

Chapter 18

Sewers and Sewage Disposal

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Part 1**Individual or Community Sewage Systems****§18-101. Definitions.**

As used in this Part the following definitions shall apply:

Community sewage system—any system, whether publicly or privately owned, for the collection and disposal of sewage or industrial wastes of a liquid nature, or both, including various devices for the treatment of such sewage or industrial wastes serving three or more individual lots.

Individual sewage system—a single system of piping, tanks, or other facilities serving one or two lots and collecting and disposing of sewage in whole or in part into the soil of the property or into any waters of this Commonwealth.

Lot—a part of a subdivision or a parcel of land used as a building site or intended to be used for building purposes, whether immediate or future, which would not be further subdivided.

Person—any individual, copartnership, association, or private corporation.

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 substances being harmful or inimical to the public health, or to animal or aquatic life, or to the use of water for domestic water supply or for recreation.

Subdivision—the division of a single tract or other parcel of land, or a part thereof, into two or more lots, and shall also include changes in street lines or lot lines.

(*Ord. 1-75, 5/2/1975, §1*)

§18-102. Sewage Permit Required.

No person shall install, construct, or alter an individual sewage system or community sewage system, or construct, erect, or occupy any building or structure, or repair or extend any sewage disposal system regardless of lot size or acreage involved, without first obtaining a sewage permit indicating that the site and the plans and specifications of such system are in compliance with the provisions and standards of this Part and the Pennsylvania Sewage Facilities Act, the Act of January 24, 1966, 35 P.S. 750.1 *et seq.*, and the rules and regulations of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, sometimes hereinafter referred to as “DEP.”

(*Ord. 1-75, 5/2/1975, §2; as amended by Ord. 2010-1, 4/8/2010*)

§18-103. Application for Sewage Permit.

Application for a sewage permit shall be made by the property owner, in writing, on such form and including such data as the DEP may from time to time prescribe to the Township.

(*Ord. 1-75, 5/2/1975, §3; as amended by Ord. 2010-1, 4/8/2010*)

§18-104. Issuance of Permit.

Permits shall be issued or denied within 7 days after receiving the application for the permit; provided, that should the Township find the data submitted by the applicant incomplete, or should the Township be unable to verify the information submitted, then the Township shall so notify the applicant within 7 days after receiving such application, and the time for acting thereon shall be extended 15 days beyond the date of the receipt of adequate supplementary and amendatory data. A denial of a sewage permit application shall be supported by a statement, in writing, specifying the reasons for such denial or other action.

(*Ord. 1-75, 5/2/1975, §4*)

§18-105. Request for Hearing.

The applicant may request a hearing before the Township Supervisors, provided that a request be made, in writing, within 30 days from receipt of the denial notice by the applicant.

(*Ord. 1-75, 5/2/1975, §5*)

§18-106. Revocation of Outstanding Sewage Permit.

1. An outstanding sewage permit shall be revoked by the Township Sewage Enforcement Officer for any or all of the following enumerated reasons:

A. When any change has occurred in the physical condition of any land or the proximate topography that will materially affect the operation of the sewage disposal system.

B. When it is discovered that one or more tests required by this Part or by DEP regulations have been conducted improperly. [*Ord. 2010-1*]

C. When it is discovered that data on the application for the permit has been false or fraudulent.

D. When the decision of the Township in issuing a sewage permit has failed to conform with the rules and regulations of the DEP. [*Ord. 2010-1*]

E. When the permittee has otherwise violated the provisions of this Part of the rules and regulations of the DEP, pursuant to which the permit was issued. [*Ord. 2010-1*]

2. The Sewage Enforcement Officer shall not revoke any sewage permits, except by writing the permittee, and the permittee shall have 10 days from the date of the mailing of a denial notice to request a hearing before the Township, relating to the revocation of such permit.

(*Ord. 1-75, 5/2/1975, §6; as amended by Ord. 2010-1, 4/8/2010*)

§18-107. Covering or Backfilling after Completion.

No structure or system designed to provide individual or community sewage disposal shall be covered from view or backfilled in any manner until approval to cover or backfill the same has been procured from the body which issued the original permit. Upon the expiration of 72 hours, excepting Sundays and holidays, from the time the Sewage Enforcement Officer has received written notification by the permittee that construction was or is completed, the applicant-permittee may cover or otherwise backfill such system or structure, unless within the above mentioned 72-hour period

permission has been refused by the Sewage Enforcement Officer.

(*Ord. 1-75, 5/2/1975, §7*)

§18-108. Inspection and Testing by Township.

The Township may inspect and make tests at any time, either before, during, or after construction, and may order an installation to be uncovered at the expense of the applicant-permittee if the installation has been covered or otherwise backfilled, contrary to the provisions of this Part.

(*Ord. 1-75, 5/2/1975, §8*)

§18-109. Duties of Applicant-Permittee.

The applicant-permittee is responsible for conducting soil tests, pit excavations, digging percolation test holes, and providing water to conduct the percolation test. The Sewage Enforcement Officer shall be notified and it shall be the Sewage Enforcement Officer's duty to verify the soil profile and percolation test.

(*Ord. 1-75, 5/2/1975, §9*)

§18-110. Appointment of Sewage Enforcement Officer.

The Supervisors of the Township shall appoint for a term of 1 year a Sewage Enforcement Officer. The Township Supervisors shall have the authority and are herein authorized to appoint an interim Sewage Enforcement Officer, should the office become vacant at any time during a current term thereof. Such interim Sewage Enforcement Officer shall serve until the expiration of the then current term, or upon resignation of office.

(*Ord. 1-75, 5/2/1975, §10; as amended by Ord. 2010-1, 4/8/2010*)

§18-111. Adoption of Fee Schedules.

The Township Supervisors, by resolution, may from time to time adopt fee schedules for the application and/or issue of sewage permits pursuant to this Part.

(*Ord. 1-75, 5/2/1975, §11*)

§18-112. Penalties.

Any person, firm, or corporation who shall violate any provision of this Part, or the rules and regulations or standards promulgated hereunder, or who resist or interferes with any officer, agent, or employee of the Township, upon conviction thereof in an action brought before a magisterial district judge in the manner provided for the enforcement of summary offenses under the Pennsylvania Rules of Criminal Procedure, shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$1,000 plus costs and, in default of payment of said fine and costs, to a term of imprisonment not to exceed 90 days. Each day that a violation of this Part continues or each Section of this Part which shall be found to have been violated shall constitute a separate offense.

(*Ord. 1-75, 5/2/1975, §12; as amended by Ord. 2010-1, 4/8/2010*)

