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PART 1
CONNECTIONS

§18-101. Requirements for Connection.

Every owner of property in the Township of Richland whose property abuts upon any line of the sanitary sewers of the Township shall connect, at his own cost, the building, buildings or other structures located on said property with the sanitary sewers of the Township for the purpose of disposing of all drainage as is customarily disposed of in a system of sanitary sewers. In the case of a sanitary sewer line constructed in a public street or highway right-of-way, property on either side of the street or highway shall be considered as abutting the sewer line.

(Ord. 112, 7/19/1977, §1)

§18-102. Use of Sewer System Required.

It shall be unlawful for any owner, lessee or occupier of any property abutting on any line of the sanitary sewer system of said Township to employ any means, either by septic tank, mine hole or otherwise, for the disposal of sanitary sewage, other than into and through the sanitary sewers of said Township.

(Ord. 2, 7/19/1977, §2)

§18-103. Notice to Connect to Public System.

Where any structure on abutting property as aforesaid is now or hereafter may be connected to any septic tank or using any method by which sanitary sewage is disposed of or eliminated other than through the sanitary sewer system of said Township, it shall be the duty of the Township Secretary or other person authorized by the Township Supervisors to notify the owner, lessee or occupier of such structure in writing, either by personal service, certified mail or registered mail, to disconnect the same and make proper connection for the discharge and disposal of sewage through the sanitary sewer system of the Township as hereinafter provided, within 60 days after receipt of such notice; provided, however, notwithstanding anything herein or hereafter contained to the contrary, no owner, lessee, or occupier of such structure shall be required to tap where his sewage would not by natural gravity flow into the sanitary sewer.

(Ord. 112, 7/19/1977, §3)

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§18-104. Township Work upon Default of Owner; Cost Recovery.

In case any owner of property adjoining or adjacent to such sewer shall neglect or refuse to connect with and use said sewers for such period of 60 days after notice to do so has been served upon him, either by personal service, certified mail or by registered mail as aforesaid, the Township or its agents may enter upon such property and construct such connection. In such case, the Township Secretary or other authorized person shall forthwith upon completion of the work send an itemized bill of the cost of construction of such connection to the owner of the property to which connection has been so made, which bill shall be payable forthwith, in case of neglect or refusal by the owner of such property to pay said bill, a municipal lien for said construction shall be filed within six months of the date of completion of the construction of said connection, the same to be subject in all respects to the general law providing for the filing and recovery of municipal liens. The Township shall in no way be obligated to construct any connection for any property owner but may do so at its discretion. The property owner is not relieved of the duty to construct the connection based upon the fact that the Township may have the authority to do so and the property owner may not raise the Township's authority to construct the connection as a defense to the violation of this Part where a property owner has failed to make the connection within the sixty-day notice period.

(Ord. 112, 7/19/1977, §4)

§18-105. Application for Permit; Fee.

Any person required to connect with the sewer system of the Township shall make application for a tapping permit on forms furnished by the Township and shall set forth in said application the character of structure and use, the lot number and location, and the name of the person who is to make the connection and shall pay the required tap fee for such permit.

(Ord. 112, 7/19/1977, §5)

§18-106. Sewage Receptacle Connection Prohibited.

No privy vault, cesspool, septic tank, mine hole or similar receptacle for human excrement shall at any time, now or hereafter, be connected with the sanitary sewers of the Township.

(Ord. 112, 7/19/1977, §6)

§18-107. Abandonment of Sewage Receptacles.

No privy vault, cesspool, septic tank, mine hole or similar receptacle for human excrement shall hereafter be maintained upon any premises from which connection with any of the Township sewers shall have been made. The Township may, at its discretion, re-

quire every such privy vault, cesspool, septic tank, mine hole or other receptacle within 30 days after final enactment of this Part, in the case of premises now connected with a sewer, and within 30 days after connection with a sewer, in the case of premises hereafter so connected, to be abandoned, cleansed and filled under the direction and supervision of the Township. Any such privy vault, cesspool, septic tank, mine hole or other receptacle not abandoned, cleansed and filled as required by this §107 shall constitute a nuisance and such nuisance may be abated on order of the Township as provided by law, at the expense of the owner or such property.

(Ord. 112, 7/19/1977, §7)

§18-108. Prohibited Discharge to Sewers.

It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation connected to the Township sewer system to connect any roof drain thereto or to permit, allow or cause to enter into said sewer system any storm water or surface water or any sewage from any property other than that for which the permit was issued, or any other substance, liquid, gas or solid which is prohibited by the terms of any other rule, regulation or ordinance adopted by the Township for the operation of the sewer system.

(Ord. 112, 7/19/1977, §8)

§18-109. Building Sewer Specifications.

The construction of all private sewers or laterals and their connections with any lines of the sewer system shall be done in accordance with the plans and specifications established by the Township or as the same may be from time to time amended, copies of which are on file at the Township of Richland Municipal Building and shall be inspected by the Township Engineers before being covered.

(Ord. 112, 7/19/1977, §9)

§18-110. Penalties.

Any person who shall violate any provision of this Part shall, upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding \$500 and costs and, in default of payment thereof, shall be subject to imprisonment for a term not to exceed 30 days. Each day that a violation of this Part continues shall constitute a separate offense.

(Ord. 112, 7/19/1977, §10; as amended by Ord. 135, 11/21/1978; by Ord. 278, 9/18/1991; by Ord. 325, 7/3/1996; and by Ord. 336, 2/5/1997)

PART 2

CONNECTIONS AND TAP-IN

§18-201. Connection/Tap-In Charge.

1. The tap-in and connection charge for each residential dwelling unit or residential premises (as defined in the Township's rules and regulations governing sewage service) which may henceforth tap-in or connect to the Township sanitary system is hereby established in an amount, as established from time resolution, per residential dwelling unit or residential premises.¹
2. Each resolution establishing the rate shall itemize the charge into capacity charge and a connection/inspection/distribution/collection/administrative charge. In the instance where the premises to be connected is ultimate by connection to another sanitary sewage authority such as Allegheny Valley, Hampton or Breakneck Creek, the reserve capacity the connection charge shall equal that charge imposed upon Richland pursuant to the terms of the effective agreement between Richland and the servicing Authority. In the instance where Richland is the entity providing sanitary sewer service, a reserve capacity charge shall be established by Richland. In both instances Richland shall also establish the connection/inspection/distribution/collection/administrative portion of the connection charge.

(Ord. 138, 2/20/1979, §1; as amended by Ord. 188, 2/22/1983, §1; by Ord. 244, 10/19/1988; by Ord. 264, 1/17/1990; by Ord. 268, 9/19/1990; and by Ord. 277, 6/19/1991)

§18-202. Charges for Multiple Dwellings Using Single Tap/Connection.

Each tap-in or connection charge for each residential dwelling shall be in an amount, as established from time to time by resolution, per residential dwelling unit whether same is part of a multiple-dwelling or individual. The uniform tap-in or connection charge in an amount as established from time to time by resolution, per dwelling unit as set forth above shall hereinafter apply to all residential dwelling units which may henceforth tap-in or connect to the Township sanitary sewage system.

(Ord. 138, 2/20/1979, §2; as amended by Ord. 188, 2/22/1983, §§2, 3; by Ord. 244, 10/19/1988; by Ord. 264, 1/17/1990; and by Ord. 278, 9/18/1991)

§18-203. Non-Residential Connection/Tap-in Charge.

1. Each non-residential tap-in or connection charge for commercial, industrial, school, public and miscellaneous building or premises shall be subject to a connec-

¹ Editor's Note: See Ch. 1, Part 10, Schedule of Fees.

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tion fee computed by the Township on the basis of estimated water use as correlated with the water usage and connection fees for a residential property. The non-residential equivalence charge shall be calculated as follows: a charge in an amount, as established from time to time by resolution, per each 350 gallons of water estimated to be utilized by the building premises daily. Estimates of the daily water consumption of the establishment will be determined by the schedule that is available in the Township Office or other design requirement handbooks published by the Environmental Protection Agency or the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources that are acceptable to the Township of Richland.

2. The tap-in charge shall be payable at the date of inception of service to the property or at any time thereafter when the metered water consumption is increased by 60,000 gallons or more over the prior twelve-month consumption period or a new addition, facility or process would lead to a usage increase of 60,000 gallons or more over the prior twelve-month period. The amount of said tap-in charge shall be one charge per each 350 gallons per day usage or estimate as previously stated in this §18-203.

(Ord. 190, 3/29/1983, §2; as amended by Ord. 244, 10/19/1988; by Ord. 264, 1/17/1991; and by Ord. 278, 9/18/1991)

§18-204. Property Owners to Construct Connecting Lines.

In all instances, the service line from the existing Township sanitary sewer line shall be constructed by the property owner connecting to the Township sanitary sewer line.

(Ord. 138, 2/20/1979, §4)

PART 3

SEWER RENTAL CHARGES

§18-301. Rates Based on Metered Water Consumption.

1. A quarterly charge for debt service and administrative charges is imposed upon each residential, commercial and industrial EDU in the amount of \$60.
2. A charge is imposed in the amount of \$3.08 for each 1,000 gallons of water or part thereof which is consumed upon all users, with a minimum quarterly billing for consumption of \$18.48.
3. A residential equivalent dwelling unit (EDU) shall be defined as any room, group of rooms or enclosure, occupied or intended for occupancy as separate living quarters for a family or other group of persons living together or by persons living alone.
4. An equivalent dwelling unit (EDU) with respect to commercial or industrial customers shall be defined as each 15,000 gallons of water or less consumed per quarter-year by any hotel, motel, office, store, shop, restaurant, club, tavern, barber or beauty shop, service station, funeral home or other commercial or industrial establishment selling or producing a product or rendering a service, or any religious, fraternal or governmental establishment including schools. Said users shall pay the established debt service and administration charge quarterly, as established by this Part for each 15,000 gallons or less of water consumed per quarter-year.
5. Each commercial or industrial EDU, even though in a building or complex of buildings, shall be considered to be a separate EDU even though it may be located in the same building with a residential unit or units or commercial or industrial unit or units.
6. Each commercial or industrial user shall be so classified as a commercial or industrial user on the basis of use and not on the basis of location within any particular zoning district within the Township.
7. In the event any bill for sanitary sewer service imposed and billed under the terms of this Part is unpaid 30 days from the date of its issuance, there will be a penalty charge of 10% per month added thereto with a minimum penalty charge of \$2.50 per month.

(Ord. 139, 2/20/1979, §1; as amended by Ord. 163, 1/5/1981; by Ord. 204, 8/21/1984; by Ord. 248, 12/21/1988; by Ord. 261, 12/20/1989; by Ord. 279, 12/18/1991; by Ord. 296, 2/3/1993; by Ord. 308, 4/6/1994; by Ord. 321, 12/6/1995; by Ord. 354, 12/16/1999, §§1,2; and by Ord. 411, 12/21/2005)

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§18-302. Charge for Vacant Residences.

In those instances where the occupier of a single-family residence dwelling plans to be away from the residence for a period of time in excess of 30 days, leaving the residence vacant, a minimum vacancy charge will be levied during the period of the vacancy, the said charge to be 75% of the established rate the resident is regularly paying. This minimum vacancy charge is subject to the resident giving notice to the Township office at least 30 days in advance of the vacancy. The customer must then pay in advance for the period of the expected vacancy and then must notify the Township office of his return to the dwelling so that regular billing can be resumed.

(Ord. 139, 2/20/1979, §3)

§18-303. Business Establishment Owners Responsibility for Entire Bill.

The owners of all business establishments (including apartments and mobile home courts) served by the Township sanitary sewer system shall be responsible for the sanitary sewer bill for the entire business establishment or each part, apartment or mobile home court whether metered by one or any number of meters. The Township may bill each tenant or occupier of any part of the premises separately, but the owner shall remain liable for payment of all billings in the event the tenant or occupier fails to pay same for any reason whatsoever, inclusive of such tenant's or occupier's bankruptcy.

