

CHAPTER 15
SEWAGE DISPOSAL

ARTICLE I
ON LOT SEWAGE DISPOSAL

History: Adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Center Township as Ordinance No. 8, February 4, 1961, as amended by Ordinance No. 8A, March 2, 1968, Ordinance No. 8B, June 7, 1975, Ordinance No. 2007-06-07, June 13, 2007 and Ordinance No. 2013-08-07, August 14, 2013.

§15-101. Purpose

To establish procedures for the regulation of On Lot Sewage Disposal as set forth on Chapters 71, 72 and 73 of Title 25 of the Pennsylvania Code (Environmental).

§15-102. Definitions

- A. **INSTALLER:** Any person, approved by the Township Sewage Enforcement Officer, which engages in the business of installing on lot sewage systems.
- B. **PERSON:** Any individual, partnership, association, company, firm, trust, corporation, department, bureau, agency or other entity recognized by law as subject to right and duties.
- C. **SEWAGE:** Includes gray water and black water. Gray water is all wastewater generated from household activities, except that produced from the toilet and kitchen sink. Wastewater from the kitchen sink and toilet is black water. Both black water and gray water must be discharged into an on-lot sewage system.
- D. **SEWAGE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER:** The person or persons licensed by the State and appointed by the Board of Supervisors to inspect and approve the installation of permitted on-lot sewage systems.
- E. **SYSTEM:** Any on-lot state-approved sewage system designed and permitted for the sole purpose of renovation and disposal underground of all gray and black water produced by a single residence, mobile home, building, or occupied parcel of land not connected to public sewage.

§15-103. Permits

- A. It shall be unlawful for any person to install or cause to be installed an on-lot sewage system

on any piece or parcel of ground under his/her ownership, care or control unless said person has previously applied for an on-lot sewage system permit, completed state-approved soil tests, and received a permit to install an approved system from the Township Sewage Enforcement Officer.

- B. It shall be unlawful to construct an on-lot sewage system where a public sewer line is within one hundred and fifty feet (150') of the residence, mobile home, building, plant or occupied piece of land and the area sewer authority approves connection to the sewer line.

§15-104. Installers

Installation of on-lot sewage systems may be by:

- A. Installers who assume responsibility for the proper installation of the system design approved and permitted by the Township Sewage Enforcement Officer; or
- B. Any person who complies with the regulations of this Chapter.

§15-105. Applications

All persons wishing to install or have installed an on-lot sewage system must acquire a permit from the Township Sewage Enforcement Officer and a building permit from the Township office. A building permit shall not be issued unless the applicant submits an on-lot sewage permit when apply for the building permit. A fee shall be paid as may be established, from time to time, by Resolution of the Board of Supervisors.

§15-106. New Construction

- A. New construction must be on a minimum one-half (1/2) acre lot to use a septic tank system unless other minimums are established by the Township's Zoning regulations. On existing lots of record where the area is less than one-half (1/2) acre, location and installation of the system shall be such that it will function in a sanitary manner and will not create a health nuisance or endanger the safety of any domestic water supply.
- B. All septic tanks hereafter to be constructed shall comply with the following requirements and specifications:
 - 1. Three (3) bedrooms or less, a tank of nine

hundred (900) gallon capacity shall be required. The tanks shall be set on solid ground.

2. For all other uses, the capacity of the tanks shall be increased pro-rata for the proper disposal of sewage, waste matter, used water or other similar matter, and the capacity of the tank shall be determined and fixed by the political subdivision, to-wit, Center Township Supervisors, as necessary for proper disposal. The subsurface disposal field or absorption ditch shall contain a minimum area of four hundred and seventy-six (476) square feet. Under no circumstances shall rain water from roofing drains, french drains and garage drains be connected into the system and/or septic tanks subsurface disposal field. Septic tanks shall not be permitted closer than ten feet (10') from any house.
- C. Inspection:
1. All absorption ditches and septic tanks shall be left open until passed upon and approved by the Board of Supervisors or its authorized representative.
 2. The inspection shall commence within seventy-two (72) hours after notification.
- D. Location of the disposal field shall be such as to provide not less than the stated distances from the following:
1. Property lines - ten feet (10')
 2. Any water supply – one hundred feet (100')
 3. Dwellings - ten feet (10')
 4. Streams - fifty feet (50')
- E. Distribution box shall be of sufficient size to accommodate the necessary field. Lateral lines shall be constructed at the head of each disposal field.
1. Each field lateral line shall be connected separately to the distribution box and shall be subdivided.
 2. The invert of all outlets shall be level and the inlet invert shall be at least one inch (1") above the outlets.
 3. The outlet inverts shall be from four to six inches (4"-6") above the floor, permitting

water retention to act in lieu of a baffle for the purpose of securing equal distribution.

