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Plumbing Requirements

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CROSS REFERENCES

Federal Water Pollution Control Act - (Clean Water Act); (as amended 33 U.S.C. 1251, et seq.)  
Sewer connections - see 3rd Class 3201 et seq. (53 P.S. 38201 et seq.)  
City may charge tapping fee - see 3rd Class 3202 (53 P.S. 38202)  
Power to furnish facilities outside City - see 3rd Class 3250 (53 P.S. 38250)  
Sewage disposal standards - see 25 Pa. Code 73.1 et seq.  
Waste water treatment - see 25 Pa. Code Ch. 95  
Industrial wastes - see 25 Pa. Code Ch. 97  
Industrial wastes charge - see S. U. & P.S. 933.04  
New subdivision sewers - see P. & Z.1397.07

932.01 DEFINITIONS.

The following words and terms, when used in this article, shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

- (a) "Commercial wastes" means the wastes generated from a commercial operation as distinct from domestic, and industrial sewage.
- (b) "Domestic sewage" means the water-borne waste derived from ordinary living processes.
- (c) "Garbage" means solid waste from the preparation, cooking and dispensing of food, and from the handling, storage and sale of produce.

- (d) "Garbage grinders" means a mechanical device which shreds or grinds food for the purpose of sewage disposal.
- (e) "Ground garbage" means the residue from the preparation, cooking and dispensing of food that has been shredded to such degree that all particles shall be carried freely in suspension under the normal flow conditions prevailing in the sewer conduit to which they are contributory and those prevailing in public sewers with no particle greater than one-half inch in any dimension.
- (f) "Industrial wastes" means the wastes from industrial processes as distinct from domestic, and commercial sewage.
- (g) "Interceptor" means a device designed and installed so as to separate and retain deleterious, hazardous, or undesirable matter from normal wastes, while permitting normal sewage or wastes to discharge into the drainage system by gravity.
- (h) "Person" means any individual, partnership, firm, company, corporation, association, joint stock company, trust, estate, governmental entity or any other legal entity, or their legal representatives, agents or assigns. The masculine gender shall include the feminine, the singular shall include the plural where indicated by the context.
- (i) "Publicly Owned Treatment Works" or "POTW" means a treatment works as defined by section 212 of the Act, which is owned by a state or municipality (as defined by section 502(4) of the Act). This definition includes any devices and systems used in the storage, treatment, recycling and reclamation of municipal sewage or industrial wastes of a liquid nature. It also includes sewers, pipes and other conveyances only if they convey wastewater to a POTW Treatment Plant. The term also means the Municipality as defined in section 502(4) of the Act, which has jurisdiction over the Indirect Discharges to and the discharges from such a treatment work [40 CFR 403.3(o)].
- (j) "Sanitary sewer" means a sewer which carries sewage and to which storm, surface and ground waters are not intentionally admitted.
- (k) "Sewage" means a combination of the water-carried wastes from residences, business buildings, institutions and industrial establishments, together with such ground, surface and storm waters as may be present.
- (l) "Sewage works" means all facilities for collection, pumping, treating and disposing of sewage (see Publicly Owned Treatment Works-POTW).
- (m) "Storm water" means storm water runoff, snow melt runoff, and surface runoff and drainage.
- (n) "Storm sewer or storm drain" means a sewer which carries storm and surface waters and drainage, but excludes sewage and polluted industrial wastes.
- (o) "General Manager" means the General Manager of the York City Wastewater Treatment Plant or his duly authorized representative.
- (p) "Treatment plant" means the York City Wastewater Treatment Plant, 1701 Black Bridge Road, York, PA 17402.  
(Ord. 12-2000. Passed 6-20-00.)

#### 932.02 APPLICATIONS FOR PERMITS FOR CONNECTIONS.

Whenever it is desired to make any connections with the sewage works, application for a permit shall first be made to the Plumbing Inspector in such form as may be approved by the Department of Economic Development, and a permit shall be granted by such Inspector in conformity with the provisions of this article.  
(Ord. 12-2000. Passed 6-20-00.)