(Ord. 139, 2/20/1979, §4; as amended by Ord. 326, 11/20/1996)

§18-304. Penalty Charge for Delinquent Payments.

In the event any bill for sanitary sewer service is overdue or delinquent for a period of more than 30 days, there will be a penalty charge of 10% added thereto, with a minimum penalty of \$2.50 and there shall be charged thereafter from said date of penalty interest at the rate of 10% on such outstanding balance. The above rates for penalty and interest shall be increased automatically upon subsequent Acts of the Legislature of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania providing for same.

(Ord. 139, 2/20/1979, §5; as amended by Ord. 166, 4/21/1981; and by Ord. 222, 5/21/1986, §75)

§18-305. Charges and Penalties Constitute a Lien.

The charges established above shall constitute a lien against the owner of the property connected to sanitary sewers of the Township until paid. Any such lien may be filed by the Township Solicitor in the office of the Prothonotary of the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. The lien shall include all delinquent charges, together with accrued penalties as set forth in §18-305 of this Part and shall also include an ad-

ditional 5% penalty for collection and shall, after being filed in the Prothonotary's office, bear interest at the maximum legal rate established by State law.

(Ord. 139, 2/20/1979, §6)

PART 4

HOLDING TANKS

§18-401. Purpose.

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

(Res. 20-97, 12/17/1997, §1)

§18-402. Definitions.

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

AUTHORITY — the Board of Supervisors of Richland Township, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania.

HOLDING TANK — a watertight receptacle, whether permanent or temporary, which receives and retains sewage conveyed by a water carrying system and is designed and constructed to facilitate the ultimate disposal of the sewage at another site.

IMPROVED PROPERTY — any property within the 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.

OWNER — any person vested with ownership, legal or equitable, sole or partial of any property located in the Township.

PERSON — any individual, partnership, company, association, corporation or other group or entity.

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 or for recreation.

MUNICIPALITY — the Township of Richland, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania.

(Res. 20-97, 12/17/1997, §2)

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§18-403. Rights and Privileges Granted.

The Township is hereby authorized and empowered to undertake within the Township the control and methods of holding tank use, sewage disposal and sewage collection and transportation thereof.

(Res. 20-97, 12/17/1997, §3)

§18-404. Rules and Regulations.

The Township is hereby authorized and empowered to adopt such rules and regulations concerning sewage which it may deem necessary from time to time to effect the purposes herein.

(Res. 20-97, 12/17/1997, §4)

§18-405. Rules and Regulations to be in Conformity with Applicable Law.

All such rules and regulations adopted by the Township shall be in conformity with the provisions herein, all ordinances or resolutions of the Township, and all applicable laws, and applicable rules and regulations of administrative agencies of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

(Res. 20-97, 12/17/1997, §5)

§18-406. Rates and Charges.

The Township shall have the right and power to fix, alter, charge and collect rates, assessments and other charges in the area served by its facilities at reasonable and uniform rates as authorized by applicable law.

(Res. 20-97, 12/17/1997, §6)

§18-407. Exclusiveness of Rights and Privileges.

1. The collection and transportation of all sewage from any improved property utilizing a holding tank shall be done solely by or under the direction and control of the Township and the disposal thereof shall be made only at such site or sites as may be approved by the Department of Environmental Protection of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

2. The Township will receive, review and retain pumping receipts from permitted holding tanks.
3. The Township will complete and retain annual inspection reports for each permitted tank.

(Res. 20-97, 12/17/1997, §7)

§18-408. Duties of Improved Property Owner.

The owner of an improved property that utilizes a holding tank shall:

- A. Maintain the holding tank in conformance with this or any enactment of this Township, the provisions of any applicable law, and the rules and regulations of the Township and any administrative agency of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
- B. Permit only the Township or its agent to inspect holding tanks on an annual basis.
- C. Permit only the Township or its agent to collect, transport and dispose of the contents herein.

(Res. 20-97, 12/17/1997, §8)

§18-409. Violations.

Any person who violates any provision of §408 shall, upon conviction thereof by summary proceedings, be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than \$100 and not more than \$600 and in default of said fine and costs to undergo imprisonment in the County Prison for a period not in excess of 30 days. In the instance of a continuing violation, each day the violation is deemed to continue is, in and of itself, another violation and shall constitute right to citation in the same manner set forth above.

(Res. 20-97, 12/17/1997, §9)

§18-410. Abatement of Nuisances.

In addition to any other remedies provided in this Part, any violation of §408 above shall constitute a nuisance and may be abated by the Township by either seeking mitigation of the nuisance or appropriate equitable or legal relief from a court of competent jurisdiction.

(Res. 20-97, 12/17/1987, §10)

PART 5

WATER METER INSTALLATION

§18-501. Water Use Must be Metered for Sewer Service.

In those instances where a premises is furnished with Township sanitary sewage service, the owner of the premises shall install a meter or meters to measure all water use (both public and well water), with the installation to be made in accordance with regulations relating to meters for regular water service of the Richland Township Municipal Authority of Allegheny County. The cost of the meter or meters and their installation shall be borne by the property owner and/or occupant.

(Ord. 147, 8/28/1979; as amended by Ord. 148, 11/20/1979)

§18-502. Application and Permit for Meter Installation.

Prior to the installation of the meters required by this Part, an application must be submitted to the Township requesting approval of a proposed meter installation and a permit must be issued therefore. An outside register must be installed in order to facilitate the reading of the meter.

(Ord. 147, 8/28/1979, §2)

§18-503. Civil Penalties.

1. Any person, acting in his/her own behalf or on behalf of a firm, corporation or other entity, who violates any provision of this Part shall be civilly liable to the Township in the amount of \$600, said liability to be his/hers and/or that of the firm, corporation or other entity. In each instance, the Township Secretary, Code Enforcement Officer or police officer shall make a determination of violation and notify the violator by first-class mail or personal service of a copy of the civil citation in form adopted by resolution of the Board of Supervisors.
2. The person, firm, corporation or entity cited as a violator may pay the amount of civil liability at a rate of 33% of the amount cited if said payment is made and received by the Township within 10 days of the date of the citation.
3. In the instance of a continuing violation of this Part, each day the violation is deemed to continue is, in and of itself, another violation and shall constitute a separate liability in the same amount as originally stated and may be cited as such in the same manner as above set forth.
4. The failure to pay the citation amount of the civil liability by such discount date as stated above shall give cause for the Township by its appropriate official or So-

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licitor to initiate a civil complaint or complaints against the violator for collection of the civil liability, interest, costs and attorney's fees.

(Ord. 147, 8/28/1979; as amended by Ord. 278, 9/18/1991; and by Ord. 325, 7/3/1996)

PART 6

RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING SEWAGE SERVICE

§18-601. General.

1. The Board of Supervisors of the Township of Richland, County of Allegheny, Pennsylvania, has duly adopted the following rules and regulations governing the furnishing of sewage service.
2. The Township is authorized by law to acquire, hold, construct, improve, maintain and operate sewerage systems and facilities. The term "Township," when used herein shall also mean Authority or any other body designated as official "Sewage Agency" with the power to regulate and control the financing, design, construction and operation of sanitary sewerage, and to establish fees, rates and charges.
3. These rules and regulations shall govern and control the furnishing of sewage services, and shall be part of each application for service and be a part of each contract with each person, Sewage Agency, any political subdivision, and such other parties; and every such person, Sewage Agency, political subdivision and other such parties agree to be bound by these rules and regulations and applicable schedule of rates.

(Res. 3-1979, 1/-/1979, §I)

§18-602. Definitions.

AUTHORITY — the term "authority," whenever the same appears herein or is used in connection with sanitary sewerage systems, shall mean a body corporate and politic, organized and existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania designated by the Township as an official Sewage Agency.

AUTHORITY-RICHLAND — the Richland Township Municipal Authority of Allegheny County, the Authority operating the public water supply systems in the Township of Richland.

BILLING OF TENANT — should the owner desire that the Township conduct business directly with the tenant of each premises, he must first provide physical means of billing and collecting the service charges therefor.

BIOCHEMICAL OXYGEN DEMAND (B.O.D.) — the quantity of oxygen utilized in the biochemical oxidation of organic matter under standard laboratory procedure in five days at 20° C., expressed in parts per million by weight. The B.O.D. shall be determined by one of the acceptable methods described in the latest edition of Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater, published by the American Public Health Association.

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BUILDING DRAIN — that part of the lowest horizontal piping of a drainage system which receives the discharge from soil, waste and other drainage pipes inside the walls of the building and conveys it to the building sewer, beginning five feet outside the inner face of the building wall.

BUILDING–OCCUPIED — any structure erected and intended for continuous or periodic habitation, occupancy or use by human beings or animals, and from which structure sanitary sewage and industrial wastes, or either thereof, is or may be discharged.

BUILDING SEWER — See **SEWER–TYPES**.

CHARGES FOR SEWAGE–INACTIVE — a minimum charge, as set forth in the Schedule of Rates, will be made against all vacant premises that are provided with a sewer line service connection; and, further, minimum charges will be made against all premises that abut on sewerage facilities of the Township and are located within 150 feet thereof, whether such premises are connected to the utility system and whether vacant or occupied; all as applicable for the available services, said premises being feasible to be connected to said facilities; all such charges against the properties to be made a lien thereon, to be liened and collected against the property in name of the owner, reputed owner, occupier, mortgagee, or anyone beneficially interested therein, as claims are liened and collected under the Municipal Claims Law of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The principle of multiple billing shall apply also in cases of inactive service where multiple premises are involved as hereinafter outlined.

CHARGES FOR SEWAGE SERVICE–MISCELLANEOUS BASES — the miscellaneous bases the Township may use for determination of sewage service charges.

CHARGES FOR SEWAGE–MULTIPLE BILLING — the basis for computing charges for sewage service in all cases where more than one premises is served through one water meter or a water meter installation (a meter installation being defined as an installation that includes two or more meters placed at one or more locations for the purposes of serving one or more Premises in a building or related group of buildings, in a facility or related group of facilities, in an area or related group of areas, and in such other properties; more than one meter generally being provided to allow flexibility of operation, to furnish adequate capacity, to permit more accurate measurement of water, due to the physical layout of the property, and for such other reasons); and the basis for charges for sewage service in all cases where more than one premises is served through one premises or building sewer line; the procedure for such billing being outlined in the rules and regulations and summarized as follows, the general principles of “multiple billing” to apply also when charges are subject to a unit charge basis.

CHARGES FOR SEWAGE SERVICE–NORMAL — the “normal” charges for sewage service will be based on the published Schedule of Rates of the Township and

be subject to the various bases for billing as set forth herein and/or set forth in the published Schedule of Rates.

CHLORINE REQUIREMENT — the amount of chlorine, in parts per million by weight, which must be added to sewage to produce a specified residual chlorine content, or to meet the requirements of some other objective, in accordance with procedures set forth in “Standard Methods for the Examination of Water, Sewage and Wastewater,” published by the American Public Health Association, Inc.

COMBINED SEWER — see **SEWER-TYPES**.

COMMERCIAL SERVICE — see **SEWER-TYPES**.

CUSTOMER — contracting for and obtaining sewage service for one or more premises, and the word “customers” means also contracting for and using service.

DATE OF PRESENTATION — the date upon which a bill or notice is mailed, as evidenced by the United States Post Office mark.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES (DER) — the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources or its duly constituted successor.

DIFFERENT TYPES OF PROPERTY USES — this regulation shall apply regardless of whether a business may be owned by a customer who is also receiving household sewage service through the same building sewer lines, or the two or more premises are located in one building or in different buildings, the ownership of the property or business not being significant.

