

ARTICLE IV

DRIVEWAY DRAINAGE SYSTEMS

History: Adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Center Township as Ordinance No. 2022-04-03, April 13, 2022.

§17-401 Definitions and Word Usage

The following words, when used in this Chapter, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this Chapter, except in those instances where the context clearly indicates otherwise:

- A. **PERSON:** Any natural person, partnership, firm, general contractor, association, corporation or public utility company.
- B. **PRIVATE DRIVEWAY:** Every entrance or exit used by vehicular traffic to or from properties abutting a street.
- C. **STREET:** Any adopted public street, avenue, road, square, alley, highway or other public place located in the Township of Center and established for the use of vehicles, including the entire right-of-way of the street.
- D. **DRIVEWAY WATER:** The water that exits a driveway onto the public street, avenue, road, alley, highway of the Township.

§17-402 Causation of Driveway Water onto Township Roads

- A. The Township Road Foreman or designee shall determine the best management practice (BMP) to eliminate driveway water conditions from affecting the Township Road System and advise property owner(s) of said determinations.
- B. Property owners are responsible for keeping pipes clear and free from obstructions.

§17-403 Requests for Driveway Pipes

- A. Where requested by a property owner, a driveway pipe may be installed by the Township when the property owner purchases the pipe and other required materials as determined by the Township Road Foreman or designee.
- B. The size and configuration of a driveway drainage pipe on existing driveways shall be determined by the Road Foreman or designee.
- C. Installation of the driveway pipe by the Township will be scheduled as time allows in the Road Departments work schedule.

§17-404 Prohibited Acts

- A. It shall be unlawful for any person to install, lay, construct a driveway drainage system within the Township Right-of-Way without first contacting the Township Road Department.
- B. Water that exits a driveway onto the public street, road, avenue or highway so as to cause a dangerous condition or a nuisance is hereby prohibited.

§17-405 Compliance Required

- A. All work accomplished shall comply with all rules, regulations, policies, specifications and/or procedures approved from time to time by the Township, including without limitation, the provisions of this Chapter as from time to time amended.
- B. The size and configuration of driveway drainage systems on existing property does not exempt the requirements of planned developments as stipulated in Chapter 14 and Chapter 21 of Center Township Codified Ordinances.

§17-406 Violations and Penalties

Any person, whether principal, agent or employee, violating or assisting in the violation of any of the provisions of this Article shall, upon conviction, pay a fine of not less than one hundred dollars (\$100) nor more than six hundred dollars (\$600) and costs of prosecution and, in default of the payment of such fine and costs of prosecution, shall be imprisoned in the County Jail for not more than thirty (30) days, or both. Each day of violation shall be considered a separate and distinct offense.