#### 932.03 TAPPING FEE.

A charge of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) is hereby levied against each property owner for any new connection with such sewer, which sum shall be paid into the City Sewer Rental Fund at the time of the granting of the connection permit.  
(Ord. 12-2000. Passed 6-20-00.)

#### 932.04 CONNECTIONS.

(a) Connections shall be laid at the expense of the property owner, but shall be subject to inspection at all times by the Plumbing Inspector, or his properly authorized assistants. These connections shall not be covered up until they have been properly inspected and approved. Sizes shall in general be four inches or greater. They shall be laid in a workmanlike manner with sufficient slope and with watertight joints. Watertight work will be insisted upon, and the City reserves the right to take up and relay leaky connections at the owner's expense.

(b) No person, without authority or permission from the City, shall connect any property with any sewer which connects with or is a part of the sewage works of the City or discharge any sewage, or other drainage or other substance into any sewer which connects with or is a part of the City sanitary sewer system.  
(Ord. 12-2000. Passed 6-20-00.)

#### 932.05 JOINTS.

All joints, of both storm and sanitary sewers, shall rendered watertight in accordance with existing regulations.  
(Ord. 12-2000. Passed 6-20-00.)

#### 932.06 BASEMENT DRAINS AND CONNECTIONS.

No permit for a basement drain shall be granted until the owner of the building or his agent has executed and signed a written agreement upon a form furnished by the City, releasing the City from any damage that may result from the basement being flooded by the stoppage of sewers, which agreement shall be filed with the City Plumbing Inspector. All basement sewer connections for which such permits have been obtained shall be provided with a check valve, and the plumbing waste pipes therein shall be so connected that the use of fixtures on or about the first floor of such building shall not be interfered with by the shutting off of such valve. Nothing in this section shall be construed as affecting properties with basement sewer connections which were installed prior to December 28, 1982, and for which the permit and agreement described herein were not required.  
(Ord. 12-2000. Passed 6-20-00.)

**932.07 GARBAGE GRINDERS OR DISPOSERS.**

(a) The installation and use of garbage grinders shall be permitted only in food preparation areas. Domestic units shall not exceed one-half horsepower in power.

(b) Garbage grinders shall be used only for the disposal of food wastes and no other; specifically, not for the disposal of paper products, pathological material, or any other prohibited materials or wastes. Such devices shall produce particles of a size that can be carried freely under normal flow conditions prevailing in the sewer conduit to which they are contributory. They shall not be permitted in areas where sluggish flow or other similar conditions exist which would be made worse by the use of garbage grinders.

(c) Where a property is equipped with a garbage grinder, the property owner shall be responsible for maintenance of connections from the main to the buildings.

(d) All garbage grinders shall be registered with the Plumbing Inspector at the time of installation.

(Ord. 12-2000. Passed 6-20-00.)

**932.08 “V” CONNECTIONS, LATERALS AND “Y” BRANCHES.**

All connections to the sanitary sewer system or any part thereof shall be made at the end of V or lateral provided at the curb or at the Y branch provided in the main sewer for that purpose. Where it is necessary to make a connection at a point not provided with a Y branch, the sewer shall be tapped and a Y branch inserted. A record of the exact location of such connection shall be made at once and placed on the official plans of the City. No connection shall be laid by any person from the main sewer to the curb line except under the supervision of the Plumbing Inspector and Director of Economic Development or his duly authorized assistants. All connections with laterals at the curb shall be made under the supervision of the Plumbing Inspector and Director of Economic Development or his duly authorized assistants.

(Ord. 12-2000. Passed 6-20-00.)