- F. Each inspection must be certified to the Township in writing on forms provided by the Township to the Township Secretary by the inspector.

§15-107. Portable Chemical Toilets Required for New Construction

No residential or nonresidential building construction shall be started without the developer, builder or owner providing an on-site portable chemical toilet facility for use by the builder's employees, contractors, subcontractors and their employees. The portable chemical toilet facility shall be maintained at all times in a sanitary and good working order. The portable chemical toilet facility shall remain on-site until construction is either completed or until indoor plumbing facilities are constructed and made available to the builder's employees, contractors, subcontractors and their employees. Failure to provide a portable chemical toilet shall result in revocation of the building permit and subject the builder to the penalties set forth in §15-209 below. In addition, failure to maintain the portable chemical toilet in a sanitary and good working order shall result in revocation of the building permit and subject the builder to the penalties set forth in §15-110 below.

§15-108. Existing Systems

Repair or replacement of malfunctioning or inadequate sewage systems shall require permits the same as new installations, but the specifications, if found not practical, shall be individually determined by the Township Sewage Enforcement Officer.

§15-109. Complaints

- A. Complaints of malfunctioning or inadequate sewage systems must be in writing to the Township Secretary who shall forward the complaint to the Township Sewage Enforcement Officer for investigation.
- B. Upon investigation, the Sewage Enforcement Officer may at his discretion complete a dye test on both the complaint's on-lot sewage system and the on-lot sewage system of the person named in the complaint.
- C. In the event that an existing septic system does not function in a sanitary manner so as to create a public health problem, upon any filed

complaint, in writing, it shall be the duty of the Township Sewage Enforcement Officer to provide written notice to the offending person to make the necessary changes within thirty (30) days, in order to make said septic system conform to the requirements and specifications of this Article. Upon failure so to comply within the said thirty (30) day period, such persons shall be deemed to have violated the provisions of this Article.

§15-110. Violations and Penalties

Any person violating the provisions of this Article shall be liable upon conviction thereof before a District Justice and be fined a sum of no less than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) not to exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) for each and every offense, or in default of the payment of the fine and costs, such person willfully in default, shall be committed to the Butler County Prison for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days. Each and every day that any violation of the provisions hereof exists or continues shall constitute a separate and distinct offense and shall be subject to separate and distinct penalties hereunder.

ARTICLE II

SEWAGE RETAINING TANKS

History: Adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Center Township as Ordinance No. 2006-05-02, as amended by Ordinance No. 2013-08-07, August 14, 2013.

§15-201. Purpose

The purpose of this Article is to establish procedures for the use and maintenance of retaining tanks designed to receive and retain sewage, whether from residential or commercial uses, and it is hereby declared that the enactment of this Article is necessary for the protection, benefit and preservation of the health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of Center Township.

§15-202. Definitions

Unless the context specifically and clearly indicates otherwise, the meaning of terms used in this Part shall be as follows:

- A. **ACT 537:** The Pennsylvania Sewage Facilities Act, 35 P.S. §§750.1, *et seq.*, as amended.
- B. **BOARD:** The Board of Supervisors of Center Township, Butler County, Pennsylvania.
- C. **COMMUNITY SEWAGE SYSTEM:** any system, whether publicly or privately owned, for the collection of sewage from two or more lots and the treatment and/or disposal of the sewage on one or more of the lots or at any other site.
- D. **IMPROVED PROPERTY:** any property within this Township upon which there is erected a structure intended for continuous or periodic habitation, occupancy or use by human beings or animals and from which structure sewage shall or may be discharged.
- E. **INDIVIDUAL SEWAGE SYSTEM:** a system of piping, tanks or other facilities serving a single lot and collecting and disposing of sewage in whole or in part, into the soil or into any waters or by means of conveyance to another site for final disposal.
- F. **OWNER:** any person vested with the ownership, legal or equitable; sole or partial, of any property located in this Township.
- G. **PERSON:** any person vested with the ownership, legal or equitable; sole or partial, of any property located in this Township.
- H. **PADEP:** The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection or any successor department or agency of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
- I. **PERSON:** any individual, partnership, company, association, corporation or other group or entity.
- J. **RETAINING TANK:** a watertight receptacle which receives and retains sewage and is designed and constructed to facilitate ultimate disposal of the sewage at another site. The term includes the following:
 - 1. **Chemical toilet:** a permanent or portable non-flushing toilet using chemical treatment in the retaining tank for odor control.
 - 2. **Holding tank:** a tank, whether permanent or temporary, to which sewage is conveyed by a water-carrying system.
 - 3. **Privy:** a tank designed to receive sewage where water, under pressure, is not available.
 - 4. **Incinerating toilet:** a device capable of reducing waste materials to ashes.
 - 5. **Composting toilet:** a device for holding and processing human and organic kitchen waste employing the process of biological degradation through the action of microorganisms to produce a stable, humus-like material.
 - 6. **Recycling toilet:** a device in which the flushing medium is restored to a condition suitable for reuse in flushing.
- K. **RETAINING TANK PUMPER:** a person or entity who removes the contents of a retaining tank for purposes of disposing of the sewage at another site.
- L. **SEWAGE:** any substance that contains any of the waste products or excrement or other discharge from the bodies of human beings or animals and any noxious or deleterious substance being harmful or inimical to the public health, or to animal or aquatic life, or to the use of water for domestic water supply for recreation.

