

TOWNSHIP OF BUFFALO
BUTLER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
ORDINANCE # 73

AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING CONNECTIONS TO SEWER SYSTEMS, USE AND PURPOSE OF THE SEWER SYSTEMS, USE AND PURPOSE OF A SEWER SYSTEM, INDUSTRIAL WASTES AND OTHER TYPES OF MATTER THAT IS PROHIBITED FROM BEING PLACED IN A SEWER SYSTEM, AND PROVISIONS FOR THE SHUT OFF OF WATER SERVICE UPON FAILURE TO PAY FOR SEWAGE SERVICES.

WHEREAS the Municipal Authority of Buffalo Township, Butler County, Pennsylvania hereinafter called ("Authority") has determined to construct a sewer facility for treatment according to Buffalo Township Feasible Report, and

WHEREAS in order to facilitate the construction, the Township of Buffalo desires to provide for the sewage services to help in the regulation of the sewer system and to prohibit the placing of residential wastes into the sewage system and desires to establish a means for the enforcement of payment of sewage bills, and

WHEREAS, the Township of Buffalo, Butler County, Pennsylvania, finds it is mandated for the health and safety of the citizens of the township that sewage services be provided to the citizens of the township, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BUFFALO, BUTLER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA AND ITS HEREBY ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE SAME AS FOLLOWS:

1. All buildings to be constructed on, abutting, or adjacent to a township street or road, or which are within 250 feet of a sewage line, are required to connect the Sewage Discharge System from the said building to the authority public sanitary sewer, where such public sanitary sewers are in existence and available for such purpose.
2. No connection shall be made with any of the sanitary sewers of the authority without first have a security permit from the authority. The fee for such permit shall be a sum of per unit in the building to be served by the sanitary sewer.
 - a. A service fee shall be paid by any connection made upon a sewer line which enters the sewers of the Township of Harrison as required under the Agreement with the Township of Harrison.
3. No connection or tap-in to a sanitary sewer may be made without inspection or approval by the Authority.

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4. The fee for a permit for each building shall be based on the number of units in each building, units being classified and defined as follow:

a. A single family dwelling house shall be considered a single unit:

b. Each of the living quarters of a multiple dwelling house shall be considered a separate unit;

c. Each apartment of an apartment house shall be considered a separate unit;

d. Each office, store room or separate commercial establishment in a single-occupancy commercial building shall be considered a separate unit;

e. Each office, store or commercial establishment of a multiple-occupancy building shall be considered a separate unit;

f. A manufacturing plant shall be considered a separate unit;

g. A municipal, state or federal office building shall each be considered a unit;

h. A church, parish house, parsonage, rectory or convent shall be considered a unit;

i. A school building shall be considered a unit.

5. A residential unit under subsection 4 a, b, and c, shall be defined as consisting of living quarters which have:

a. A kitchen, toilet, bath or drains which are connected to the sanitary sewer system;

b. A kitchen, toilet or drains connected to the sanitary sewer system;

c. A kitchen or drains connected to the sanitary sewer system.

6. A unit as enumerated under subsection 4 d and e shall be defined as consisting of any office, shop, retail or wholesale store, or any other place of business, which has a toilet, bath, sink or drains connected to the sanitary sewer system.

7. It shall be unlawful to make any connections to the sanitary sewer system which permits the entry into the Township sanitary sewer system of any discharges of surface or rain water, or any other discharges defined as unlawful under any other Township ordinances.

8. The sanitary sewerage system of the Township shall be used exclusively for the reception and conveyance of household liquid, wastes and human excreta as is necessary and customary in a system of sanitary sewers. The discharge of storm water or roof water

into the sanitary sewers overtaxes the capacity of the sanitary sewer system and is hereby declared unlawful and a violation of this Part.

9. No person, firm, corporation or agent or agents thereof, shall discharge storm water or room water into the sanitary sewers or cause the same to discharge into the sanitary sewers of the Township.

10. The Authority is in power to make an inspection of any and all residences and buildings within the township, for the purposes of determining the types of discharge which are being placed into the sewer system.

11. Industrial waste and sanitary sewage will be considered harmful to the public sanitary sewerage system if it may cause any of the following damaging effects: (a) chemical reaction, either directly or indirectly, with the materials of construction of the public sanitary sewerage system in such a manner as to impair the strength or durability of the sewer structures; (b) mechanical action that will destroy the sewer structures; (c) restriction of the hydraulic capacity of the sewer structures; (d) restriction of the normal inspection or maintenance of the sewer structures; (e) danger to public health and safety; or (f) obnoxious condition inimical to public interest.

12. No person shall discharge or permit the discharge or infiltration into the public sanitary sewerage system of any of the following substances:

a. Wastes containing ashes, cinders, sand, mud greases, lime or acetylene sludges, straw, shavings, metal, glass, rags, feathers, tar, plastics, wood, sawdust, paunch manure, cotton, chemical or paint residues, wool, plastic or other fibers, hair, hides, dead animals, spent mash and grain, pulp from food processing, water or wastes containing grease, fat or oil in excess of 100 p.p.m., or any other liquids, gases, solids or viscous substances which by reason of their quality, quantity or characteristics may cause fire, explosion, obstruction to the flow in the public sanitary sewerage system or in any other way interfere with or be deleterious to persons, the structures of the public sanitary sewerage system or the proper operation of the public sanitary sewerage system.

b. Wastes or sanitary sewage having a temperature in excess of 120 Degrees F. or less than 32 Degrees F.

c. Wastes or sanitary sewage having pH lower than 5.5 or higher than 9.0 or having any corrosive property capable of causing damage or hazards to structures, equipment or personnel of the public sanitary sewage system. Where the Board of Supervisors deems it advisable, it may require any person discharging wastes or sanitary sewage to install and maintain, at his own expense in a manner approved by the Board of Supervisors, a suitable device to continuously measure and record the pH of the wastes or sanitary sewage so discharged.