**932.09 DRAINAGE INTO CESSPOOLS, WELLS, SEPTIC TANKS OR OTHER RECEPTACLES PROHIBITED; CLEANING AND BACKFILLING.**

The drainage or depositing of sewage into cesspools, wells, septic tanks, drain fields or other sewage or drainage receptacles is prohibited. The use of cesspools, wells, septic tanks, drain fields or other sewage or drainage receptacles for the disposal of sewage is prohibited. All cesspools, wells, septic tanks or other sewer or drainage receptacles so used shall be cleaned, filled and sealed. A three months' notice to discontinue the use of any cesspool and to have it cleaned and filled shall be given by the Department of Economic Development. After the cesspool has been cleaned, it may be used to receive surface or roof drainage, upon permission granted therefor by the Department of Economic Development.

(Ord. 12-2000. Passed 6-20-00.)

932.10 CESSPOOLS OR PRIVY VAULTS NOT TO BE CONNECTED WITH SEWERS.

No connection for any cesspool or privy vault shall be made with any sewer, and no privy vault or cesspool for sewage or house drainage shall hereafter be constructed in any part of the City.

(Ord. 12-2000. Passed 6-20-00.)

932.11 STORM WATER, GROUND WATER, AND OTHER WATER PIPE CONVEYERS.

No storm water or downspout pipes, or other pipes used to convey water, except the pipes necessary to plumbing and dwelling drainage systems, shall be connected with any sanitary sewer. The Plumbing Inspector shall at all times have the right to close up or disconnect from the sanitary sewer system any private dwelling sewer which is used for the carrying of storm water or ground water into the sanitary sewer.

(Ord. 12-2000. Passed 6-20-00.)

932.12 APPROVAL BY PLUMBING INSPECTOR AND DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

(a) Before or after any building shall be connected with the sewage works, the plumbing system thereof shall be inspected and approved by the Plumbing Inspector and Superintendent of Sanitary Sewers, and he may order a revision, alteration or correction thereof to the end that the same may conform, in construction and manner of use, to the provisions of this article, the requirements of the State Department of Health, the requirements of the State Department of Environmental Resources, the requirements of the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the Acts of Assembly relating thereto.

(b) When any building is removed, or any drainage or sewer system is abandoned or dismantled or removed, the sewer connection shall be disconnected at the curb, or property line and properly sealed and inspected by the Plumbing Inspector.

(Ord. 12-2000. Passed 6-20-00.)

932.13 VIOLATIONS.

(a) Upon failure of any owner to comply with any of the terms and requirements of this article after notice to do so, the same may be done or caused to be done by the City and the cost thereof shall be levied and collected from such owner, together with penalty of ten percent (10%) of such costs and all charges and expenses. Such amount shall be a lien upon such premises from the time of the completion of the work, which date shall be fixed by the certificate of the Plumbing Inspector, filed with the City Solicitor, and may be collected by action in assumpsit, or such lien may be filed and proceeded in as provided by law in the case of municipal liens.

(b) In addition thereto any owner or other person who violates or refuses to comply with any provision of this article or any notice given under the authority of the same, or who obstructs or interferes with any person in the execution of any of the provisions hereof, shall be subject to the penalty provided in Section 931.99.

(Ord. 12-2000. Passed 6-20-00.)

932.99 PENALTY.

(a) Any person who violates or fails to comply with any provision of this article shall upon conviction thereof be fined not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) and costs of prosecution and in default of payment thereof, shall be imprisoned for not more than thirty days. A separate offense shall be deemed committed on each day during or on which a violation or failure to comply occurs or continues.

(b) Any person violating any of the provisions of this article shall become liable to the City for any expenses, loss or damage occasioned by the City by reason of such violation.

(c) For the violation of any of the provisions of this article, the City shall have the right and power to disconnect all connecting pipe lines conveying sewage or industrial wastes from the buildings of the users of the City's sewers to the City's sewer system from such sewer system. The cost of disconnection and any reconnection shall be paid by the user. The right and power of disconnection shall be in addition to any fine or penalty imposed for the violation. (Ord. 12-2000. Passed 6-20-00.)