

**ARTICLE III**  
**SANITARY SEWER LINE CONNECTIONS**

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**§15-301. Connection Required**

Every owner of property in the municipality benefited, improved and accommodated by any public sanitary sewer presently in existence, or which may be hereafter constructed, shall connect directly or indirectly to the sewer system, at their own cost, the house, building or other structures located on the property with said public sanitary sewers for the purpose of disposing of all acceptable sanitary sewage emanating from said property.

**§15-302. Abandonment of On-Lot Disposal Required**

It shall be unlawful for any owner, leasee, or occupier of any property in the municipality benefited, improved or accommodated by a public sanitary sewer to employ any means either by septic tank, cesspool, privy vault, mine hole or otherwise, for the disposal of acceptable sanitary sewage other than into and through the said public sanitary sewers.

**§15-303. Erection of On-Lot Disposal Receptacles Prohibited**

It is hereby declared unlawful to dispose of sewage in any privy vault, cesspool, septic tank, mine hole or similar receptacle for human excrement and no such on-lot disposal system shall be connected with any public sanitary sewers.

**§15-304. Notice to Connect**

Where any house, building, or structure in the municipality is benefited, improved or accommodated by any public sanitary sewer, it shall be unlawful to use any method of disposal of acceptable sanitary sewage other than through said public sanitary sewers. It shall be the duty of the municipality or any operating authority within the municipality to notify the owner-leasee, or occupier of the structure, in writing or by personal service, certified or registered mail, to disconnect the same and make proper connection for the discharge and disposal of all acceptable sanitary sewage into the public system so hereinafter provided within sixty

(60) days after receipt of such notice. Any owner or leasee or occupier who cannot comply with the provisions of this Chapter as to connection within the sixty (60) days period due to causes beyond his control (but not monetary causes) shall apply within the sixty (60) day period for a time extension not to exceed six (6) months in duration from the date of notice upon the following conditions. The application shall be on a form to be furnished which contains an agreement on the part of the applicant that he shall commence and agree to pay the regular monthly charges made to those using the public sewer in the municipality even though actual connection to the public sanitary sewer will not be accomplished until some stated later date within the said extension period.

**§15-305. Failure to Connect After Notice**

If the owner or occupier of any house, building or structure in the municipality shall neglect or refuse to comply with the provisions of this Chapter after written notice as prescribed in the previous Section, the municipality or the operating authority may perform or cause to be performed such work and labor and finish or cause to be finished such material as may be necessary to comply with the provisions of this Chapter at the cost and expense of such owner or occupier together with a ten percent (10%) additions thereto and all charges and expense incidental thereto, which sums shall be collected from said owner or occupier as debts by law are collected or the municipality or the operating authority may file a municipal claim and lien therefore against the property as provided by law.

**§15-306. Connecting Regulations**

It shall be illegal for any person, firm, or corporation to cause to be made any connection with any public sanitary sewer until he has fulfilled all the following conditions:

- A. He shall make application to the municipality or the operating authority for a permit to connect to the sanitary sewer and provide the information required by the application furnished and among other things, shall state the character and use of such structures erected on the property.
- B. He shall pay to the operating authority a connection fee and tapping for fee surcharges and service charges in accordance with the rules and regulations of the operating authority in effect at the time the charges incurred, which

charges will be uniform throughout the municipality.

- C. No work shall be commenced before the payment of the connection fee and tapping fee as provided by the rules and regulations of the operating authority.
- D. Notice shall be given to the designated inspector of the municipality or the operating authority at least twenty-four (24) hours before the connection shall be made so that all work may be approved as to materials and manner of connecting to the public sewer, which approval will be endorsed by the inspector on the date approved on the permit in the possession of the permittee.
- E. At the time of inspection of the connection, the owner or contractor shall permit the inspector full and complete access to all sanitary and drainage areas and facilities in each building and in and about all parts of the property. No building sewer lines shall be covered or concealed in any manner until after they are inspected and approved by the inspector and after inspection it shall be unlawful for the owner or contractor to make any changes thereby.

**§15-307. Service Line Specifications and Regulations**

The construction, number and size of all building sewer lines or house service sewers shall be done, in accordance with the specifications, plans and procedures of the operating authority as set forth in the rules and regulations.

**§15-308. Unlawful Use of Sanitary Sewers**

It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation connected to any aforementioned public sanitary sewers to connect any surface or underlying stream of water, roof drains, foundation drains, spring water or any unacceptable sewage or industrial waste or any water drainage from any property other than that for which the permit is issued.

**§15-309. Definitions**

“Unacceptable Sanitary Sewage” and other terms used herein shall have the same meaning as when used in the rules and regulations of the Pennsylvania American Water Company and said rules and regulations of the Pennsylvania American Water

Company are to be made applicable to all users of the aforementioned sanitary sewers.

**§15-310. Penalties**

In addition to any penalty herein prescribed, any person, firm, or corporation failing to make a proper connection within the time specified after receipt of proper notice as provided herein shall, upon conviction hereof before the District Justice, pay a fine or penalty of fifty dollars (\$50.00) for each day in violation and for violating any other provisions of this Article shall pay a fine or penalty of not less than five dollars (\$5.00) nor more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00), and in default of payment of either thereof, be sentenced to undergo an imprisonment of not less than five (5) days nor more than thirty (30) days in the County Jail. Each day that a violation continues shall be considered a separate offense. All fines are hereby made a charge against the property and a lien thereon which may be collected under the Municipal Claims Law of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

**§15-311. Enforcement**

The Pennsylvania American Water Company its officers, employees, successors and assigns, are hereby designated as the agent for this Article. The Company is empowered and authorized to take all lawful necessary actions in the name of the Township to enforce the obligations and prohibitions of said Article.

**ARTICLE IV**  
**RESERVED FOR FUTURE USE**

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