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**TDC Draft to replace language in current  
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Residents and many businesses of Irvington currently provided their own sewer service by on-site septic systems of conventional or advanced design. The Tides Inn operates its own wastewater treatment plants, one in Irvington and one in Weems and ICN Holdings operates an on-site septic system that serves a number of businesses in the central business area. Although environmentally compliant, The Tides Inn would like to be able to shut down their treatment plants and ICN Holdings desires to eliminate their on-site septic system. In 2022 the Town Council established a Sewer Committee to examine the need and alternatives for alternative wastewater treatment for Irvington. Completed in May of 2022, the Committee concluded that residential on-site systems meet all environmental requirements for treatment, given our relatively low density housing. Town business and residential growth could be encouraged by central sewer service.

The Town of Kilmarnock has excess capacity in their wastewater treatment plant and would welcome providing treatment services to Irvington. Capital cost has been one of the key issues as Irvington's average income level makes us ineligible for the Rural Development grants available to many surrounding communities. The Sewer Committee recommended the Town engage a consultant to develop a Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) for a number of sewer alternatives including a Town Center collection line from the Tides Inn to Rt 200 and heading North out of town as well as a complete Town collection system. Both alternatives would have treatment by Kilmarnock. A PER is a requirement to qualify for low cost loans and grants from the Department of Agriculture's Rural Development Program.

A contract was issued to Bowman in July of 2023 to prepare the PER. In September of 2023 the Town Council passed an Ordinance for a 3% meals tax primarily to fund a Town Center Sewer Collection line if affordable and supported.