- M. **SEWAGE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER:** the official, appointed by the Board, to review, issue, and enforce permit applications and conducts such investigations and inspections as are necessary to implement the sewage facilities act and the rules and regulations hereunder.
- N. **TOWNSHIP:** the Township of Center, Butler County, Pennsylvania.

§15-203. Permits Required

- A. A sewage permit issued by the Township is required prior to the construction or installation of any permanent or temporary sewage holding tank.
- B. A sewage permit issued by the Township is required prior to the installation of four (4) or more portable toilets at a single construction site, natural gas or oil well drilling site, recreational or sporting activity, or seasonal facility.
- C. Permanent sewage holding tanks shall be used in lieu of other methods of sewage disposal only when not acceptable on-lot system or public sewage disposal cannot be used (i.e. only after all other viable options are eliminated).
- D. Permanent sewage holding tanks shall only be permitted:
1. For institutions, recreational vehicle dump stations or commercial establishments with a sewage flow of less than 800 gallons per day; or
 2. When the use is necessary to abate a nuisance or public health hazard.
- E. Temporary sewage holding tanks shall only be permitted:
1. At a construction site or natural gas or oil well drilling site with a flow of 800 gallons per day or less;
 2. When necessary to abate a nuisance or public health hazard.
- F. Four (4) or more portable toilets installed at a single construction site or natural gas or oil well drilling site shall be covered by one sewage permit.
- G. Three (3) or less portable toilets installed at a construction site or natural gas or oil well

drilling site is exempt from sewage permit requirements.

- H. Sewage permits for permanent holding; tanks shall expire and such tanks shall be abandoned and removed once public or community sewage facilities become available.
- I. Sewage permits issued for portable toilets or temporary holding tanks shall expire no later than eighteen (18) months from the date the permit was issued and are not renewable.
- J. To apply for a sewage permit, the applicant shall submit a complete sewage permit application to the Township, on a form provided by the Township. The Township may require the applicant to provide additional information to assure that the proposed sewage facilities, holding tank, and/or portable toilets will comply with the requirements of Act 537, the regulations, and standards promulgated by PADEP pursuant to Act 537, and the provisions of this Article.
- K. The applicant shall fully pay all applicable fees, as set by the Board of Supervisors by resolution and as amended from time to time; to the Township at the time the application is submitted to the Township.
- L. The Sewage Enforcement Officer shall issue or deny a sewage permit within seven (7) days after receiving a complete application. If the Sewage Enforcement Officer determines that the application is incomplete or that additional information is required, he shall communicate the nature of the deficiency or request supplemental information from the applicant in writing within seven (7) days of receipt of the application. When the required information is received, the Sewage Enforcement Officer shall act upon the application within fifteen (15) days.
- M. The Sewage Enforcement Officer shall be authorized to issue a permit for a sewage system utilizing a permanent holding tank only where the Sewage Enforcement Officer has personally conducted observed or otherwise confirmed in a manner approved by the PADEP all site tests and inspections necessary to determine the suitability of the site for the installation of a sewage holding tank. The Sewage Enforcement Officer shall accept testing and inspections conducted by a prior Sewage Enforcement Officer for the Township.

