

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF WATER CONSERVATION REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL NEW STRUCTURES WITHIN HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Supervisors of Hilltown Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, and it is hereby enacted and ordained by the authority of same:

Section 1. Definitions

The following words, terms, and phrases used in this ordinance shall be defined and construed as follows:

- A. "Business" shall include commercial, industrial, and professional activity.
- B. "Consumer" shall include a person, partnership, association or corporation, and shall mean anyone to whom water is supplied by the Authority, whether as owner or tenant.
- C. "Property" shall mean the following:
 - 1. a building or enclosure occupied as a single dwelling unit or business;
 - 2. a combination of buildings in common enclosure occupied as a single dwelling or business;
 - 3. one side of a double house with a solid vertical partition wall occupied as a single dwelling unit;
 - 4. each dwelling unit, business, or profession in addition to the first dwelling unit, business, or profession occupying the same building or enclosure, regardless of whether or not any additional plumbing facilities are existing with respect to such dwelling units, businesses, or professions in addition to those installed or existing in the first year there of; provided, however, that during the first year following the date upon which newly constructed or reconstructed commonly owned multiple dwelling, business, or professional unit in addition to the first such unit shall be considered as property for purposes of this Ordinance only upon its having been rented for occupancy. Upon the expiration of such first year, such additional dwelling, business or professional unit shall be considered a property hereunder, regardless of whether or not it has been so rented.

D. "New Construction" shall mean construction pursuant to a valid building permit issued subsequent to date of enactment hereof.

Section 2. Water Conservation Requirements

Water saving fixtures and devices shall be required in all new construction regardless of public or private water supply pursuant to the following specifications:

A. Water closets operated by flush tanks.

Water closets and associated flushing mechanisms shall not exceed an average maximum volume of one and sixth tenth gallons per flushing cycle when tested in accordance with a hydraulic performance requirements of ANSI A112.91.2m and ANSI A112.19.6m.

B. Urinals and Associates Flushing Mechanisims

Urinal water consumption shall not exceed an average of 1.5 gallons per flush cycle over a range of test pressures from 20 to 80 psi. The fixtures shall perform in accordance with the test requirements of the ANSI A122.19.2M and ANSI A112.19.6M.

C. Special Performance Equipment

The performance standards of Section two shall not apply to fixtures and fittings such as emergency showers, aspirator faucets, and blowout fixtures that, in order to perform a specialized function, cannot meet the specified standards.

D. Showerheads

Showerhead discharge rates shall not exceed 3 gallons of water per minute when tested in accordance with ANSI A112.18.1m.

E. Sink Faucets

1. Kitchen sink faucet discharge rates shall not exceed 3 gallons of water per minute over a range of test pressure from twenty (20) to eighty (80) psig. The fixture shall perform in accordance with the test requirements cited in the ANSI 112.18.1m Finished Rough Brass Plumbing Fixture Fittings standard.

2. Residential lavatory sink faucet discharge rates shall not exceed 3 gallons of water per minute over a range of test pressures from twenty (20) to eighty (80) psig. The fixture shall perform in accordance with the test requirements cited in the ANSI 112.18.1m Finished Rough Brass Plumbing Fixture Fittings standard.

Section 3. Penalty

The provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be for the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the Township and persons violating any provisions, upon conviction before any District Justice of Bucks County, shall be fined the sum of Three Hundred (\$300.00) Dollars and costs. Each day during which such violation of any provisions shall continue, shall be deemed to be a separate offense.

Section 4. Severability

If any provision, sentence, clause, section or part of this Ordinance, or the application of any provision hereof, is for any reason found to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, such unconstitutionality, illegality or invalidity shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, sentences, clauses, sections or parts of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared as the intend of the Township that this Ordinance would have been enacted had such unconstitutional, illegal or invalid provision, sentence, clause, section or part hereof not been included.

Section 5. Repealer

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed. Specifically, Section 1503.8 of the 1990 BOCA National Plumbing Code, 8th Edition, is repealed to the extent of that section's inconsistency with this Ordinance.

Section 6. Effective Date

This Ordinance is hereby declared to be urgent for the preservation of the peace, health and comfort of the people of the Township and shall take effect and be enforced five (5) days after it is enacted by the Board of Supervisors of the Township.

SO ORDAINED AND ENACTED into ordinance this 27th
day of April A.D. 1992.

HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

W. H. Bennett
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Attest:

Synda S. Seines
Township Secretary