DOMESTIC SERVICE — see **SERVICE-TYPES**.

GARBAGE — solid wastes from the preparation, cooking and dispensing of food, and from the handling, storage and sale of produce.

GARBAGE-PROPERLY SHREDDED — the wastes from the preparation, cooking and dispensing of food that has been shredded to such degree that all particles will be carried freely in suspension under the flow conditions normally prevailing in public sewers, with no particle greater than 1/2 inch in any dimension.

INDUSTRIAL SERVICE — see **SERVICE-TYPES**.

INDUSTRIAL WASTES — any liquid, gaseous or water borne wastes from industrial processes or commercial establishments, as distinct from sanitary sewage.

INDUSTRIAL WASTES-ABNORMAL — any industrial waste having a suspended solids content or B.O.D. appreciably in excess of that normally found in municipal sewage. For the purposes of this regulation, any industrial waste containing more than 350 parts per million of suspended solids, or having a B.O.D. in excess of 300 parts per million, shall be considered an abnormal industrial waste

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regardless of whether or not it contains other substances in concentrations differing appreciably from those normally found in municipal sewage.

INTERCEPTING SANITARY SEWER — see SEWER-TYPES.

LATERAL SANITARY SEWER — see SEWER-TYPES.

MAIN SANITARY SEWER — see SEWER-TYPES.

MUNICIPALITY — the Township of Richland.

MUNICIPAL OR PUBLIC SERVICE — see SERVICE-TYPES.

NATURAL OUTLET — any outlet into a watercourse, pond, ditch, lake or other body of surface or ground water.

NUMBER OF PREMISES — the potential number of premises in any building or group of buildings, and the charges therefor, are subject to determination by the Township prior to original approval of the Township to furnish water and/or sewage services, and are subject to determination subsequent to any alterations, additions or changes in the building or group of buildings. The customer or customers, or Sewage Agency, shall notify the Township promptly relative to any changes in the number of premises, the number at any time always being subject to determination by the Township.

OWNER — the person, firm or corporation or association having an interest as owner, or a person, firm or corporation representing itself to be the owner, whether legal or equitable, sole or only partial, in any premises which is or is about to be furnished sewage service by the Municipality, and the word “owners” means all so interested.

PARTS PER MILLION — a weight-to-weight ratio; the parts-per-million value multiplied by the factor 8.345 shall be equivalent to pounds per million gallons of water.

pH — the logarithm (base 10) of the reciprocal of the weight of hydrogen ions in grams per liter of solution. The pH shall be determined by one of the acceptable methods described in the latest edition of Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater, published by the American Public Health Association.

PREMISES — the property or area, including the improvements thereon, to which sewage service is or will be furnished, and as used herein shall be taken to designate:

- A. A building under one roof, owned or leased by one customer and occupied as one residence or one place of business; or

- B. A group or combination of buildings owned by one customer, in one common enclosure, occupied by one family or one organization, corporation or firm as a residence or place of business, or for manufacturing or industrial purposes, or as a hotel, medical center, church, parochial school, or similar institution, except as otherwise noted herein; or,
- C. The one side of a double house having a solid vertical partition wall; or,
- D. Each side or each part of a house or building occupied by one family, even though the closet and/or other fixtures be used in common; or,
- E. Each apartment, office, or suite of offices and/or place of business located in a building or a group of buildings, even though such buildings in a group are interconnected by a tunnel or passageway, covered areaway or patio, or by some similar means or structure; or,
- F. A public building devoted entirely to public use, such as a town hall, school house, fire engine house; or,
- G. A single lot or park or playground; or,
- H. Each house in a row of houses; or,
- I. Each dwelling unit in a house or building, a dwelling unit being defined as a building or portion thereof with exclusive culinary facilities designed for occupancy and used by one person or by one family (household); or,
- J. Each individual and separate place of business and/or occupancy located in one building or group of buildings commonly designated as shopping centers, supermarket areas, and by such other terms; or,
- K. Each dwelling unit in a public housing development owned and operated by the United States of America, a municipal subdivision of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, or an agency or instrumentality of the United States or the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; by a philanthropic foundation or organization or some such similar body or organization; or operated under private ownership; or,
- L. Each trailer or mobile home shall constitute a premises.

Each premises shall be served through a separate premises or sewer service line, except where physical conditions prevent the installation of separate service facilities as determined by the municipality, present connections excepted.

The term "physical conditions," as used elsewhere herein, shall apply only to such situations as relate to the plumbing layout in the premises. All water and building sewer service lines, as defined herein, shall be installed in accordance with all requirements relative thereto, and shall be connected only to main lines abutting on

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the front of the property and owned by the Township, except as otherwise provided, such water and building sewer service lines to extend from the street in a straight line, at right angles to the street, to the premises where possible. All proposed installations must be approved by the township prior to installation.

The charges for sewage service in all cases where more than one premises is served through one premises or building sewer line shall be determined as set forth in detail in the rules and regulations and Schedule of Rates.

PRESENTATION–DATE OF — see DATE OF PRESENTATION.

PUBLIC SEWER — see SEWER–TYPES.

RATE SCHEDULE SHEET — an individual sheet of Rate Schedules and Regulations.

RATES–SCHEDULE OF — the entire body of effective rates, rentals, charges and regulations, as published and made a part hereof.

SANITARY SEWER — see SEWER–TYPES.

SANITARY SEWERAGE SYSTEM — all separate sanitary sewers, all sewage pumping stations, all sewage treatment works and all other facilities provided and owned by the Township for the collection, transportation and treatment of sanitary sewage and industrial wastes, with their appurtenances and any additions, extensions or improvements thereto that may be made by the Township and/or others.

SERVICE CHARGE — the basic assessment levied on all users of the public sewer system whose wastes do not exceed in strength the concentration values established as representative or normal sewage.

SERVICE LINES–SEWER — see SEWER–TYPES–BUILDING SEWER.

SERVICE–TYPES.

- A. COMMERCIAL SERVICE — provision of sewage service for premises where the customer is engaged in trade, a profession and/or commerce, such classification including clubs, lodges, recreational facilities, churches and places where the general public is served or admitted.
- B. DOMESTIC OR RESIDENTIAL SERVICE — provision of sewage service for residential premises.
- C. INDUSTRIAL SERVICE — provision of sewage service for premises where the customer is engaged in manufacturing or process industries.

- D. MUNICIPAL OR PUBLIC SERVICE — provision of sewage service to a municipal subdivision of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or Agency thereof, or to other similar public bodies.
- E. SCHOOL SERVICE — provision of sewage service to public, private and other types of schools.
- F. TEMPORARY SERVICE — a service for bazaars, fairs, construction work, trailer or trailer camps and similar uses, that because of their nature will not require permanent or steady service.
- G. INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE — provision of sewage service to establishments operated or maintained for the purpose of providing care, treatment or custody of five or more persons not related to the proprietor or his agent and including convalescent homes, nursing homes, medical centers and the like.

SEWAGE — a combination of the water-carried wastes from residences, business buildings, institutions and industrial establishments, together with such ground, surface or stream water as may be present.

SEWAGE AGENCY — a municipal subdivision or an authorized representative thereof, and/or an owner, having the power to negotiate and enter into an agreement with the Township relative to the furnishing of sewage service by the Township, to Premises constructed or to be constructed in the municipal subdivision involved.

SEWAGE AGENCY–MUNICIPAL — the Township or an Authority designated by the Township as the Municipal Sewage Agency for the Township with the power to regulate and control the financing, design, construction and operation of Sanitary Sewerage Systems, and to establish all schedules of fees, rates and charges.

SEWAGE–SANITARY — the normal water-carried household and toilet wastes from residences, business buildings, institutions, industries and commercial establishments, exclusive of storm water runoff, surface water or ground water.

SEWAGE SERVICES CHARGES BASED on FLAT and FIXTURE RATES — the total charge for sewage service shall be equal to the average flat rate charge for each premises multiplied by the number of premises. The computation of the total charges for sewage service based on fixture billing shall involve the determination of the average number of fixtures for a premises based on an analysis of all related individual premises and the computation of the charge for this average number of fixtures, and the multiplication thereof by the total number of premises.

SEWAGE SERVICE CHARGES BASED ON WATER CONSUMPTION — the total charges based on water consumption shall be determined as follows:

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- A. The use of water for each billing period for each premises shall be equal to the number of gallons registered by the water meter or meter installation less the number of premises times the minimum allowance for each premises given in the current schedule of rates. "The use of water in excess of the total of the minimum allowances shall be billed in accordance with the established schedule of rates."
- B. The total charge for sewage service shall be equal to the minimum charge for each premises multiplied by the number of premises plus the number of 1,000 gallons in excess of the total minimum allowances times the rate per 1,000 gallons established in the current schedule of rates under the appropriate consumption bracket. The total charge shall be submitted to the customer or customers or Sewage Agency as the proper charge for sewage service furnished to the type of building and/or buildings included hereunder.

SEWAGE SERVICE CHARGE—MISCELLANEOUS BASES — the Township may use miscellaneous bases for determination of sewage service charges, such other methods to be subject, essentially, to the general principles just outlined, and to the Schedule of Rates.

SEWAGE SERVICE CONNECTION — the connection of a sewer carrying sewage to the Sanitary Sewerage System.

SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT — any arrangement of devices and structures used for treating sewers.

SEWAGE WORKS — all facilities for collecting, pumping, treating and disposing of sewage.

SEWER EXTENSIONS — extensions of sewer lines, exclusive of building or service connections, beyond existing facilities.

SEWER-TYPES — a pipe or conduit for carrying sewage, and the following different classifications of sewers are defined:

- A. **BUILDING DRAIN** — that part of the lowest horizontal piping of a drainage system which receives the discharge from soil, waste, and other drainage pipes inside the walls of the building and conveys it to the building sewer, which begins at a point five feet outside the inner face of the building wall.
- B. **BUILDING SEWER OR SEWER SERVICE LINE** — the extension from the building drain to the public sewer or other place of disposal.
- C. **BUILDING SEWER CONNECTION** — the connection of the "sewer service line" to the public sewer.

- D. COMBINED SEWER — a sewer receiving both surface or storm water runoff and sanitary sewage.
- E. INTERCEPTING SANITARY SEWER — a sewer into which the sewage from all main and other sewers is discharged.
- F. LATERAL SANITARY SEWER — a sewer which does not receive sewage from any other common sewer.
- G. MAIN SANITARY SEWER — a sewer that is a main stem or artery of the sewerage system.
- H. PUBLIC SEWER — a sewer in which all owners of abutting properties have equal rights and is controlled by public authority.
- I. SANITARY SEWER — a sewer which carries sewage, and to which storm, surface and ground waters are not intentionally admitted.
- J. STORM SEWER — a sewer which carries storm and surface waters and drainage, but excludes sewage and polluted industrial wastes, where water made intentionally dirty by use is not admitted.
- K. SUB-MAIN SANITARY SEWER — a sewer into which the sewage from two or more laterals is discharged.

SHALL-MAY — the term “shall” means mandatory, and the term “may” means permissible.

SLUG — any discharge of water, sewage or industrial waste which, in concentration of any given constituent or in quantity of flow, exceeds for any period of longer duration than 15 minutes more than three times its average hourly concentration of flow.

STORM WATER RUNOFF — that portion of the rainfall that is drained into the sewers.

SUB-MAIN SANITARY SEWER — see SEWER-TYPES.

SURCHARGE — the assessment in addition to the service charge which is levied on those persons whose wastes are greater in strength than the concentration values established as representative of normal sewage.

SUSPENDED SOLIDS — solids that either float on the surface of, or are in suspension in, water, sewage or other liquids, and which are removable by a laboratory filtration device. The quantity of suspended solids shall be determined by one of the acceptable methods described in the latest edition of Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater, published by the American Public Health Association.

