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MAYOR JENNINGS EXTENDS DEADLINE FOR BACKWATER VALVE GRANT PROGRAM

Albany, NY – Mayor Gerald D. Jennings announced today a further extended deadline for City residents who wish to apply for grants to assist with the cost of installing backwater valves.

Backwater valves have been recommended by both independently-contracted and City-employed engineers as a solution to help prevent sewer and storm water back-ups in residential areas.

“With the recent number of heavy storms, and the renewed interest on the part of residents to install these devices, I have decided to extend the deadline of this program so more residents would have the opportunity to apply,” Mayor Jennings stated. “I believe that this program is essential to maintaining a high quality of life in the City of Albany, and therefore, it is of the utmost importance that our residents are provided enough time to obtain these necessary services.”

The \$500,000 grant program, first announced by Mayor Jennings in March 2008, provides grants of \$1,000 to \$1,500 for residents who

apply, and qualify, for the installation of such a device. In order to qualify, residents will be required to complete an application and provide documentation that they have experienced basement flooding within the last five years.

The program originally had a deadline of July 15, which was extended to November 15, 2008, however, the new deadline will be **November 15, 2010**. For more information, those interested should contact Mr. Warren Lavery, Assistant Water Commissioner, at 518.434.5300.

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