- N. The Sewage Enforcement Officer shall be authorized to issue a permit for a sewage system utilizing a permanent or temporary holding tank only upon the finding that all of the following conditions have been met:
1. The applicant has entered into a maintenance inspection and pumping agreement with a licensed company, acceptable to the Township, for the pumping, transportation and disposal of sewage from the tank at a PADEP approved disposal site; and
 2. The applicant has provided the Township with a copy of written verification from the proposed disposal site that the facility has adequate capacity for disposal of the applicant's sewage; and
 3. The applicant has entered into a maintenance agreement with the Township establishing the applicant's responsibilities regarding operation, maintenance, repair, and removal of the holding tank and authorizing the Township to conduct random/periodic inspections of the site, sewage facilities and holding tank; and
 4. The applicant has promptly paid all fees, costs and expenses related to the issuance of the sewage permit and posted financial security with the Township for the estimated costs associated with inspection, maintenance, repair, and removal, and pumping, transportation and disposal of sewage from the holding tank, and remediation of the property resulting from any contamination of the site; and
 5. The plans for the installation, operation, maintenance, repair and removal of the holding tank and the pumping, transportation, and disposal of sewage from the holding tank meets all PADEP requirements.
- O. Failure of the Sewage Enforcement Officer to finally act on an application for a sewage permit does not constitute permit approval. If the Sewage Enforcement Officer does not finally act on a complete initial application within fifteen (15) days of receipt, or within thirty (30) days of receipt of all required supplemental information, the applicant may request a hearing before the Board of Supervisors.

§15-204. Denial of Permits

Written notice of denial of a sewage permit shall be provided by the Sewage Enforcement Officer to the applicant. The notice shall include the reasons for denial and provide notice of the applicant's right to request a hearing before the Board of Supervisors. The Sewage Enforcement Officer shall provide a copy of the notice of denial to PADEP within seven (7) days of issuance.

§15-205. Revocation of Permits

The Sewage Enforcement Officer may revoke a sewage permit at any time for one or more of the following reasons:

- A. When a change has occurred in the physical conditions of any lands which will materially affect the sewage system; or
- B. When one or more tests material to the issuance of the permit has not been properly conducted; or
- C. When information relevant to the issuance of the permit has been falsified; or
- D. When the original decision of the Township otherwise failed to conform to Act 537 or the regulations and standards adopted pursuant to Act 537; or
- E. When the permit holder has violated Act 537, the regulations and standards adopted pursuant to Act 537, or the requirements of the permit; or
- F. The permit holder has failed or refuses to comply with any of the provisions of this Article.

§15-206. Written Notice of Revocation

The Sewage Enforcement Officer shall provide written notice of revocation of the sewage permit to the permit holder. The notice shall include the reasons for revocation, notice of the permit holder's right to request a hearing before the Board of Supervisors within ten (10) days of receipt of the revocation notice, and prohibit any further construction activity and/or use of the holding tank and/or the structure for which it is intended or portable toilets until a new permit is issued or the revocation is reversed on appeal.

- A. If the permit holder fails to file a written request for a hearing within ten (10) days after receipt of the notice of revocation, the revocation shall be final.

§15-207. Transfer of Applications/Permits

A sewage permit application or sewage permit may be transferred from the applicant or permit holder to a subsequent owner with the transfer of the property. Such transfers are not valid until approved in writing by the Board of Supervisors, and, in the case of sewage permits, until the subsequent owner receives a copy of the application under which the permit was issued.

§15-208. Holding Tank Construction Standards

- A. All holding tanks shall be constructed to meet the specifications of Act 537 and the regulations and standards promulgated by the PADEP pursuant to Act 537 (25 Pa. Code §73.62, relating to standards for holding tanks) as may be amended from time to time.
- B. The minimum capacity of a holding tank shall be 1,000 gallons or a volume equal to the quantity of waste generated in three (3) days, whichever is larger.
- C. All holding tanks shall be equipped with a warning device to indicate when the tank is filled to within 75% of its capacity. The warning device shall create an audible and visual sign at a location frequented by the permit holder or responsible individual.
- D. The permit holder shall ensure that holding tanks and all related piping are properly winterized to protect the effluent from freezing.

§15-209. Holding Tank Operation and Maintenance

- A. The permit holder shall, at all times:
 - 1. Operate and maintain sewage systems utilizing a holding tank so that the system will function in the manner in which it was designed; and
 - 2. Prevent the unlawful discharge of sewage; and
 - 3. Maintain the area around the holding tank so as to provide convenient access for cleaning, pumping, inspection, maintenance, repair and removal of the tank.
- B. Each time a holding tank is cleaned and/or pumped, the permit holder shall provide the Sewage Enforcement Officer, within five (5) days

of completion, a pumping receipt, which shall contain at a minimum the following information:

- 1. Tax Map Identification and Parcel Number.
 - 2. Name and address of the permit holder.
 - 3. Address of the tank location, if different from the permit holder's address.
 - 4. Name, business address, and telephone number of the pumper.
 - 5. Date of pumping.
 - 6. Amount or volume of material removed from the tank.
 - 7. Name, address, telephone number, and NPDES permit number of the facility treating the removed material.
 - 8. The name and signature of the pumper's employee performing the services.
- C. The Township may, at its discretion, place additional operational and/or maintenance requirements on any sewage system utilizing a holding tank permitted by the Township.