d. Garbage, whether ground or not, except properly shredded garbage from a private dwelling unit. resulting from the property use of a garbage grinder or disposer; provided, however, that no private dwelling unit shall operate more than on grinder or disposer which shall be not greater than 3 h.p. in size and, when so required by the Board of Supervisors, shall be equipped with an approved water meter and limited in use to the consumption of an average of not more than 1,500 gallons of water per day.

e. Wastes containing mineral acids, waste acid pickling or plating liquors from the pickling or plating of iron, steel, brass, copper or chromium, or any other dissolved or solid substances which will endanger health or safety, interfere with the flow in the public sanitary sewerage system, attach or corrode the public sanitary sewerage system or its structures or equipment or otherwise interfere with or be detrimental to the operation of the public sanitary sewerage system.

f. Wastes or sanitary sewage containing cyanides or cyanogen compounds capable of liberating hydrocyanic gas on acidification; and wastes or sanitary sewage containing any of the following substances in concentration exceeding those shown in the following table:

<u>Substance</u>	<u>Maximum Permissible Concentration</u>
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Phenolic compound as C H OH	1 p.p.m.
Cyanides as CN	1 p.p.m.
Cyanates as CNO	10 p.p.m.
Iron as Fe	15 p.p.m.
Trivalent Chromium as Cr	3 p.p.m.
Hexavalent Chromium as Cr	0.5 p.p.m.
Nickel as Ni	3 p.p.m.
Copper as Cu	2 p.p.m.
Lead as Pb	2 p.p.m.
Tin as Sn	2 p.p.m.
Zinc as Zn	2 p.p.m.

and wastes and sanitary sewage containing other chemicals or other matter detrimental to the operation of, or causing erosion, corrosion or deterioration in, the public sanitary sewerage system.

g. Wastes or sanitary sewage containing more than 10 p.p.m. of any of the following gases: hydrogen, sulfide, sulfur dioxide, nitrous oxide, or any of the halogens.

h. Wastes or sanitary sewage containing a toxic or poisonous substance in quantities sufficient to injure or interfere with any sewage treatment process, constitute a hazard to humans or animals or create any hazard in the public sanitary sewerage system operation, and such toxic substances shall include, but shall not be limited to, substances containing cyanide, chromium and/or copper ions.

i. Wastes or sanitary sewerage containing toxic substances in quantities sufficient to interfere with the biochemical processes of the sewage treatment works or that will pass through the sewage treatment works and exceed the state requirements in respect thereof.

j. Wastes or sanitary sewage containing any toxic radioactive isotopes, without a special permit.

k. Fats, entrails and the like from meat processing plants, rendering plants and similar industries and establishments.

l. Sludges or other materials from septic tanks or similar facilities or from sewage or industrial waste treatment plants or from water treatment plants.

m. Wastes or sanitary sewage containing any noxious or malodorous gas or substance which either singly or by interaction with sewage or other wastes is likely, in the opinion of the Board of Supervisors, to create a public nuisance or hazard to life, or prevent entry to the public sanitary sewerage system for its maintenance and repair.

n. Wastes or sanitary sewage containing gases or vapors, either free or occluded, in concentrations toxic or deleterious to humans or animals.

o. Wastes or sanitary sewage containing insoluble, nonflocculent substances having a specific gravity in excess of 2.65.

p. Wastes or sanitary sewage containing soluble substances in such concentration as to cause the specific gravity of the waste to be greater than 1.1.

q. Other wastes and sanitary sewage which are determined by the Board of Supervisors after consultation and a public hearing to be considered harmful to the public sanitary sewage system.

13. The owners and occupants, jointly and severally, of any premises serviced by the sewer system of the Authority shall be liable for all rentals, rates or charges for such sewer, sewerage or sewage treatment.

14. All owners and occupants of such premises, jointly and severally, are hereby required to pay such rentals, rates and charges imposed by the said Authority promptly on the date due therefore.

15. If any owner or occupant of such premises, jointly or severally, shall fail to pay such rentals, rates and charges imposed by the Authority for a period of thirty (30) days from the date thereof, and said Authority shall have assigned or transferred its claim for such service to the Authority, then the proper officers of the Authority are directed to request and

direct the Authority, its successors or assigns, situate in the Authority, to shut off the supply of water to such premises until all such overdue rentals, rates and charges, together with any penalties, and interest thereon, shall be paid.

16. The Authority before turning off said water supply shall give ten (10) days' written notice of intention so to do to the owners or occupants, jointly or severally, liable for the payment of the said rentals and charges, and, in addition thereto, shall post a written notice at the main entrance to the premises.

17. The service of water shall not be resumed or supplied to said premises after shut-off until all the proper rentals, rates and charges, together with the penalties and interest thereon shall be paid. The charges shall include the cost of turning off the water supply and the cost of returning service incurred thereby.

18. The method of collection of delinquent rentals, rates or charges for sewer, sewerage or sewage treatment set forth in this section are not exclusive, but shall be in addition to the remedies otherwise provided for by law with respect to municipal liens and suits.

19. Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate the provisions of this Ordinance shall, upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than three hundred dollars (\$300.00); and/or to serve a term of imprisonment not to exceed ninety (90) days.

20. It is the intention of the Township of Buffalo that if any Court of record would find any provision of this Ordinance to be unconstitutional or unlawful, that it is the intention of the Township of Buffalo that the constitutional and lawful parts of the Ordinance shall remain in effect.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED INTO LAW BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BUFFALO, BUTLER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, this 2nd day of March, 1989, 1989.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF BUFFALO TWP.
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ATTEST:



