

ORDINANCE NO. 91-04

AN ORDINANCE OF HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP REGULATING CONNECTIONS TO THE PUBLIC SEWAGE SYSTEMS, REQUIRING A PERMIT TO CONNECT TO THE PUBLIC SEWAGE SYSTEM, PROVIDING FOR RULES AND REGULATIONS; AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS

Preamble

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Hilltown Township, in order to promote the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Township hereby ORDAINS:

ARTICLE I - DEFINITIONS

Section 101. As used in this Ordinance, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated, unless a different meaning clearly appears from the context:

Authority - The Hilltown Township Water and Sewer Authority or such other body politic and corporate, created pursuant to the Municipality Authorities Act of 1945.

Building Drain - Part of the lowest horizontal piping of a drain system which receives the discharge from soil, waste, and other drainage pipes inside the walls of the building and conveys it to the building sewer, beginning five (5) feet outside the inner face of the building wall.

Building Sewer - Piping carrying wastes from a building to the treatment or holding tank or to the public sewer main.

Department - Department of Environmental Resources of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Lot - A part of a subdivision or a parcel of land used as a building site or intended to be used for building purposes, whether immediate or future.

Occupied Unit - Each single dwelling unit, household unit, flat or apartment unit, store, shop, office, business or industrial unit or family unit contained within any structure erected within one hundred fifty (150) feet from the public sewage system and intended for continuous or

periodic habitation, occupancy or use by human beings or animals and from which structure sanitary sewage is, or may be, discharged.

Person - Any natural person, partnership, association or corporation. When ever used in any clause prescribing and imposing a penalty, or imposing a fine or imprisonment, or both, the term "person" shall include the members of an association and the officers of a corporation.

Public Sewage System - Sewer system and any treatment facility, or other appurtenant facilities owned, operated, or maintained by the Hilltown Township Water and Sewer Authority or any other legally created Authority, and approved by the Department under a permit issued pursuant to the Clean Streams Law, Act of June 22, 1937, P.L. 1987, No. 394, 35 P.S. §691.1 et seq. (1982) as hereafter amended, supplemented, modified or reenacted by the General Assembly of Pennsylvania.

Sewage - Any substance that contains any of the waste products or excrementitious or other discharge from the bodies of human beings or animals, and any noxious or deleterious substances being harmful or inimical to the public health, or to animal or aquatic life, or to the use of water for domestic water supply or for recreation.

Sewage Treatment Plant - Any arrangement of devices and structures used for treating sewage.

Storm Sewer - Sewer which carries storm and surface waters and drainage, but excludes sewage and industrial wastes.

Township - Hilltown Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania.

In this Ordinance, the singular shall include the plural; the plural shall include the singular; and the masculine shall include the feminine and neuter.

ARTICLE II - REQUIRED CONNECTIONS TO PUBLIC SEWAGE SYSTEM

Section 201. All property owners whose building lines are within one hundred fifty (150) feet of any public sewer line shall be required to connect thereto.

Section 202. If the owner of any property, after sixty (60) days' notice from the Township to make connection of such property with the public sewage system shall fail to make such connection, the Township or its authorized agents may make the connection and collect the costs thereof in the manner provided by law.

Section 203. From time to time in the future, as public sewage services become available to additional properties within the township, by reason of additions to the public sewage system or improvements of abutting properties, each and every owner of such property shall be required to make the necessary connection to the abutting or adjoining sewer lines, and any septic tanks, cesspools, holding tanks and similar devices connected to an individual sewage system shall be abandoned and filled with clean material.

Section 204. The Township or its authorized agent, and agents of the Authority shall have access at all reasonable hours of the day to all parts of the premises to which sewage service is supplied to make necessary inspections.

ARTICLE III - CONNECTION PERMITS AND SPECIFICATIONS

Section 301. No unauthorized person shall uncover, make any connection with or open into, use, alter or disturb any part of the public sewage system or appurtenances thereto without first obtaining the appropriate permit from the Township or Authority.

Section 302. No connection shall be made with the sewer system except in compliance with this Ordinance, as amended, and the rules and regulations of the Authority.

Section 303. All costs and expenses incident to the installation and connection of the building sewer shall be borne by the owner.

Section 304. A separate and independent building sewer shall be provided for every building. When more than one (1) occupied unit, as defined above, is contained in a separate structure, a single, common connection to the lateral of the sewer system may be permitted for accommodating all units contained in such structure, provided that separate connections shall be required for each semi-detached or row type house or structure.

Section 305. All permit holders shall notify the Authority with jurisdiction when the building sewer is ready for inspection and connection with the public sewer, and the connection shall be made under the supervision of the appropriate Authority.

Section 306. All excavations for building sewer installation and connections shall be adequately guarded with barricades and lights so as to protect the public from hazards. Streets, sidewalks, parkways and other public property disturbed in the course of the work shall be restored in the manner satisfactory to the Township and/or Authority.

ARTICLE IV - PENALTIES, REPEALER, EFFECTIVE DATE

Section 401. Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any provision of this Ordinance shall, upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), and in default of payment, to imprisonment for a term not to exceed thirty (30) days. Every day that a violation of this Ordinance continues shall constitute a separate offense.

Section 402. All ordinances or parts of ordinances which are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed. The following ordinances or parts thereof are specifically repealed: Ordinance No. 77-3

Section 403. Should any section or provision of this Ordinance be declared by any Court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, illegal or unconstitutional, such decision shall have no effect on the validity of this Ordinance as a whole, or any part thereof.

Section 404. This Ordinance shall become effective five (5) days after its enactment.

SO ENACTED AND ORDAINED this 8th day of July, A.D., 1991.

HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP
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