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TAP-IN OR CONNECTION CHARGE — the initial service charge established and published in the Schedule of Rates and Charges of Township for each residential dwelling unit or premises, multiple dwelling units or premises, commercial, industrial, school, public and miscellaneous buildings covering the fees and costs for the sewage service connection to the public sewer.

TENANT — anyone occupying premises under lease from a lessor and/or occupant of premises with permission of the owner, in any premises which is about to be or can be furnished sewage service by the Township.

TOWNSHIP — “Township of Richland, County of Allegheny, of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania,” a political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

WATERCOURSE — a channel in which a flow of water occurs, either continuously or intermittently.

WASTE OR WATER-UNPOLLUTED — any water or waste containing none of the following: free or emulsified grease or oil; acid or alkali; phenols or other substances imparting taste and odor to receiving waters; toxic or poisonous substances in suspension, colloidal state of solution; obnoxious or odorous gases. It shall not contain more than 10,000 parts per million by weight of dissolved solids, of which not more than 2,500 parts per million shall be as chloride, and not more than 10 parts per million each of suspended solids and B.O.D. The color shall not exceed 50 parts per million. Analyses for any of the abovementioned substances shall be made in accordance with the latest edition of Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater, published by the American Public Health Association.

(Res. 3-1979, 1/-/1979, §II)

§18-603. Conditions of Service.

1. General. The Township will furnish sewage service only in accordance with the currently prevailing, and as hereinafter revised, rates, rules and regulations of the Township, which rates, rules and regulations are made a part of every application, contract, agreement or license entered into between the property owner or customer or sewage agency and the Township.
2. The Township hereby reserves the right, so often as it may deem necessary, to alter, amend, and/or repeal the rates and/or these rules and regulations, or any part, and in whole or in part, to substitute new Rates, rules and regulations, which altered and/or amended new rates, rules and regulations shall forthwith, without notice, become and thereafter be a part of every such application, contract, agreement, or license for sewage service in effect at the time of such alteration, amendment and/or adoption.

3. The furnishing of sewage service outside the limits of the Township of Richland will be limited to premises included under agreements entered into only with Sewage Agencies.
4. All agreements executed with a Sewage Agency shall be subject to approval of the municipal subdivision represented thereby, the agency, in some cases, being the municipal subdivision or an Authority created thereby.
5. The furnishing of sewage services to premises, even though located on properties included under agreements with Sewage Agencies and/or others, may be refused if sewage flows therefrom and found or estimated to be excessive, and/or the character of the sanitary wastes being, or to be discharged therefrom is determined to be unsatisfactory.
6. Maintenance and repair of the sewer service lines or building sewers, as well as the cost thereof, will be the responsibility of the user and/or property owner. No work shall be done on any sewer service lines or building sewer without prior approval by the Township and all work shall be subject to inspection during performance. No work shall be done in any right-of-way of any street, roadway or any street or alley, or private right-of-way, without first obtaining a permit from the Township or controlling municipal subdivision and/or governmental body, and the Township exercises the right to do all work with respect to connections to the main sewers and bill the user and/or property owner for such work, the work to be done in accordance with requirements later set forth herein. Three days' notice must be given the Township prior to any work being done on the sewer service line or building sewer, and approval therefor obtained.

(Res. 3-1979, 1-/1979, §III)

§18-604. Applications and Contracts for Connections and Sewage Service.

1. General. The Township, in cases involving sewage service outside the Township of Richland, will negotiate with each municipal subdivision in order to effect a comprehensive agreement whereby all premises, excepting those set forth herein, or such areas as are agreed upon, that are located in the respective municipality or the respective drainage area will be furnished sewage service. Such agreements may permit sewage service for the entire respective drainage areas, excepting Premises set forth herein, subject to compliance with the rules and regulations of the Township.
2. The furnishing of sewage service to premises located in municipal subdivisions which do not enter into the aforesaid comprehensive agreements, excluding such Premises as are not subject to such agreements, will be furnished only through agreements with a Sewage Agency as herein defined.

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3. The furnishing of sewage services to premises in the Township of Richland will be in accordance with the following requirements set forth herein and the requirements as just set forth.
4. Application for Sewer Connections and Sewage Service; Municipal Subdivision. A municipal subdivision desiring to enter a contract providing for sewage service to all properties located in the municipal subdivision or a certain drainage area, excluding such properties as previously set forth, shall submit a written application to the Township, prepared on the form furnished by the Township. Subsequent to submission of an application, negotiations shall be conducted to establish the terms of an agreement, including the sewage services, fees and charges; and, subject to successful negotiations thereon, an agreement shall be executed between the municipal subdivision and the Township.
5. The furnishing of sewage service, subsequent to the execution of an agreement, shall then be subject to the submission of applications for sewer connections and/or service by a Sewage Agency for each premises or group of premises, and the approval thereof. Such applications are to be accompanied by such data as later herein set forth, and as required to allow the analysis of such service by the Township of each individual premises.
6. Application for Sewer Service Connection; Individual Premises. A written application, prepared on the form furnished by the Township, must be submitted to the Township for the purpose of requesting the installation of a sewer building connection to each premises, or group of premises where an individual sewer connection is permitted, in accordance with these rules and regulations; said application to be subject to such service connection fees and charges currently in effect for each of the respective service areas, which application, together with the rules and regulations of the Township, shall regulate and control the service to such premises, and said application to be submitted at least one month, or such shorter time as the Township may approve, before the connection is required. The installation of all building sewers shall be in accordance with the requirements later set forth herein.
7. Application for Sewage Service; Individual Premises. A written application, prepared on the form furnished by the Township, must be submitted to the Township for the purpose of requesting sewage service, said application to be signed by the owner of the premises or his duly authorized agent, who may be a tenant, subject to the Township exercising the right to require that the property owner act as guarantor for all bills rendered. If the tenant neglects to make such payments within the time specified, said application shall be subject to the requirements relative to deposits and fees as hereinafter set forth, which application together with the rules and regulations of the Township, shall regulate and control the service for the premises, and said application is to be submitted at least one week, or such shorter time as the Township may approve, before service is required.
8. Approval of Applications. Applications are merely written requests for building sewer connections and sewage service. All applications are subject to approval of

the Board of the Township of Richland, or its authorized agent, and are subject to payment of all required fees and compliance with all regulations relative thereto, prior to commencement of the work or service requested therein.

9. **Application for a Contract.** The application for sewage service shall be a binding contract on both the customer and the Township upon approval by the Township; and in all instances where the customer is a tenant, the owner of the premises occupied by the tenant shall be party to the Contract. Rates for service shall accrue from the date the service is available to the premises with respect to the work and responsibilities of the Township, except on new buildings where service shall begin upon completion or occupancy unless, of course, service is required during construction.
10. **Contracts Delinquents.** No agreement will be entered into by the Township with any applicant for sewage service, whether owner or tenant, until all areas for service, rents, bills for work or other charges due by the applicant at any premises now or theretofore owned or occupied by him shall have been paid or until satisfactory arrangements for payment of such unpaid bills shall have been made.
11. **Term of Contract.** All contracts covering sewage service shall continue in force from month to month or billing period unless 10 days' written notice is given by either party of a desire to terminate the contract. When written notice, as mentioned before, is given by the customer of sewage service upon such notice, providing (a) the building is torn down and the facilities cease to be used or (b) the premises sold and the new owner enters into a contract with the Township for services; the premises always being subject to vacancy and such other charges as later described herein.
12. **Special Contracts.** The Township may require, prior to approval of service, special contracts other than applications, under the following conditions:
 - A. If required by provisions in the schedule of rates, the duration of the contract to be as specified in the schedule.
 - B. If the construction of extension and/or other facilities is necessary.
 - C. For providing temporary service, including sewage service for building or other special purposes.
 - D. For connections with other qualified utilities or municipal subdivisions.
 - E. For extensions from the sewerage system, whether or not such facilities are to be conveyed to the Township.
 - F. If deemed necessary by the Township.
13. **Governmental Regulations a Part of Contract.** All contracts for sewage service shall be subject to the following provisions:

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- A. The contracts shall, at all times, be subject to such changes or other modifications as may be directed by action of the Legislature of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or other regulatory body, if applicable.
14. Individual Liability for Joint Service. Two or more parties who join to make application for service shall be jointly and severally liable and shall be sent periodic bills. The Township reserves the right, in such individual cases, when deemed necessary, to make one or more of said parties the guarantor for payment of said bill and to send a single bill.
15. New Application Upon Change in Ownership or Conditions of Use. A new application must be submitted and approved by the Township upon any change in ownership of the property whether the owner is the customer or the tenant is the customer, or in the service, as described in the application, and the Township shall have the right, upon five days' notice, to discontinue the service until such new application has been made and approved. Upon change of ownership, the responsibility of complying with the foregoing is upon the buyer and seller, and their failure to do so makes both parties liable for any obligation owing which may be collected from either or lien against the property in either's name.
16. In connection with a change in service, any customer making any material change in size, character or extent of equipment or operations utilizing sewage service, or whose change in operations results in a substantial increase in the flow of sewage or industrial waste, shall immediately give the Township written notice of the nature of the change and, if necessary, amend his application.
17. Renewal of Service. Sewage service will be renewed under a proper application when the conditions under which such service was discontinued are corrected, and upon the payment of all charges provided in the schedule of rates or rules of the Township due from the applicant.
18. Condition of Plumbing System. The piping, plumbing and fixtures on the property of the customer are assumed to be in satisfactory condition at the time service facilities are connected and service furnished; and the Township, therefore, in connection with sewage service, may terminate such service if the plumbing and sanitary drainage system is not in accordance with the rules and regulations. All piping, plumbing, building sewer and related work on the premises shall be in accordance with the rules and regulations, Allegheny County Health Department, Plumbing and Building Drainage.

(Res. 3-1979, 1-/1979, IIV)

§18-605. Deposits.

1. General. The following general conditions shall apply to deposits in connection with applications for sewage service.

- A. Cash deposits are required from customers taking service for a temporary period in an amount equal to the estimated gross bill for such temporary period. Cash deposits may be required with all applications for service and will be required in all cases involving contracts with tenants, provided that in no instance will deposits be required in excess of the estimated gross bill for any single billing period plus one month, plus a penalty of 5%, and shall not be less than a minimum charge of \$10, or as currently in effect. Such deposits may be refunded subject to establishment of satisfactory payment records, over a period of eight quarters, and in accordance with the conditions set forth in the schedule of rates. A review of the payment records will be made in at least three months after the period of eight quarters.
- B. The payment of any bill within the meaning of these rules shall be payment of the bill on or before the end of the month in which the bill is rendered, or the payment of any contested bill, payment of which is withheld beyond the period herein set forth. Any contested bill may be paid without penalty if the dispute is terminated substantially in favor of the customer, and if the payment is made by the customer within 10 days thereafter.
- C. The deposit will not bear interest.
- D. Any customer having a deposit will pay bills for service rendered, in accordance with the rules of the Township, and the deposit shall not be considered as payment on account of a bill during the term the customer is receiving service. Upon discontinuance of service to a consumer for any reason set forth in these rules, the Township may apply the deposit of such consumer to the payment of an unpaid bill for service and may retain any deposit as security against payment for minimum charges applicable against unoccupied property if such premises are to be unoccupied.
- E. When the customer desires to discontinue service, the Township will refund the deposit upon the return of deposit receipt, properly signed, together with payment in full for all service rendered, and a notice to discontinue service, said notice to be rendered in accordance with the conditions set forth herein; except that no refunds will be made until and unless a proper deposit is made or security for payment of minimum charges against an unoccupied property or a proper deposit is made by or for a new customer, or such other required deposits are made with the Township.
- F. All new connections to the system shall be subject to such tapping fees as are currently in effect for the separate districts and where the building line is already installed, the premises shall be subject to such connection fees as established by the Township as are currently in effect for the separate districts; unless said connections are made pursuant to a contract between the Township and sewage agency providing otherwise, in which case, the fees set forth therein shall be charged.

