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PART 1

SEWER CONNECTIONS AND USES

§101. Definition.

The word "person" as used in this Part shall mean any natural person, association, partnership, firm or corporation. The singular shall include the plural and the masculine shall include the feminine.

(Ord. 754, 10/6/1958, §1)

§102. Extent.

Every property in the Borough, adjoining or abutting upon any street or alley in which a public sewer is now or shall hereafter be located, shall be connected with such sewer in such manner and within such time as the Borough may order, for the purpose of the discharge of all fecal matter, human excrement, kitchen and laundry wastes and other sewage from such premises. All such sewage shall, after connection, be conducted into such sewer. Every such property shall be connected separately and independently with the sewer through the house connection branch directly opposite the building or nearest in a down stream direction. Grouping of buildings upon one house sewer shall not be permitted, except under special circumstances and for good sanitary reasons, with special permission granted by Council upon recommendation of the engineer.

(Ord. 754, 10/6/1958, §2)

§103. Failure to Connect.

If the owner of any property, after 45 days notice from the Borough to make connection of such property with a Borough sewer, shall fail to make such connection, the Borough may make such connection and may collect the cost thereof from such owner by a municipal claim or in an action of assumpsit as is provided by law.

(Ord. 754, 10/6/1958, §3)

§104. Procedure.

No person shall make or cause to be made any connection of his property with any of the Borough sewers until he has fulfilled all of the following conditions:

- A. He shall submit plans to the secretary showing the location and grade of all storm and sanitary sewers and showing how all sewage and surface waters are to be disposed of.

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- B. He shall have obtained a permit from the engineer for such connection and shall have paid a fee as set forth in subsection (D), below. [Ord. 1229]
- C. He shall notify Council of his desire and intention to make such connection.
- D. He shall pay a sewer connection and permit fee of \$300 which shall be payable to the Secretary for use of the Borough. In the event connection is desired for a multiple unit dwelling, then he shall pay a sewer connection fee of \$240 for each unit within that multiple unit dwelling which shall be connected to the system. [Ord. 1229]
- E. He shall have applied and obtained a permit to excavate in the street if such excavation is necessary, in accordance with any Borough ordinances regulating the same.
- F. He shall have given the Secretary at least 24 hours notice of the time when such connection shall be made, in order that the engineer or his authorized agent can be present to approve and supervise the work of the connection.

(Ord. 754, 10/6/1958, §4; as amended by Ord. 1081, 9/11/1979, §1; and by Ord. 1229, 4/10/1990, §1)

§105. Inspection and Test of Subdevelopment Sewer Systems.

1. Where subdevelopment is proposed of lots which require a system of drainage facilities, the foregoing method of procedure shall be followed as outlined in §104 with additional conditions with regard to inspection and testing of the sewer system.
2. All subdevelopment drainage systems shall be inspected continuously during construction and all inspection costs shall be borne by the developer.
3. Upon installation of a part or all of the system, but prior to backfilling the portions installed, the system shall be subjected to a hydraulic exfiltration or infiltration test conducted by the engineer. The system or portion so tested shall be within the limits of leakage set up by the engineer; where the leakage exceeds those limits, the developer shall make necessary repairs so as to meet the requirements under subsequent tests. The cost of these tests shall be paid for by the developer on the basis of the actual time spent by the engineer and his assistants on the tests. The engineer shall furnish a certified copy of each test so conducted to the developer.

(Ord. 754, 10/6/1958, §5)

§106. Supervision of Connection.

1. All work of making connections to any of the Borough sewers shall be done under the personal supervision of the engineer or his authorized agent and shall conform to the following requirements:
 - A. All sewer connections shall be made at the place where the wye in the Borough sewer is provided, but if no wye is provided in the Borough sewer, then the property owner making such connection shall, at his expense, put in the wye in making connection.
 - B. All joints shall be sealed and made watertight, and shall be made smooth and clean inside, with all sewers in straight alignment and of proper grade, so as to provide free flow of sewage matter without any obstruction and to be made in accordance with the Borough's specification for its sanitary sewers.
2. All work pertaining to the connection with the Borough's sewers shall be, financially and otherwise, the responsibility of the owner of the property with which connection is made, subject to the right of supervision hereby reserved by the Borough.

(Ord. 754, 10/6/1958, §6)

§107. Exclusion of Certain Wastes.

No person shall connect or cause to be connected with any of the public sewers in the Borough, directly or indirectly, any stream exhaust, boiler blow off, sediment trap, or any pipe carrying or constructed to carry hot water or acid, germicide, grease, brewery mash, gasoline, naphtha, benzine, oil or any other substance detrimental to the sewers or to the operation of the sewage system or the sewage disposal works of the Borough.

