

Harrison Township Ordinance

Chapter 18: Sewers and Sewage Disposal

Part 1: GENERAL REGULATIONS

§ 101 Connections to Sewer System; Fees.

[Ord. 1475, 6/12/1972, §§ 1-7; as amended by Ord. 1488, 11/10/1972; by Ord. 1905, 3/22/2004; and by Ord. 1930, 12/28/2006]

4. 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.

§ 102 Use and Purpose of System.

[Ord. 1556, 10/7/1974, §§ 1-3]

1. 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 stormwater or roof water or water from a sump pump or French drain overtaxes the capacity of the sanitary sewer system and is hereby declared unlawful and a violation of this Part.

[Amended by Ord. 1909, 7/22/2004; and by Ord. 1913, 9/23/2004]

2. On and after the passage of this § 102, no person, firm, corporation or agent, or agents thereof, shall discharge stormwater or roof water or water from a sump pump or French drain into the sanitary sewers or cause the same to discharge into the sanitary system and it is hereby declared unlawful and a violation of this Part.

[Amended by Ord. 1909, 7/22/2004; and by Ord. 1913, 9/23/2004]

§ 105 Penalties.

[Ord. 1426, 4/19/1971, § 3; Ord. 1475, 6/12/1972, § 9; and Ord. 1556, 10/7/1974, § 4; as amended by Ord. 1782, 2/16/1987; and by Ord. 1870, 7/24/1997, § I]

Any person violating any of the provisions of this Part and any person refusing to permit the smoke and/or dye testing as required herein shall, upon conviction thereof before any District Justice or other issuing authority, be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than \$1,000 for each and every offense, and costs, in default of payment of said fine and costs, to be imprisoned in the Allegheny County Jail for a period not to exceed 90 days. Whenever such person shall have been notified in writing by first class mail, by the Township, that such person is violating this Part, each full day that he shall continue such violation

after mailing of such notification shall constitute a separate offense punishable by a like fine hereunder upon conviction thereof.

§ 106 Testing.

[Ord. 1870, 7/24/1997, § II]

1. No owner or occupant of property tapped into the Harrison Township sewer system shall discharge, or permit the discharge, of any stormwater, surface water, roof runoff, subsurface drainage, cooling water or unpolluted industrial process waters into said sanitary sewer system.

2. The Township is hereby authorized to conduct periodic smoke and/or dye tests and any other appropriate test or inspection of all existing sewer systems, laterals and structures tapped into the Harrison Township sewer system for compliance with this Part and other laws pertaining to sewer systems and structures.

3. Every owner or occupant of property tapped into the Township sewer system shall submit to smoke and/or dye testing by the Township or its designated testers. Testing will not be required when the owner, lessee or occupier of the land produces a valid Document of Certification issued by the Township Building Inspector in accordance with Part 3 of this Chapter, which Document of Certification shall be sufficient proof of compliance for purposes of this Part for a period of one year from the date of issuance.

4. When illegal stormwater or surface water connections have been discovered, all necessary work to correct such connection shall be completed by the owner or occupant of the premises, weather permitting, within two months of the date they receive notification of the illegal connection. In the event the necessary remedial work would create severe economic hardship for the owner or occupant of the premises, application may be made to the Authority for one extension of up to an additional six months to complete said remedial work. In the event the owner or occupant of the premises fails to effect the necessary remedial work within the time permitted, including any extension thereof, the Township may undertake to have the necessary remedial work completed at the expense of the owner or occupant of the premises, and to make any necessary arrangements for the payment of said work by the owner or occupant of the premises on an installment basis, which arrangements shall be mutually satisfactory to the owner or occupant. Under such circumstances, in the event satisfactory arrangements are not agreed upon by the Township and the owner or occupant, the Township may do any or all of the following:

A. File, pursuant to 53 P.S. § 7101, a lien against such property for the expense incurred by the Township to perform the work plus 6% interest per annum plus penalty of 5% of the amount due, which lien shall remain in effect until payment in full or sale of the property occurs, which lien shall also include all Township legal fees and costs incurred in connection with such lien.

B. The Township may, pursuant to 53 P.S. § 58406, sue the property owner or occupant in a civil action to recover the amount due, plus interest, plus costs, plus Township attorney's fees as permitted by law.