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- G. All connection fees as relate to sewerage systems are required to be paid in advance; but, if for any reason they are not, they are hereby made a lien against the property to be liened and collected against the property in the name of the owner, reputed owner, occupier, mortgagee, or anyone beneficially interested therein as claims are liened and collected under the Municipal Claims Law of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
- H. The owner and/or the purchaser of any property transferred which is now or hereafter connected with the systems shall immediately notify the Township of the change of ownership; and the new owner or his duly authorized agent shall immediately make application for service; and, upon failure to do so, the Township shall have the right, upon five days' notice, to discontinue the service until such new application has been made and approved.

(Res. 3-1979, 1-/1979, §V)

§18-606. Building Sewers and Connections.

1. General. All building sewers and connections to the system of the Township shall be subject to submission of an application to the Township, approval of the application, and compliance with all requirements previously set forth, all requirements as follows and with any supplemental detailed regulations relative to design and installation of building sewers.
2. No unauthorized person shall uncover or make any connections with or openings into, use, alter or disturb any sewer owned by the Township without first having obtained a written permit from an authorized official, and permission to use the building sewer will not be granted until after a physical inspection has been made of the installation and determination made that said service line is constructed to exclude all storm water, downspouts, foundation drains and such other illegal connections and all industrial wastes prohibited herein are excluded.
3. All systems, other than those owned by the Township, shall be subject to the regulations set forth herein or to regulations establishing higher standards.
4. A fresh air inlet must be connected with the drain just inside the intercepting trap. Where underground, it may be extra heavy cast iron. Said inlet must head into the outer air and finish with an approved open grill at a point just outside the front wall of the building. The fresh air inlet must be the same size as the drain up to four inches; for drains five inches and six inches in size, it must be not less than four inches; for drains seven inches and eight inches in size, it must be not less than six inches; and for larger drains, not less than eight inches in size or its equivalent.
5. Building Sewer and Connection Materials. Only the following materials may be used for building sewers unless an exception is specifically approved for the particular location by the Township engineer:

- A. Extra heavy or service weight cast iron with gasketed or caulked and leaded joints.
 - B. Extra strength vitrified clay pipe (ASTM 700) with premium type joints (ASTM C-425).
 - C. ABS plastic, Schedule 40 or heavier with gasketed or solvent welded joints.
 - D. ABS plastic, composite design (Truss pipe) with gasketed or solvent welded Joints.
 - E. Polyvinyl chloride plastic, Schedule 40 or heavier, with gasketed or solvent welded joints.
6. The joints for vitrified clay pipe shall be of the premium type and in accordance with A.S.T.M. Specifications, Designation C-425-60T and latest revisions. The joints, in general, shall be flexible, plastisol joints such as Unilock or Tylax, or approved equal, and shall be a ring type factory preassembled full compression joint with fins held with proper material which adheres to the gasket and vitrified surface of the socket. A nonshrinking grout of adhesive shall be used to cast the joint into the bell of the pipe, and the casting of gaskets in the bell shall be in accordance with the procedure recommended by the manufacturer of the pipe. The casting of the joints in the bell of the pipe shall be done prior to shipment of the pipe.
7. The lead for joints shall be in accordance with Federal Specification QQ-L-156; all joints in vitrified clay pipe between such pipe and metals shall be approved hot-poured jointing materials. The material shall be hot-poured which shall not soften sufficiently to destroy the effectiveness of the joint subject to a temperature of 160° F., nor be soluble in any of the wastes carried by the sewer.
8. All costs and expenses incidental to the installation and connection of the building sewer shall be borne by the owner. The owner shall indemnify the Township of any loss or damage that may directly or indirectly be caused by the installation of the building sewer. All costs and expenses incident to maintenance, repair, replacement and other work in connection with building sewers shall be borne by the owner.
9. All work in public streets, roads, alleys, rights of way, and other property shall be approved by the governing agency controlling such areas and the Township, and the Township exercises the right to do all work with respect to connection to the main sewer and bill the user and/or property owner for such work.
10. The use of old building sewers in connection with new buildings will be permitted only when they are found, upon examination and test by the Township or other authorized persons or agencies, to meet all requirements set forth herein.

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11. The main drainage system of every house or building shall be separately and independently connected with the street sewer, except where one building exists or is erected in the rear of another, or on an interior lot, or of single ownership, and no private sewer is available or can be constructed to the rear building through an adjoining alley, court yard, or driveway; the building sewer from the front building may be extended to the rear building and the whole considered as one building sewer.
12. Plumbing-Drainage System. The plumbing system serving the premises shall be designated and constructed in accordance with the Allegheny County Plumbing Code except that the following provisions shall govern in Richland Township in case of conflict.
 - A. Sewers buried beneath the floor may be extra heavy cast iron soil pipe with leaded and caulked joints and extended at least five feet outside the cellar wall, the pipe materials to be in accordance with the Specifications A.S.T.M. A-74-42, and latest revisions, "Standard Specifications for Cast Iron Soil Pipe and Fittings."
 - B. The building drainage sewer must be provided with a horizontal intercepting trap placed inside the cellar wall or as close thereto as practical. The trap must be provided with a handhole for convenience in cleaning, the cover of which must be properly fitted and made gaslight and airtight with a heavy brass screw-cap ferrule caulked into the trap fitting.
13. Any other jointing materials and methods may be used only if approved by the Township engineer for the particular installation.
14. Cast iron pipe with leaded joints may be required where a building sewer is exposed to damage by tree roots. If the building sewer is installed in filled or unstable ground, the building sewer shall be of cast iron soil pipe properly supported, except that non metallic material may be approved if laid in a suitable concrete bed or cradle, as approved.
15. Building Sewer and Connection; Design and Installation. The building sewer must be at least four inches in size laid on a straight slope with an approved grade and as near as possible at right angles to the street and at a depth to avoid all obstacles, to permit proper alignment, and to provide proper cover, and shall be designed and installed in accordance with the following requirements.
17. All excavation in the bottom of the trench shall conform to the curvature of the pipe and afford a good bearing surface. Where rock is encountered, the excavation shall be carried below the bottom of the pipe for the distance required, at least four inches, and the excavated area backfilled with granulated slag or approved equal material. The width of the trench shall be excavated to a minimum width, and the trench shall be properly shored where required. All excavation required for the installation of the building sewer shall be open trench work unless otherwise approved.

18. In the installation of the vitrified clay pipe, the spigot shall be lined up true with the bell of the pipe; the gasket and spigot end of the pipe shall be lubricated with a water resistant special cement or lubricant furnished by the manufacturer of the joint material and the pipe pushed home. In pushing the pipe home, a block shall be placed against the socket of the pipe, a pushing bar driven into the ground beside the block, and a light pressure applied to the bar against the block. The joints shall be installed in accordance with the requirements of the Township.
19. Cast iron pipe joints shall be firmly packed with oakum or hemp and filled with molten lead not less than one inch deep. Lead shall be run in one pouring and caulked tight. No paint, varnish or other coating shall be permitted on the jointing material until after the joint has been tested and approved.
20. All joints, as previously indicated, between such pipe and metals shall be made with approved hot-joint material, the joint first to be caulked tight with jute, hemp or similar approved material.
21. All joints shall be gaslight and watertight; and before being placed in service, the building sewer shall carry no flow. In event the Township or its authorized representative has reason to question the adequacy or tightness of construction of the service line, said service line shall be subjected to infiltration, exfiltration or smoke tests as required by the Township, and the cost of such tests, as well as the actual cost of construction of the service line itself, shall be borne entirely by the owner and/or prospective customer. At the option of the Township, the building sewer may be subjected to testing and shall be required to hold four psi air pressure without leakage or a column of water 10 feet high above the invert at its point of connection to the Township's sewer.
22. The size and slope of the building sewer shall be subject to approval, and in accordance with the Allegheny County Plumbing Code, but in no event shall the diameter be less than four inches, as previously set forth. The slope of the pipe shall not be less than one-quarter (¼") inch per foot, the Township exercising the right to approve less slope where extenuating conditions exist, subject to special requirements.
23. The laying of pipe and backfill shall be performed in accordance with A.S.T.M. Specifications, Designation C-12, except that no backfill shall be placed until the work is inspected. All work shall be done by qualified plumbers and/or other persons.
24. Wherever possible, the building sewer shall be brought to the building at an elevation sufficiently below the basement floor to permit proper connections to all house plumbing. No building sewer shall be laid parallel to or within three feet of any bearing wall which might thereby be weakened. The depth shall be sufficient to afford protection from frost. The building sewer shall be laid at uniform grade and in straight alignment insofar as possible. Changes in direction shall be made only with properly curved pipe fittings.

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25. In all buildings in which any building drain is too low to permit gravity flow to the public sewer, sanitary sewage carried by such drain shall be lifted by approved artificial means and discharged to the building sewer, the capacity of such units to be subject to approval by the Township.
26. The connection of a building sewer into the public sewer shall be made at the wye branch, if such branch is available at a suitable location. In the event suitable wye branches are not available, or in the opinion of the Township cannot be economically or properly installed, a connection into the public sewer shall be made by a special cast iron, vitrified clay or other saddle-type connection that meets the approval of the Township. Before any tapping machine is used, the applicant shall determine that the building sewer joints shall be compatible.
27. If unusual trench conditions exist, such as excessive depth, unstable soil or such other conditions are encountered, the Township may require the owner, at his expense, to encase the building sewer in concrete or such other steps taken which, in the opinion of the Township, are necessary for proper installation.
28. The Township may refuse a permit to allow a connection directly to the main intercepting sewer and require extensions and connection to a manhole; the manhole, sewer and other work to be done at the expense of the owner. In no event will a connection be permitted by the direct connection of a building sewer through a hole cut in the sewer.
29. The invert of the building sewer at the point of connection shall be at the same or at a higher elevation than the invert of the public sewer.
30. The applicant for the building sewer permit shall give 24 hours' notice to the Township or authorized agency when the building sewer is ready for inspection and connection to the public sewer, as well as submit such other notices as previously set forth. The connection shall be made under the supervision of the Township or authorized agency. The building sewer and connection to the Township sewer shall not be covered until inspected by the Township and permission is given to cover. If covered without permission, the Township may require the work to be uncovered at the expense of the applicant.
31. All excavations for building sewer installations shall be adequately guarded with barricades and lights so as to protect the public from hazard. Streets, sidewalks, parkways, and other public property disturbed in the course of the work shall be restored in a manner satisfactory to the local municipality.
32. Sewer Building Line and Connection, Maintenance. All sewer building lines and connections shall be maintained by the owner at his cost, and the sewer shall be protected properly and maintained by the owner. When repairs, renewals or replacements or other necessary work is required in the aforesaid facilities, the owner shall employ, without delay, competent tradesmen to do the work, at his expense. All leaks shall be repaired immediately. No work shall be done, however,

without the approval of the Township and shall be done under the supervision of the Township.

(Res. 3-1979, 1-/1979, IVI)

§18-607. Use of Sewer.

1. Required Use. All premises accessible to the public sanitary sewerage system shall be connected to the system, at the expense of the user and/or property owner.
2. All premises accessible to the sanitary sewerage system upon which a building is hereafter constructed shall be connected to the system at the expense of the user and/or property owner.
3. All premises which hereafter become accessible to the sanitary sewerage system shall be connected to the system at the expense of the user and/or property owner, and such connection shall be made within three months after notice to make connection is issued by the Township or its authorized representatives.
4. All connections shall be made in accordance with requirements previously set forth and in accordance with the Plumbing Code or other applicable requirements of the municipality.
5. It shall be unlawful for any person owning any occupied building or premises accessible to the public sanitary sewerage system to erect, construct, use or maintain or cause to be erected, constructed, used or maintained any privy, cesspool, sinkhole, septic tank or other receptacle on such premises for receiving sanitary sewage.
6. No person shall discharge or cause to be discharged into the sewerage system any storm water, surface water, ground water, roof run-off, subsurface drainage, cooling water or unpolluted industrial process water, and connections permitting such discharges shall be eliminated within three months after notice to take such action is issued by the Township or its authorized representative.
7. The Township reserves the right to prohibit connections to the system, or to enforce discontinuance of the use of the sewerage system for deleterious industrial wastes, or to require pre-treatment of such wastes in order to prevent damage to or adverse effect upon the system. The design, construction and operation of such pre-treatment facilities shall be subject to approval of the Township.
8. The industrial wastes will be considered harmful, in general, if the discharge thereof into the system may cause any of the following:

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- A. Chemical reaction either directly or indirectly with the materials of construction of the public sewerage system in such a manner as to impair the strength or durability of the sewer structures.
 - B. Mechanical action that will result in damage to the sewer structures.
 - C. Prevention or interference with the normal inspection or maintenance of the sewer structures.
 - D. Reduction of the hydraulic capacity of the sewer structures.
 - E. Danger to public health and safety.
 - F. Obnoxious conditions inimical to public interest.
9. Subject to requirement by the Township, an approved manhole or manholes shall be constructed on the building or connecting sewer to facilitate observation, sampling and management of flow from the premises when the discharge from such premises, including industrial wastes or industrial wastes and sanitary sewage combined, is in excess of 100,000 gallons per quarter. Such structures shall be constructed in accordance with plans approved by the Township and shall be accessible, properly designed and in a safe location. The structures shall be constructed and maintained by the owner at his expense, and shall be maintained to be safely accessible at all times. The providing of such structures is mandatory.
10. Prohibited Uses. Except as hereinafter provided, no person shall discharge or cause to be discharged any of the following waters or wastes to any public sewer:
- A. Any liquid or vapor having a temperature higher than 150° F. or less than 32° F.
 - B. Wastes containing liquids, solids or gases which, by reason of their nature or quality, may cause fire, explosion, or be in any other way injurious to persons, the structures of the sewerage system or its operation.
 - C. Any waters or wastes having a pH lower than 5 1/2 (5.5) or higher than nine or having any other corrosive property capable of causing danger or hazard to structures, equipment, and personnel of the sewage works. The Township may require installation and maintenance where necessary of the suitable equipment to continuously measure and record the pH of wastes and discharge.
 - D. Wastes containing any noxious or malodorous gas or substance which, either singly or by interaction with sewage or other wastes, is, in the opinion of the Township, likely to create a public nuisance or hazard to life, or prevent entry to sewers for their maintenance and repair.

- E. Any ashes, cinders, sand, mud, straw, shavings, metal, glass, rags, feathers, tar, plastics, wood, paunch manure, hair, chemical paints or residues, greases, lime slurry or any other solid or viscous substances capable of causing obstruction to the flow in sewers or other interference with the proper operation of the sewage works. Maximum permissible concentration will vary throughout the system, depending on size of the sewer and flows.
- F. Wastes containing insoluble, non flocculent substances having a specific gravity in excess of 2.65.
- G. Wastes containing soluble substances in such concentrations as to cause the specific gravity of the waste to be greater than 1.1.
- H. Any water or waste which may contain more than 100 parts per million by weight of fat, oil or grease.
- I. Wastes containing more than 10 p.p.m. of any of the following gases: hydrogen sulfide, sulfur dioxide, nitrous oxide, or any of the halogens.
- J. Wastes containing gases or vapors, either free or occluded, in concentrations toxic or dangerous to humans or animals.
- K. Any waste containing toxic substances in quantities sufficient to interfere with the biochemical processes of sewage treatment works or that will pass through the sewage treatment works and exceed the State or interstate requirements for the receiving stream.
- L. Any waters or wastes containing suspended solids of such character and quantity that unusual attention or expense is required to handle such materials at the sewage treatment plant.
- M. Any toxic radioactive isotopes without a special permit.
- N. Wastes containing any of the following substances in solution in concentrations exceeding those shown in the following table:

Substance	Maximum Permissible Concentration Parts Per Million
Phenolic compounds as C ₆ H ₅ OH	1
Chanides as CN	2
Cyanates as CNO	10
Iron as FE	17
Trivalent Chromium as Cr	3
Hexavalent Chromium as Cr	1

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Substance	Maximum Permissible Concentration Parts Per Million
Nickel as NI	3
Copper as Cu	2
Lead as Pb	2
Tin as Sn	2
Zinc as Zn	2
Cadmium as Cd	2

- O. Any substance in violation of the requirements of the United States Environmental Protection Agency or Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources or which would cause the Township to violate such requirements.
- P. Any garbage that has not been shredded.
11. Grease, oil, and sand interceptors shall be provided when, in the opinion of the Township or authorized agency, they are necessary for the proper handling of liquid wastes containing grease in excessive amounts, or any flammable wastes, sand, and other harmful ingredients, except that such interceptors shall not be required for private living quarters or dwelling units. All interceptors shall be of a type and capacity approved by the Township or authorized agency, and shall be located so as to be readily and easily accessible for cleaning and inspection.
 12. Grease and oil interceptors shall be constructed of impervious materials capable of withstanding abrupt and extreme changes in temperature. They shall be of substantial construction, watertight, and equipped with easily removable covers which, when bolted in place, shall be gaslight and watertight.
 13. Where installed, all grease, oil, and sand interceptors shall be maintained by the owner, at his expense, in continuously efficient operation at all times.
 14. Where preliminary treatment facilities are provided for any waters or wastes, they shall be maintained continuously in satisfactory and effective operation by the owner, at his expense.
 15. When required, the owner of any property served by a building sewer carrying industrial wastes shall install a suitable control manhole in the building sewer to facilitate observation, sampling and measurement of the wastes. Such manhole, when required, shall be accessible and safely located, and shall be constructed in accordance with plans as approved. The manhole shall be installed by the owner at his expense, and shall be maintained by him so as to be safe and accessible at all times.

16. As a condition of providing service to premises other than single family residential, the Township may require the submittal of analytical data to establish the composition of the wastewater discharge. All measurements, tests and analyses of the characteristics of waters and wastes shall be determined in accordance with the "Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater," and shall be determined at the control manhole provided, or upon suitable samples taken at said control manhole. In the event that no special manholes have been required, the control manhole shall be considered to be the nearest downstream manhole in the public sewer, to the point at which the building sewer is connected. All such measurements, tests and analyses shall be at the expense of the owner of the premises.

(Res. 3-1979, 1-/1979, §VII)

§18-608. Meters; Sewage Service.

1. General. In such instances where a premises is furnished sewage and not water service, the Township shall require the installation of a meter to measure water use, said installation to be made in accordance with the adopted standard meter and regulations as related to meters for regular water service of the Richland Township Municipal Authority of Allegheny County and to be made at the cost of the customer, and be subject to these rules and regulations. The customer must submit an application to the Township requesting approval of a proposed meter installation and a permit must be issued therefor. The Township shall also require the installation of an outside register in order to facilitate reading the meter.
2. Size of Meter. The Township reserves the right, in all cases, to stipulate the size and type of the meter to be installed on each service or other type line and to require the installation of a larger size meter in any case where the peak use of water places any meter under undue or unusual strain, and/or exceeds the recommended meter capacity, and reserves the right to charge the fees currently in effect for the larger meters.
3. The minimum size of a meter installed shall be the same size as the water service line except that on a 3/4 inch line serving a domestic customer, the privilege of using a 5/8 inch meter may be allowed by the Township.
4. Location. The location for the meter shall be subject to the approval of the Township, shall be at a convenient and accessible point, shall permit control of the entire supply, and shall allow proper protection of the meter from freezing or other harm.
5. No fixture shall be attached to, or any branch made in, the service between the meter and the source of supply.

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6. In cases where it is not practical to place the meter within the building, the Township may require the property owner to construct, inside the property line, a brick or concrete meter pit with a suitable iron cover or a similar type of approved meter box: such installation to be made in accordance with a plan furnished or approved by the Township.
7. Installation of Meter. All piping, fittings, valves, check valves, gauges, bolts, nuts, meter pit structures, manholes or other accessories or materials and the labor for installing the same, used in connection with meter settings within the property line of the premises, shall be at the expense of the applicant. The customer shall employ for his work the services of skilled tradesmen, qualified and approved by the Township, who shall cooperate with the Township and install all the piping and appurtenances in accordance with the dimensions and requirements for each specific case, so that the meter or meters can be properly installed and connected by the Township. The customer shall furnish and install other service line as well handle, round way stop cock or gate valve, without waste, the same size as the service line on the street side and immediately before the meter, and a stop and waste cock or valve on the outlet side and immediately after the meter. A suitable check valve shall be furnished and installed by the customer at a point between the stop and waste cock or valve and the meter, if necessary and required. When a check valve is installed, a safety valve shall be furnished and installed by the customer at a convenient point in the house piping to relieve excess pressures due to heating of water.
8. Under certain conditions where there is a demand or necessity for uninterrupted water service in order to eliminate inconvenience to both the customer and the Township when repairs to or replacement of the meter is necessary, the Township may, at its option, require the installation of a battery of two or more meters on the one service line, with a combined capacity approximately equal to the capacity of the single meter requested. Such installation shall be properly valved to control or cut any single meter out of service and permit its removal without interruption of service through the remaining meter or meters. In cases where meters are so installed or where the Township requires more than one meter, bills will be separately rendered for each meter, the cost of such installations to be borne by the customer.
9. Maintenance, Care and Responsibility for Damage. The owner and/or tenant shall maintain all meters at his expense. In the event of injury, freezing or non-working of the meter, the customer shall promptly notify the Township. The customer shall furnish and set another meter to replace the one frozen or damaged by such causes; and the cost of the repairs to the same, included replaced parts, labor, and transportation charges, as well as the costs of testing and costs for reinstallation or changing of the meter, shall be paid by him.
10. Meter Tests. All meters shall be accurately tested before installation and thereafter periodically tested.

11. In the case of meters used for private water supply systems and where public water is not furnished, should the Township at any time doubt the accuracy or correctness of the meter measuring water delivered to the customer's premises, the Township will, and if the customer so desires, in his presence or that of his authorized representative, make a test of the accuracy of the meter. When a customer desires, either personally or through a representative, to witness the testing of a meter, he may require the meter to be sealed in his presence before removal, which seal shall not be broken until the test is made in his presence. If the number so tested shall be found to be accurate within the limits herein specified, the Township shall be responsible for the cost of testing; but if not so found, then the cost thereof shall be borne by the customer.
12. A report of all tests shall be made to the customer or Township, and a complete record of such tests shall be kept by the Township. The amount of the fee for test made by the Township shall be in accordance with the schedule of fees set forth in the schedule of rates.
13. Rates for testing meters not included in the above classifications or which are so located that the cost is out of proportion to the fee specified will be furnished by the Township after an appraisal has been made to determine the cost. The fee above stipulated shall be payable by the applicant in advance. In the event the meter so tested is found to have an error, the bill, based on the last reading of such meter or meters, shall be corrected accordingly. This correction shall apply both for over or under registration.
14. Change in Location of Meters. The customer shall pay for the cost of relocation of all meters made at his request or for his convenience.
15. Seals. No seal placed by the Township for the protection of any meter, valve, fitting, or other water connection shall be tampered with or defaced. It shall not be broken except upon authorization from the Township or in the presence of a Township representative. Where the seal is broken the Township reserves the right to remove the meter for test, at the expense of the customer, even though said meter registers accurately.
16. Leaks. Customers are urged to give careful attention to their plumbing and fixtures and make immediate correction of all leaks. No allowance will be made by the Township for water used, lost, stolen, or otherwise wasted through leaks, carelessness, neglect, or otherwise after the same has passed through the water meter.
17. Reading and Registration of Meters. Readings of meters shall be taken monthly or quarterly, at the option of the Township, and the quantity recorded by the meter shall be taken to be the amount of water passing through the meter, which amount will be conclusive on both the customer and the Township, except when the meter has been found to be registering inaccurately or has ceased to register. In such cases, the quantity may be determined by the average registration of another meter for a period of at least 20 days, or of the same meter for a period of at

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least 20 days after it has been repaired, tested, and reset; or the quantity consumed during a previous corresponding period may be used as a basis for settlement. If none of these methods can be applied fairly, another method may be used that will be just and reasonable to the Township and to the customer.