(Ord. 754, 10/6/1958, §7)

§108. Privy Vault Exclusion.

No privy vault, cesspool or similar receptacle for human excrement shall at any time, now or hereafter, be connected with any of the Borough sewers.

(Ord. 754, 10/6/1958, §8)

§109. Remedial Action.

No privy vault, cesspool or similar receptacle for human excrement shall hereafter be maintained upon any premises from which connection with any of the Borough sewers

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shall have been made. Every such privy vault, cesspool or other receptacle shall, within 30 days after final enactment of this Part in the case of premises now connected with a sewer, and within the 30 days after connection with a sewer in the case of premises hereafter so connected, be abandoned, cleansed and filled under the direction and supervision of the health office of the Borough. Any such privy vault, cesspool or other receptacle not abandoned, cleansed and filled as required by this Section shall constitute a nuisance and such nuisance may be abated on order of the Board of Health as provided for by law, at the expense of the owner of such property.

(Ord. 754, 10/6/1958, §9)

§110. Velocity of Flow.

No sewer shall be laid on a grade such that the mean velocity of flow when full or half full is less than two foot per second when using Kutter's or Manning's formula with a roughness efficient of N-013.

(Ord. 754, 10/6/1958, §10)

§111. Sewer Capacities.

In the design of the system the capacity of the sewers, both collecting and transporting, which in the future will be installed by property owners or owners of subdivisions should conform to and adhere to the following:

- A. The sewer capacity of any sanitary sewer from a single dwelling shall not be less than six inches and to a multiple dwelling shall not be less than eight inches in diameter. Where it is deemed advisable by the engineer, larger sewers at adequate grades shall be supplied as may be required by the engineer in his sound discretion.

(Ord. 754, 10/6/1958, §11)

§112. Sanitary Wastes.

The sewerage system proposed is that for the conveyance, transportation and final treatment of sanitary sewage and other allied wastes such as industrial wastes which can be adequately treated by the system and which will not tend to destroy or damage the system. By sanitary wastes are meant the sanitary sewage discharged from any property exclusive of ground water seepage, surface or roof and foundation drainage.

(Ord. 754, 10/6/1958, §12)

§113. Industrial and Allied Wastes.

Industrial wastes will only be accepted into the sanitary sewerage system after adequate analysis and certified conditions as to strength, quantity, etc., have been presented to the Borough and the Borough has examined the submission and determined that it will not harm or be detrimental to either the system used in conveyance or the treatment plant operations. It may be that certain industrial wastes before acceptance may require pretreatment, in which event the applicant shall adequately control and pretreat the wastes before delivery to the system.

(Ord. 754, 10/6/1958, §13)

§114. Oils and Greases.

Mineral oils and greases will not be accepted for transportation and treatment, and all applicants shall eliminate such wastes from the sanitary sewerage before discharge into the Borough's system providing proper equipment for such separation. This equipment, in the form of grease traps or oil separators, shall be adequately operated and maintained by the applicant so as to prevent such discharge.

(Ord. 754, 10/6/1958, §14)

§115. Inflammable and Explosive Fluids.

No inflammable or explosive fluids, such as gasoline, naphtha or similar volatile wastes, shall be discharged into the sewage system whereby explosions or damage to the sewage system may occur or cause danger to the maintenance force of the Borough in performing their ordinary duties. Such fluids shall be adequately and thoroughly removed or separated from the sanitary wastes before discharge.

(Ord. 754, 10/6/1958, §15)

§116. Acids and Alkalies.

Strong acids or alkalies which would damage the sewerage system will not be accepted except after proper dilution or neutralization. Before any such acids or alkalies are discharged to the system, the Borough shall be notified and will prescribe the requirements necessary to obtain permission to discharge such wastes to the sewers.

(Ord. 754, 10/6/1958, §16)

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§117. Ground Water and Seepage Drains.

No basement seepage, ground water drainage or any other uncontaminated source of water shall be discharged to the sanitary sewerage system and all applicants desiring connection to the sewerage system shall certify that no ground water or seepage drains are connected to their system. After connection to the Borough's sewer is made the applicant shall maintain his house system in such a manner that no such seepage or drainage enters his sanitary sewerage system. A penalty will be charged for any violation of this rule in the amount of triple the annual bill for the length of time the situation has existed after connection to the Borough's system.

(Ord. 754, 10/6/1958, §17)

§118. Downspout and Roof Drainage.

1. No downspouts, roof drainage or surface or areaway drainage shall be connected into the sanitary sewerage system, and before attachment of the sanitary sewers to the Borough's system, the property owner or applicant for servicing shall remove such connections and adequately and tightly plug his system to prevent the entrance of any downspout, roof surface or area drainage.
2. All property owners who own property adjacent to Talisman Alley or Swamp Alley, between Water Street and Mercer Street, within the Borough of Greenville, Pennsylvania, shall be obligated, at their own expense, to connect any of their downspouts or roof drains, and basement or foundation drains to any storm sewer that may be hereafter constructed or rehabilitated by the Borough of Greenville, adjacent to said owner's property within 30 days of being notified to do so by the Borough, and keep the same in repair so that waters are not expelled upon the public way. [Ord. 1187]

(Ord. 754, 10/6/1958 §18; as amended by Ord. 1187, 2/9/1988, §1)

§119. Vents.

Each user of the system, before connections are made thereto, shall provide in his main sewerage system just outside the building wall, a trap with vents, both ahead and after, to permit cleaning and to provide proper ventilation for the system. These vents shall not be less than four inches in diameter.

(Ord. 754, 10/6/1958 §19)

§120. Cross-Connections.

No cross-connections shall be made between the sanitary sewerage system and the potable water system whereby vacuums or back siphonage could permit sanitary wastes to

enter the potable water system. No cross-connections shall be made between the sanitary sewerage system and the storm drains or storm sewers.

(Ord. 754, 10/6/1958 §20)

§121. Permission to Inspect.

Any contributor shall permit the Borough's representative to inspect or test his sanitary house system at any reasonable or proper time upon adequate notice from the Borough's representative.

(Ord. 754, 10/6/1958 §21)

§122. Penalties.

Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any provision of this Part shall, upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than \$1,000 plus costs and, in default of payment of said fine and costs, to a term of imprisonment not to exceed 30 days. Every day that a violation of this Part continues, after notice thereof, shall constitute a separate offense.

(Ord. 754, 10/6/1958 §22; as amended by A.O.)

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§201. Sewer Rentals Established.

There is hereby established and imposed a sewer rental or charge for the use of the sanitary sewers, sewer system and sewage treatment works owned or operated by the Borough of Greenville to be payable by the owners of all properties served thereby or by the users of sewer service jointly and severally. In order to apportion the cost of such sanitary sewer service equitably among the properties served by said sanitary sewers, sewer system and sewerage treatment works, the rental or charges for such services for every property served by the sanitary sewers, sewer system and sewerage treatment charged shall be decreased from 80% of the face amount charged to such properties for water consumed by such properties to 77% of the face amount charged to such properties for water consumed by or for such properties (with exceptions herein noted) during the period for which the sewer rental or charge is billed. For customers supplied with water by the Municipal Authority of the Borough of Greenville, the sewer rental or charge shall be computed according to the water meter readings of the Municipal Authority of the Borough of Greenville for water furnished to said properties.

(Ord. 736, 1/25/1958, §1; as amended by Ord. 774, 3/23/1960, §1; by Ord. 864, 1/5/1965, §1; by Ord. 955, 9/8/1970, §1; by Ord. 1015, 10/8/1974, §1; by Ord. 1025, 12/9/1975, §1; by Ord. 1062, 1/24/1978, §1; by Ord. 1090, 8/11/1980, §1; by Ord. 1108, 2/10/1981, §1; by Ord. 1122, 5/11/1982, §1; by Ord. 1188, 3/8/1988, §1; by Ord. 1209, 3/14/1989, §1; by Ord. 1275, 3/9/1993, §1; by Ord. 1306, 3/14/1995, Art. I; by Ord. 1338, 3/11/1997, Art. I; by Ord. 1378, 6/12/2001, Art. 1; by Ord. 1410, 4/14/2003, Art. 1; by Ord. 1425, 11/18/2003, Art. 1; by Ord. 1449, 12/13/2005, Art. 1; and by Ord. 1452, 2/14/2006)

§202. Rendering of Bills; When Due and Payable; Discounts; Discontinuance of Service for Failure to Pay.

1. Bills for sewer rentals and charges hereby imposed shall be rendered concurrently with bills for water services rendered by the Municipal Authority of the Borough of Greenville and shall be due and payable concurrently with said bills for water services.
2. All bills for sewer rentals and charges shall be due when rendered and shall be subject to a discount of 5% if paid within 12 days from date of bill.
3. Sewer service to any property may be discontinued after five days notice, for failure of the property owner or user to pay the bill for such services within 30 days after the due date thereof.

