or more and may be made of cast iron or clay, so it is important to get them inspected before the project gets underway.

How connections will be made:

You will be given a seven-day notice before connections from the new pipes are connected to the pipes on your property. In order to obtain a solid connection, the new smaller pipes will be extended as close as 1 foot from your property, but the contractor doing the work cannot replace the pipes into your building on private property.

For more information please contact us: Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

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