18. Notification Relative to Condition of Meter. The customer shall notify the Township of damage to or the nonworking of the meter, or of the breaking of the seal or seal wire, as soon as he is aware of such a condition.
19. Minimum Charge. "Every meter installed is subject to a fixed minimum monthly or quarterly charge," in accordance with the rates thereof, for which certain quantities of water will be allowed without additional charge; and where more than one premises is furnished service through one meter, the same fixed minimum monthly or quarterly charge shall apply for each and every premises and the method of preparing bills for such installation is set forth elsewhere herein. "Such minimum shall be nonabatable for a nonuser of water, and noncumulative against subsequent consumption." In the case of fractional bills covering less than a quarter, minimum charges and allowance shall be prorated.
20. All premises are subject to minimum charges for inactive service, as set forth elsewhere herein. The property owner will be held responsible for all bills not paid by tenants and/or others occupying the respective premises.
21. The billing for premises with respect to sewage services under a permit approving a meter on a private water system shall be subject to an additional minimum charge to defray the cost of the meter reading and other work, and such charges shall be in accordance with the fees set forth in the schedule of rates.

(Res. 3-1979, 1-/1979, §VIII)

§18-609. Service.

1. Discontinuance of Service.
 - A. By Customer. Any customer may terminate his active service contract with the Township upon giving written notice thereof to the Township, and upon the lapse of a reasonable time thereafter, to permit the Township to attend to details in connection with such discontinuance of service. The customer shall remain liable for active service to the premises described in his application until the Township has received written notice from him, and the termination of active service does not relieve the owner of the premises of making payments of the minimum charges established for unoccupied premises, if the premises become unoccupied.
 - B. Discontinuance of service by the Township for nonpayment of a bill or violation of these rules shall not cancel the application for service, not constitute

a waiver of this rule, nor constitute a waiver for payment of bills as required under inactive service.

- C. By Township. Active service under any application may be discontinued for any of the following reasons.
- (1) For misrepresentation in the application.
 - (2) For the use of service for or in connection with, or for the benefit of, any other premises or purposes than those described in the application.
 - (3) For willful waste of water through improper or imperfect pipes, fixtures, or otherwise.
 - (4) For failure to maintain in good order the building sewer connection and fixtures owned by the applicant. For failure to remove roof leader connection or other sources of surface water.
 - (5) For failure to maintain in good order the water service line extension and connection and fixtures owned by the applicant.
 - (6) For molesting or in any other way interfering with any service pipe, meter, meter box, curb stop, curb box, or with any seal, or any other meter or other fixtures and appurtenances of the Township.
 - (7) For refusal of reasonable access to the premises for purposes of inspecting the piping, fixtures, and water system appliances therein.
 - (8) For neglecting or refusing to make or renew advance payments where required, or for nonpayment of sewage service, or for any charge accruing under the application.
 - (9) Where the contract has been in any way terminated by the customer.
 - (10) For premises where the use of water reduces the capacity of the sewer to such an extent that normal service to others is impaired, this condition relating to sewerage service.
 - (11) For premises where the character of the wastes is detrimental to the sewer or is not in accordance with the requirements set forth herein.
 - (12) For unauthorized use by others of the building sewer line.
 - (13) For premises where apparatus, appliances or equipment using water or sewer are dangerous, unsafe, and not in conformity with any laws or regulations.

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- (14) For fraud or abuse.
 - (15) For violation of these rules and regulations, or other requirements governing the furnishing of sewage service.
 - (16) The water service may be discontinued for nonpayment of a sewage bill.
2. **Renewal of Service After Discontinuance.** Service may be renewed under a proper application when the conditions under which such service was discontinued or corrected, and upon the payment of all proper charges or amounts provided in the schedule of rates or rules of the Township due from the applicant.
 3. **Turn-off Without Authorization.** The customer shall not turn the water on or off at any corporation stop or curb stop, or disconnect or remove the meter, or permit its disconnection or removal without the consent of the Township.

(Res. 3-1979, 1-/1979, SIX)

§18-610. Bills and Payment.

1. **Bills Rendered and Due.** All bills for sewage service will be rendered at the end of the service period, residential billing normally to be on a quarterly basis. Bills for commercial, industrial, public, and other such services may be rendered on a monthly or quarterly basis, at the option of the Township.
2. All bills are payable in person at the office of the Township of Richland and at any pay agency of the Township, during regular business hours, or by mail.
3. The Township will make regular meter readings where meters are installed, monthly or quarterly, at its option, and bills will be rendered as soon as practicable after the reading of the respective meters.
4. All bills shall be due and payable upon the date of presentation and, if not paid within the grace period, a penalty will be added to such bills. Acceptance or remittance of bills on the last day of this pay period shall be determined as evidenced by the Postmark of the United States Post Office or by the date or receipt in case the postmark is missing or not legible.
5. A delinquent notice may be served by mail, telephone call, or in person to the effect that, unless the bill is paid within seven days from the end of the pay period, service will be discontinued, but the premises will continue to be subject to an inactive charge, which charges shall be cumulative.
6. If the owner, occupant, tenant, or customer shall fail to pay any rate or charge for sewer, sewage or sewage treatment service imposed by the Township, the Water Authority shall shut off the supply of water to such premises until such overdue

rentals, rates and charges shall be paid, but such shut-off shall only be after seven days' written notice to the person liable for payment of the rentals and the premises have been posted as provided by law. Such premises will be subject to inactive charges for both water and sewage. The Township, in cases where no water utility furnishes service, shall terminate service based on the foregoing by physical means in preventing the use of the building sewer, at the cost of the owner.

7. If service is discontinued, it will not be restored until all unpaid bills and charges, including the turn-off charges, deposits, inactive and such other charges, are paid or satisfactory arrangements made for payment.
8. **Lien Against Property.** Notwithstanding the definition of the owner, tenant, and customer, as set forth in §102 hereof, and notwithstanding that the customer, applicant or contractor entering into an agreement with the Township for the use of sewage service was not the owner of the premises served by the Township, the owner of the premises shall be liable in person and to charge property for all sewage services rendered to said premises, and the Township may, at its option, discontinue service as previously set forth, and in addition thereto, may file suit in assumpsit against the owner, tenant and customer, severally or jointly, and may use any other remedy provided by law for the collection of delinquent bills, and in addition, shall file a municipal claim against the said property within the time limit required by law for the collection of delinquent bills, and in addition, shall file a municipal claim against the said property within the time limit required by law for such filing, so that the claim shall be assessed against the said property in the same way as other taxes are filed and liened, and may issue a writ of scire facias or file a suggestion in the same manner and within the same period of time as provided by law for all municipal taxes and claims. The Township shall use any or all of the remedies so provided by law, and the use of any one remedy shall not be exclusive of the Township's other rights and remedies.
9. The Municipal Acts and Authority Acts relating to liens of property for nonpayment of water bills and sewage bills are incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof.
10. **Abatement of Charges.** Customers desiring an abatement from sewage bills for active service due to vacancies shall give written notice at the office of the Township. Billing for sewage service will then be based on the vacancy and/or other charges as established. The restoration of active service will be subject to the payment of all previous billings and will be subject to the standard turn-on charge then in effect. Abatement will be made of a portion of the charges in the proportion that the period when service was terminated bears to the entire period, allowing for vacancy and other charges. No adjustment on meter bills will be made for any reason other than incorrect registering of meter.
11. **Minimum Charge; Sewage Service; No Sewer Connection.** A minimum charge will be levied and assessed against any property abutting and within 150 feet of the public sewer system, even though such premises is not connected to the sewer, providing, however, that connection to the sewer is feasible. All new premises

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shall be subject to extension of a sanitary sewer to permit obtaining service therefrom, providing such extension is not more than 150 feet, and a septic tank or other privately owned sewage treatment facilities shall not be constructed on such premises.

12. Sewage and Other Charge; A Lien Against Property. All sewage and other service charges herein designated or set forth in the schedule of rates are made a lien against the property to provide for nonpayment for sewage and other related service, such lien to be liened and collected against the property in the name of the owner, reputed owner, occupier, mortgagee, or anyone beneficially interested therein as claims are liened and collected under the Municipal Claims Law of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
13. Termination of Water Service for Nonpayment of Sewage Service Bill. The water service will be terminated for nonpayment of sewage service bills in premises receiving both water and sewage service, even though the bills for water service are paid, the premises being subject to inactive charges regardless of such termination.
14. Charges for Active Sewage Service. All bills for sewage services furnished by the Township will be based on the published schedule of rates of the Township, the charges to be based on the quantity of water used on or in said premises as the same may be measured by meters in use or other meters to be installed, or based on the number and type of fixtures, or based on flat rates, or based on unit charges, or such other methods, all as approved subject to conditions and to the requirements and rates set forth in the schedule of rates for each individual district and, in general, in accordance with the following:
 - A. Normal Charges. Each premises will be subject to a fixed minimum monthly or quarterly charge for sewage services and billed normally on a water use or fixture basis. The minimum charge shall be nonabatable for nonusers of water, and noncumulative against subsequent use. In the case of fractional bills covering less than a month or a quarter, monthly or minimum charges shall be prorated. The charges for the use of water in excess of the quantities allowed under the minimum charges will be in accordance with the schedule of rates, the allowances of water for the minimum charges to be deducted from the quantities set forth in applying the schedule. The Township may, at its option, adopt the unit charge, or other methods as a basis for normal billing.
 - B. Multiple Billing. The charge for sewage service in all cases where water use is the basis of charges and more than one premises is served through one building sewer shall be determined in accordance with the general procedures set forth with respect to Multiple Billing under 5,602(9) herein.
 - C. Unit Charges. The Township may, at its option and as set forth in the schedule of rates, bill on the basis of unit charges for sewage services in accordance with the following and the schedule of rates:

- (1) Residential, Individual. Subject to a single unit charge.
 - (2) Residential Multiple. Served by a single sewer service line, such as apartment and multiple type dwelling, mobile home park or similar type of building or occupancy; subject to a unit charge for each residential premises therein.
 - (3) Commercial, industrial, public or mixed, such as residential and commercial, residential and industrial, or any other such combination of Premises; subject to number of unit charges as determined by one of the following methods, the method to be used being subject to the option of the Township:
 - (a) Method 1. The number of unit charges under this method shall be equal to the total quantity of water in gallons used, as determined by meter or other suitable method, divided by such factor or number of gallons as set forth in the schedule of rates. This method may be subject to total water used or to measurement of only such water as enters the sewer, the cost of metering to determine such flows to be subject to requirements previously set forth, all facilities required for such metering to be installed at the cost of the owner and/or occupant.
 - (b) Method 2. The number of unit charges under this method will be equal to the man-days of employment in a commercial or industrial concern divided by such factor as set forth in the schedule of rates.
 - (c) Method 3-Per Person Basis Charges. The Township may, at its option, charge for sewage on a per person or per student basis for commercial, industrial and school premises.
 - (d) Method 4-Miscellaneous. The Township, under this method, may establish miscellaneous methods for basing unit charges.
- D. Surcharge for Certain Industrial Wastes. The Township will exercise the right to levy and assess against applicable premises a surcharge, or surcharges, for the handling and treatment of abnormal industrial, commercial, and other such wastes. The surcharge represents an apportionment of the cost for handling an excess load imposed on the sewage treatment plant by wastes stronger than normal sewage and of the additional costs of maintaining and operating the public sewerage system. The basis of such charges shall be as set forth in the schedule of rates.
- E. The surcharges will be added to the normal sewage service charge and shall be subject to the same penalties applicable to other charges.