(Ord. 736, 1/25/1958, §2)

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§203. Sewer Rentals for Property Having Water Source Other than from Municipal Authority.

Owners and/or users of the sanitary sewers, sewer system and the sewerage treatment works having a source of water other than the water supply of the Municipal Authority of the Borough of Greenville shall pay sewer rental or charge by one of the following methods:

- A. Restaurants, cafes, hotels, clubs, rooming houses, public garages, filling stations, laundries, ice cream and/or soda dispensers, dairies, dental offices and all users of the sanitary sewer system having water-cooled refrigerators and/or air conditioning systems shall install water meters on their source of water, which meters shall be subject to approval by the Borough and shall pay a sewer rental or charge on the basis of the meter readings at the same rate as is provided under §201 hereof.
- B. Industrial plants and establishments shall make application to Council for approval to pay a sewer rental or charge by one of the following methods viz.:
 - (1) The owner and/or user shall install a water meter on his source of water, which meter shall be subject to approval by the Borough, and shall pay a sewer rental or charge on the basis of the meter readings at the same rate as is provided under §201, hereof.
 - (2) The user and/or owner shall pay a bi-monthly rental of \$8.56 per employee using the sewer facilities of such industrial user, as determined on the last day of the preceding quarter.
 - (3) Domestic owners and/or users shall make application to the Council for approval to pay a sewer rental or charge by one of the following methods, viz.:
 - (a) The owner and/or user shall install a water meter on his source of water, which meter shall be subject to approval by the Borough, and shall pay a sewer rental or charge on the basis of the meter readings at the same rate as is provided under §201, hereof.
 - (b) The user and/or owner shall pay a bi-monthly sewer rate of \$52.10.

(Ord. 736, 1/25/1958, §3; as amended by Ord. 864, 1/5/1965, §§2, 3; by Ord. 955, 9/8/1970, §§ 2,3; by Ord. 1015, 10/8/1974, §§2,3; by Ord. 1025, 12/9/1975, §§2,3; by Ord. 1062, 1/24/1978, §§2,2; by Ord. 1090, 8/11/1980, §§2, 3; by Ord. 1108, 2/10/1981, §4; by Ord. 1109, §§2,3; by Ord. 1122, 5/11/1982, §§2,3; by Ord. 1188, 3/8/1988, §§2,3; by Ord. 1209, 3/14/1990, §§2,3; by Ord. 1219, 12/29/1989, §§2,3; by Ord. 1275, 3/9/1993, §§2,3; by

Ord. 1289, 2/28/1994, Arts. 1 & 2; by Ord. 1306, 3/14/1995, Arts. I & II; by Ord. 1338, 3/11/1997, Arts. 1 & 2; by Ord. 1378, 6/12/2001, Art. 2,3; by Ord. 1410, 4/14/1002, Art. 2, 3; by Ord. 1425, 11/18/2003, Art. 2, 3; and Ord. 1449, 12/13/2005, Art. 2, 3)

§204. Certain Substances not to be Discharged into Sewer; Permits Required for Process Waste Discharge; Surcharge for Discharge of Certain Wastes.

1. The above schedule of rates shall cover the charges based on volume only for a normal domestic or commercial sanitary sewage.
2. All persons discharging process wastewater into the sewer system shall obtain permission of the Borough to discharge such wastewater into the sewer system before commencing the discharge of such wastewater into the sewer system. The Borough may require the user to obtain a wastewater discharge permit as necessary to protect the sewer system of the Borough. Wastewater discharge permits may contain the following conditions:
 - A. Wastewater discharge limitations on the amounts and rate of discharge of waste and the amounts and concentration limits on pollutants of concern as determined by the Borough.
 - B. Requirements for monitoring the wastestream and reporting to the Borough.
 - C. Requirements for pretreatment of process wastewater prior to discharge into the sewer system.
 - D. Provisions for revocation of permits and termination of discharge of process wastewater to the Borough.
 - E. Other conditions which the Borough may deem necessary for the protection of the sewer system.
3. Prohibited Discharge Standards.
 - A. General Prohibitions. No user shall introduce or cause to be introduced into the sewer any pollutant or wastewater which causes pass through or interference in the sewer system. These general prohibitions apply to all users of the sewer system whether on not they are subject to categorical pretreatment standards or any other national, State or local pretreatment standards or requirements.
 - B. Specific Prohibitions. No user shall introduce or cause to be introduced into the sewer system the following pollutants, substances or wastewater:
 - (1) Pollutants which create a fire or explosive hazard in the sewer system including, but not limited to, waste streams with a closed cup flash-

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point of less 140° F. (60° C.) using test methods specified in 40 CFR §261.21.

