

Enacted July 28, 1967

ORDINANCE NO. 1967 - 5

TOWNSHIP OF SHENANGO

AN ORDINANCE (i) REQUIRING EACH OWNER OF PROPERTY ACCESSIBLE TO A SANITARY SEWER TO CONNECT THEREWITH; (ii) PROVIDING REMEDIES FOR AN OWNER'S NEGLIGENCE OR REFUSAL TO CONNECT WITH THE SEWER; (iii) PROVIDING FOR SEWER CONNECTION PERMITS AND THE ISSUANCE THEREOF; (iv) ESTABLISHING CERTAIN RULES WITH RESPECT TO SEWER CONNECTIONS; AND (v) PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS HEREOF.

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BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Board of Township Supervisors of the Township of Shenango, County of Lawrence and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by the authority of the same as follows:

SECTION 1. All sewers and branches thereof for the disposal of sanitary sewage and/or industrial wastes within the Township of Shenango at any time heretofore and hereafter constructed or otherwise acquired by the Township and/or Shenango Township Municipal Authority are hereby adopted and declared to be a common system of sanitary sewers for the Township and are hereinafter called the "Sewer System".

SECTION 2. The owner or owners of each property accessible to and whose principal building, heretofore and/or hereafter constructed, is within one hundred fifty (150) feet of the Sewer System shall connect therewith, at his own expense, at any time within sixty (60) days after notice to make such connection is served on such owner or owners by the Township Supervisors, either by personal service or by registered mail. The terms "to connect", the "connection" and the "sewer connection", as used herein shall mean the extension of the sanitary sewage and/or industrial wastes drainage system of the building or premises to the "Y's" or "T's" or extensions thereof forming a part of the Sewer System.

SECTION 3. In case any property owner or owners of such building or premises shall neglect or refuse to connect with the Sewer System within the sixty (60) day period immediately following service of the notice to connect with the Sewer System, the Township Supervisors or their agents may enter upon such property and construct such sewer connection. Upon construction of such sewer connection by the Township Supervisors or their agents, the Township Supervisors shall send an itemized bill of costs of the construction of such sewer connection to the owner or owners of such property, which bill shall be payable forthwith. In case the owner or owners neglect or refuse to pay such bill of costs, the Township Supervisors may file a municipal lien for the costs of said construction within six (6) months after the completion of the construction of such sewer connection, as provided by law, or the Township Supervisors may pursue any other legal or equitable remedy available to them to collect such bill of costs.

SECTION 4. No unauthorized person shall uncover, make any connections with or opening into, alter or disturb the Sewer System. Owners of premises desiring or required to connect with the Sewer System shall first make application therefor, upon a form formulated and supplied by the Township, in writing to the Township, who upon approval of the application shall refer it to the Township Secretary who shall issue a sewer connection permit.

SECTION 5. All sanitary sewage discharged into any public sanitary sewer shall meet the requirements of the rules and regulations to be established by the Township Supervisors. The discharge of industrial waste into any public sanitary sewer, without the prior written consent of the Township of Shenango, is hereby prohibited. Any industrial establishment desiring to discharge industrial waste into any public sanitary sewer shall make application to the Township Supervisors for a permit therefor. The applicant for such permit shall furnish the Township Supervisors with such information as is required

for the purpose of determining whether the proposed discharge of industrial waste will conform with the requirements of the rules and regulations of the Township. The granting of such permit may be made contingent upon the applicant providing and maintaining, at the expense of the applicant, apparatus for regulating the rate of discharge and/or pre-treating such waste prior to discharge and for the proper sampling thereof, from time to time, as the Township may deem necessary.

SECTION 6. A tapping fee of seventy-five (\$75.00) dollars will be charged for each connection made to the sewer system for a six-inch service line and any line in size in excess of six-inches shall be at the actual cost of making the connection or seventy-five (\$75.00) dollars, whichever is greater. Unless written permission is obtained from the Township Supervisors, separate connections and tapping fees will be required for each individual occupied building whether constructed as a detached unit or as one of a pair or row, except that where one building stands at the rear of another and no separate connection to the Sewer System can be made through an adjoining alley, court, yard or driveway, the sewer connection from the front building may be extended to the rear building upon written approval of the Township; further, a single connection will be permitted to serve a school, factory, apartment house or other permanent multiple unit structure whose individual apartments or units may not be subject to separate ownership. The Township, however, does not and will not assume any obligation or responsibility for damages caused by or resulting from any permitted single connection for multiple units as aforementioned. The construction of all building sewer lines and house service sewer lines and all connections shall be made and done in accordance with the plans, specifications and procedures established by the Township Supervisors in their rules and regulations governing the sewer system; as the same may from time to time be amended; copies of said rules and regulations shall be maintained on

SECTION 7: All sewer connections, materials therefor, jointing materials and methods used, shall at all times be subject to the direction, supervision, regulation and approval of the Township.

SECTION 8: The size and slope of the sewer connection shall be subject to the approval of the Township, but in no event shall the diameter be less than six inches nor shall the slope of such six inch pipe be less than one-eighth of an inch per foot. The invert of the sewer connection at the point of connection with the building or premises shall be at the same or at a higher elevation than the invert at the point of connection with the Sewer System.

SECTION 9: The owner or owners holding sewer connection permits shall notify the Township when the sewer connection is ready for inspection and connection with the Sewer System. In no case shall backfill be placed until such inspection has been made.

SECTION 10. All excavations for sewer connections shall be adequately guarded with barricades and lights to protect the public from hazards. All public property, disturbed in the course of making a sewer connection, shall be restored in a manner satisfactory to the Township.

SECTION 11. After sixty (60) days have lapsed since the owner or owners received notice to connect with the Sewer System as above provided, the owner or owners shall forthwith abandon all privies, cesspools, sinkholes, septic tanks and other receptacles on premises for receiving sewage and/or industrial wastes, or at any time thereafter to erect, construct, use or maintain any pipe, conduit, drain or other facility for the discharge of sewage and/or industrial wastes except into the Sewer System and all privy vaults or cesspools or similar receptacles for human excrement shall be cleansed and filled under the direction of the Township and no connection shall be permitted from any privy vault or cesspool to the Sewer System.

SECTION 12. No owner shall discharge or permit the discharge of

any storm water, surface water, roof runoff, subsurface drainage, cooling water or unpolluted industrial process waters into the Sewer System.

SECTION 13. Any person violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall, upon conviction thereof before any Justice of the Peace, be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than Three hundred (\$300.00) dollars for each and every offense, and costs, and in default, payment of said fine and costs, to be imprisoned in the Lawrence County Jail for a period not exceeding thirty (30) days until such fine and costs are paid. Whenever such person shall have been notified in writing by the Township Supervisors or its duly appointed agent of the sanitary sewage business in the Township, that he is violating this ordinance, each full week that he shall continue such violation after receipt of such notification shall constitute a separate offense punishable by a like fine upon conviction thereof.

SECTION 14. All ordinances or parts thereof inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 15. The invalidity of any part of this ordinance shall not affect the validity of any other part of this ordinance.

SECTION 16. This ordinance shall become effective five days after the date of the enactment hereof.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Board of Township Supervisors of the Township of Shenango, Lawrence County, Pennsylvania, on this 28th day of September, A. D. 1967.

(TOWNSHIP SEAL)

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF SHENANGO  
TOWNSHIP, LAWRENCE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

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