§15-210. Holding Tank Maintenance Agreement

- A. The permit holder is required to enter into a valid maintenance, inspection and pumping agreement with an individual, firm, or corporation with experience in sewage holding tank maintenance and cleaning, and a letter of agreement with the proposed disposal site providing the facility's NPDES permit number and verifying the facility has adequate capacity for disposal of the material removed and transported to the facility.
- B. The permit holder shall be required to post a cash bond with the Township in the amount of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or one dollar (\$1.00) per gallon of holding tank capacity, whichever is greater.
- C. The cash bond or a portion of the bond shall be forfeited to the Township on the occurrence of any of the following:
 - 1. In the event the holding tank is not maintained according to the terms of the maintenance, inspection and pumping agreement, the Township may use the bond to pay to provide for the proper servicing of

the holding tank and any related costs incurred by the Township.

2. In the event the permit holder does not reimburse the Township for the costs associated with municipal inspections and/or tests, as provided for in Section 15-211, below, the Township may use the bond to pay for such expenses and any related costs incurred by the Township.
 3. In the event the holding tank is removed by the Township either by consent of the permit holder or as a result of court action the Township may use the bond to pay for the cost of removal and for any related costs, including but not limited legal costs, incurred by the Township.
- D. In the event that funds from the cash bond fall below seventy-five percent (75%) of the original amount for any reason, the permit holder shall be required to replenish the cash bond to its original amount, within thirty (30) days of receipt of notice from the Township.
- E. The existence or use of the bond or a portion thereof shall not relieve the permit holder of responsibility to fully reimburse the Township for any and all related fees, costs or expenses in excess of the face amount of the bond.

§15-211. Holding Tank Municipal Inspections and Tests

- A. The permit holder shall notify the Sewage Enforcement Officer of the installation or construction schedule for a sewage system utilizing a holding tank so that appropriate inspections and tests may be scheduled and performed by the Township.
- B. The permit holder shall notify the Sewage Enforcement Officer when the installation or construction of a sewage system utilizing a holding tank is complete and ready for final inspection. Prior to the final inspection, the permit holder shall provide the Sewage Enforcement Officer with three (3) full sized copies of the as-built plans for the system. No part of the sewage system may be covered until the final inspection is conducted and final written approval to cover the system is given by the Township. If the system has been covered prior to final inspection, the Sewage

Enforcement Officer may order the system to be uncovered at the expense of the permit holder.

- C. The permit holder and owner shall permit the Township and its authorized agents to inspect and test, at the owner's sole cost, any sewage system utilizing a holding tank at such times as the Township deems appropriate. At a minimum, the Township shall conduct annual inspections of permanent holding tanks and monthly inspections of temporary holding tanks. The permit holder shall reimburse the Township for the actual costs, fees and expenses directly related to the inspections and tests.
- D. Municipal inspections and testing may include but are not limited to a physical tour of the property, inspection of the sewage facilities and all components of the sewage system, sampling surface water, wells, ground water and/or the contents of the system itself, and the introduction of a traceable substances into the interior plumbing of the structure, building served and/or the system itself to ascertain the path and ultimate destination of waste water (i.e. dye test).
- E. The permit holder and Township shall notify the Sewage Enforcement Officer of any sewage system utilizing a holding tank that is suspected or reported to be malfunctioning, operated improperly or causing a nuisance, water pollution, or public health hazard. The Sewage Enforcement Officer shall inspect and/or test such system within two (2) days of receiving such notification.
- F. The Township shall retain the inspection report for five (5) years.

§15-212. Fees

The fee for a permit or renewal permit shall be as established from time to time by resolution of the Board to cover the costs to the Township for investigation and processing of the application.

§15-213. Appeals

Any owner aggrieved by a decision or action of the Sewage Enforcement Officer may appeal therefrom to the Board. Said appeal shall be filed in writing with the Township within 30 days after the decision or action complained of. Unless specifically approved by the Board, no such appeal shall act as a supersedeas.

ARTICLE III
SANITARY SEWER LINE CONNECTIONS

History: Adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Center Township as Ordinance No. 24, September 3, 1977, as amended by Ordinance No. 01-5-2, May 200, Ordinance No. 2004-12-11, December 8, 2004, and Ordinance No. 2025-05-02.

§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

History: Adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Center Township as Ordinance 03-12-8, December 2003, as amended by Ordinance No. 2004-12-11, December 8, 2004 and hereby deleted by Ordinance No. 2025-05-02, May 14, 2025.

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