- (2) Wastewater having a pH less than 6.0 or more than 9.5 or otherwise causing corrosive structural damage to the sewer system or equipment.
- (3) Solid or viscous substances in amounts which will cause obstruction of the flow in the sewer system resulting in interference (but in no case solids greater than 1/2 inch in any dimension) including garbage which has not been shredded.
- (4) Pollutants including oxygen-demand pollutants (BOD, etc.), released in a discharge at a flow rate and/or pollutant concentration which, either singly or by interaction with other pollutants, will cause interference with the sewer system.
- (5) Wastewater having a temperature greater than 150° F. or which will inhibit biological activity in the treatment plant resulting in interference, but in no case wastewater which causes the temperature at the introduction into the treatment plant to exceed 104° F.
- (6) Petroleum oil, nonbiodegradable cutting oil or products of mineral oil origin, in amounts that will cause interference or pass through or fats, oils or greases of animal or vegetable origin in concentration greater than 100 mgl.
- (7) Pollutants which result in the presence of toxic gases, vapors or fumes within the sewer system in a quantity that may cause acute worker health and safety problems.
- (8) Trucked or hauled pollutants, except at discharge points designated by the Borough.
- (9) Noxious or malodorous liquids, gases, solids or other wastewater which, either singly or by interaction with other wastes, are sufficient to create a public nuisance or a hazard to life or to prevent entry into the sewer for maintenance and repair.
- (10) Sludges, screenings or other residues from the pretreatment of industrial wastes.
- (11) Wastewater causing two readings on an explosion hazard meter at the point of discharge into the sewer or at any point in the sewer system, of more than 5% or any single reading over 10% of the lower explosive limit of the meter.

4. The following surcharge rate in addition to the applicable rate set forth above, shall be charged any customer whose wastes exceed the limits set forth in subsection (1) of this Section:
 - A. \$0.000288 for each mgl of suspended solids in excess of 350 mgl per 1,000 gallons of sewage.
 - B. \$0.000202 for each mgl of five day 20° C.B.O.D. above 300 gpm per 1,000 gallons of sewage.
 - C. \$0.01008 for each mgl of chlorine demand greater than 50 mgl.
 - D. \$0.000015 for each mgl of grit or mineral solids in excess of 14 mgl per 1,000 gallons of sewage.

The surcharge or additional strength sewage shall be determined by analysis based on accepted standards for sewage analysis.

(Ord. 736, 1/25/1958, §4; as amended by Ord. 1293, 9/13/1994, Art. I)

§205. Special Rates Where Discharge on Water Usage Basis Inequitable.

In cases where any owner and/or user of the sanitary sewer system paying sewer rentals or charges on the basis of metered water uses discharges less than 75% of his total water usage into the system, upon application by the user to Council, a sewer rental or charge shall be determined by either:

- A. Placing a water meter, which shall be subject to the approval of the Borough, at the expense of the owner and/or user, on the water supply line or lines not discharging into the sanitary sewer system, and the readings therefrom will then be deducted from the total water meter readings and the remainder will be used in computing the sewer rental or charge according to the rates set forth in §201 above; or,
- B. Placing a meter or measuring device, which shall be subject to the approval of the Borough, on the sewer connection at the expense of the owner and/or user, and the sewer rental or charge shall be computed on the basis of gallons discharged into the sanitary sewer system according to the rates set forth in §201, above.

(Ord. 736, 1/25/1958, §5; as amended by Ord. 1108, 2/10/1981, §4)

§206. Property Owner's Responsibility; Recovery of Unpaid Sewer Rentals.

1. Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any provision of this Part shall, upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than one \$1,000

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plus costs and, in default of payment of said fine and costs, to a term of imprisonment not to exceed 30 days. Each day that a violation continues, after notice, shall constitute a separate offense. [A.O.]

2. Both the owner or owners of the property and the user of the sewer service are responsible for all the above sewer rentals or charges for sewer services rendered to any tenant or occupant of that property. Any sewer rental or charge not paid on or before 12 days after the date on which the same is billed shall be a lien upon the property charged with the payment thereof. Such sewer rental, or charge, if not paid after 30 days notice may be collected as provided by law by an action of assumpsit, or by distress of personal property on the premises, or by lien filed in the nature of a municipal lien.

(Ord. 736, 1/25/1958, §6; as amended by Ord. 805, 5/1/1962; by Ord. 1108, 2/10/1981, §2; and by A.O.