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- F. The strength of wastes subject to a surcharge, or surcharges, shall be determined periodically by the Township. The frequency and duration of the sampling period shall be subject to determination by the Township, and shall be such as will permit reaching reasonably reliable conclusions as to the average composition of such wastes, exclusive of storm water run-off, if any. The manholes or other facilities required for sampling shall be constructed at the cost of the owner and/or tenant, and shall be constructed as previously set forth.
 - G. The samples will be collected by a representative of the Township, such samples to be collected in proportion to the flow of wastes, exclusive of storm water run-off, if any, and to be composited for analysis. The procedures and analyses will be in accordance with the latest edition of Standard Methods for Examination of Water and Sewage, as published by the American Public Health Association.
 - H. The characteristics and strength of the wastes, as determined by analyses, shall be used to determine the applicability of the surcharge, or surcharges, and used as bases for establishing the amount of the surcharge or surcharges. The Township exercises the right to assess the costs of conducting flow measurements, and making the chemical and other tests, against the owner and/or tenant of the premises.
 - I. The Township may, at its option, accept the results of routine sampling and analyses by the producer of said wastes.
15. A minimum charge, as set forth in the schedule of rates, will be made against all vacant premises that are provided with a sewer line service connection; and, further, minimum charges will be made against all premises that abut on Township sewerage facilities and are located within 150 feet thereof, whether or not such premises are connected to the utility systems and whether vacant or occupied; all as applicable, said Premises being feasible to be connected to said facilities; all such charges against the properties to be made a lien thereon, to be liened and collected against the property in name of the owner, reported owner, occupier, mortgagee or anyone beneficially interested therein, as claims are liened and collected under the Municipal Claims Law of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
16. The principle of Multiple Billing or Unit Charge shall apply also in cases of inactive service where multiple premises are involved, as previously outlined.

(Res. 3-1979, 1/-/1979, §X)

§18-611. General.

- 1. Inspection. Authorized employees of the Township, identified by proper badges or identification documents, shall have access to the customer's premises at all reasonable hours for the purpose of turning the water on or off; inspection, repair

and/or replacement of service lines, service extensions, building sewers, manholes and other appurtenances; inventory of fixtures for billing purposes; inspection, setting, reading, repairing, and removal of meter; observation, measurement, sampling and testing of sewage or industrial wastes; and all such Justifiable purposes.

2. The Township shall have the power to make such excavations as are required for the proper execution of the work.
3. Turn-On Charge. A turn-on and turn-off charge, currently in effect, shall be paid when water has been turned off because of an unpaid sewage bill, for violation of the terms of the application or rules of the Township, or at such times as service has been suspended at the customer's request, the charges to be in accordance with the Water Authority's Schedule of Rates.
4. This regulation relates only to turn-on and turn-off charges and does not affect the regulations relative to minimum charges for inactive services.
5. Interference with Township's Property. No workmen, owner, or tenant, or other unauthorized person shall turn the water on or off at any corporation cock or curb stop, or break the seals, disconnect or remove the meter, or otherwise interfere with the Township's property, or do work on service line connections, service line extensions, building sewers and such other facilities, except in accordance with requirements as previously set forth.
6. For unauthorized operation of street valve, curb stop, service cock, or other portion of the service installation or building sewer installation, the person owning the Premises served by the line connected to said street valve, curb stop, service cock or other service connection shall be required to pay \$25 and any costs required in connection with damage to these facilities.
7. No unauthorized person shall maliciously, willfully, or negligently break, damage, destroy, uncover, deface, or tamper with any structure, appurtenance, or equipment which is part of the Township's sewage facilities. Any person violating this provision of these rules and regulations shall be subject to immediate arrest under charge of disorderly conduct.
8. Only Rules Binding. No agent or employee of the Township shall have the power to bind the Township by any promise, agreement or representation not provided for in these rules without the approval of the Township Board of Supervisors.
9. Service of Notices. All notices and bills relating to the Township or its business shall be deemed to have been properly served if left the Premises of the customer, or if mailed to the customer, directed to or left at his address as shown on the records of the Township.
10. The Township will send all such notices and bills to the address Township of Richland.

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11. All notices of general character, affecting or likely to affect a large number of customers, shall be deemed to have been properly given or served if advertised in the newspaper designated by the Township.
12. The Township will send notices and bills with respect to inactive service to the owner of the property involved, all such properties being subject to minimum charges and to liens for nonpayment of all applicable minimum charges.
13. The Township will send notices and bills with respect to nonpayment of bills by tenants to the owner of the property involved, after service has been discontinued for nonpayment of bills, such owners being responsible for payment thereof.
14. Complaints. Complaints relative to the character of the service furnished or the reading of meters or of bills rendered must be made in writing and delivered to the main office of the Township.
15. Service Not Guaranteed. Nothing in these rules, nor any contract, nor representation, verbal or written, of the Township or any of its employees shall be taken or construed in any manner to be or constitute a guarantee to furnish service through any building connections, or to provide unreasonable sewer capacities or facilities, whether for domestic, commercial, industrial, manufacturing or other general uses, or for any other special purposes; but the Township will, at all times and under all conditions, endeavor to maintain the efficiency of its service.
16. Restriction of Supply. The Township reserves the right to restrict the use of sewers as to capacity and character of sewage.
17. Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; Bills for Sewage Service. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and any agency is entitled to a thirty-day period from the due date of any bill, within which it may pay for sewage service without the imposition of a penalty.
18. Penalties.
 - A. Any person found to be violating any provision of these rules and regulations shall be served by the Township with written notice stating the nature of the violation and providing a reasonable time limit for the satisfactory correction thereof. The offender shall, within the period of time stated in such notice, permanently cease all violations.
 - B. Any person who shall violate any provision of this Part beyond the time limit provided for in the above shall, upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding \$500 and costs and, in default of payment thereof, shall be subject to imprisonment for a term not to exceed 30 days, Each day in which any such violation shall continue shall be deemed a separate offense. [Ord. 336]

- C. Any person violating any of the provisions of these rules and regulations shall become liable to the Township for any expense, loss or damage occasioned the Township by reason of such violation.

(Res. 3-1979, 1/-/1979, §XI; as amended by Ord. 278, 9/18/1991; by Ord. 325, 7/3/1996; and by Ord. 336, 2/5/1997)

§18-612. Approval of Sanitary Sewerage Systems.

1. General.

- A. No sewers shall be extended from the sewers of the Township, and no sanitary sewerage systems and/or treatment facilities shall be constructed or such other work done without approval first having been obtained from the Township, permits obtained from the Department of Environmental Resources, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and Permits, licenses, and/or approvals obtained as required from all Federal, State, County and Local agencies.
- B. The work shall be done in accordance with these rules and regulations and those of the Township and other applicable requirements. Any work in areas other than the Township involving facilities served by the Township and/or facilities extended from the Township into adjoining municipal subdivisions shall be in accordance with the aforesaid requirements and any higher standards as established by the municipal subdivision in which the work is located.
- C. The applicant must enter into an agreement with the Township providing for all conditions upon which approval will be granted, including conveyance to the Township of all sewerage facilities and sewage treatment plants.
- D. The applicant must prepare at his cost all contract plans and specifications, rights-of-way plans and contract documents, and prepare at his cost other material, such as is required to obtain all permits, licenses and/or other approvals, and prepare the applications relative thereto and shall pay all fees.
- E. The plans and reports shall be stamped with the seal of a Registered Professional Engineer.

- 2. When sewage facilities are proposed by a developer or other private party for construction which are intended to be accepted by the Township for ownership, operation and maintenance, the Township may, at its option, undertake the design and construction of such facilities at the expense of the party proposing same. Any such project shall only be undertaken pursuant to an agreement between the party and the Township according to which the party shall deposit with Township an amount of cash equal to 10% or more of the cost of the improvements, as estimated by the Township's engineer, such deposit being intended to cover the cost of

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preparing plans and specifications and obtaining bids for construction of the project. Upon receipt of the required amount, the Township will proceed with the planning and obtaining of bids, using the deposited funds to pay the costs. If the deposit should prove to be insufficient for that purpose, the private party shall then be liable for the additional amount. After the bids are received, the Township, in its discretion, shall select the bidder to which it intends to award the contract and shall advise the private party of the estimated total cost to proceed with and complete the construction including engineering, inspection, legal costs, right-of-way costs and other proper expenses. The private party shall promptly deposit with the Township such estimated total cost, in default of which the Township need not proceed further with the project. When the estimated total cost has been deposited, the Township will proceed with the construction using the deposited funds to pay all costs as they come due. If at any time it appears that the amount on deposit will be insufficient to complete the project, the Township shall require additional funds from the private party, in default of which the Township may, at its option, discontinue the work at any time. When construction is completed and the project is accepted by the Township, the private party shall be entitled to a refund of all funds not expended or obligated or shall be liable for any deficiency.

(Res. 3-1979, 1-/1979, 5XII)

§18-613. Laws and Regulations to Sewerage.

1. General. The construction of all sewerage and sewage treatment plant facilities shall be subject to the owner and/or developer obtaining at his cost all permits and approvals required by Federal, State, County and other agencies. No applications for such permits shall be submitted until preliminary approval of the project is obtained from the Township.
2. State Department of Health. The requirements of the State under the Clean Streams Law, administered by the State Department of Environmental Resources, Successor to the Sanitary Water Board in accordance with Act Number 394 of the General Assembly of Pennsylvania, approved June 22, 1937, as amended are of great importance and provide as follows:
 - A. Approval of Plans, Designs and Relevant Data by the Sanitary Water Board. All plans, designs and relevant data for the construction of any new sewer system, or for the extension of any existing sewer system, by a person or municipality, or for the erection, construction, and location of any treatment works or intercepting sewers by a person or municipality, shall be submitted to the Sanitary Water Board for its approval before the same are constructed or erected or acquired. Any such construction or erection which has not been approved by the Board by written permit, or any treatment works not operated or maintained in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Board, is hereby also declared to be a nuisance and abatable as herein provided. Because permits can generally only be issued to municipalities, agencies of the municipalities or public utilities, all permits for the construc-

tion of new sewerage facilities by private developers or other private interests must be obtained in the name of the Township, the agency responsible for public sewerage in the Township.

3. Dams and Encroachments Permit. The installation of any facility in, along, across or projecting into all streams and bodies of water of the Commonwealth, as provided in an Act approved June 25, 1913, and as amended May 6, 1937, must be approved by a permit to be obtained from the Department of Environmental Resources prior to actual construction.
4. State Department of Transportation. For the installation of facilities or work within the right-of-way of any state roadway, the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation requires that a Highway Occupancy Permit be obtained from that Department. In the case of a county road, a permit must be obtained from the Allegheny County Department of Public Works.
5. State Department of Labor and Industry. The State requires that all sewer construction conform to the Regulation for Excavation and Construction of the Department of Labor and Industry. These regulations govern, essentially, safety requirements of construction or excavation, particularly as to bracing, shoring and sheeting of trench excavation. Notice by the Contractor must be given to the Department of Labor and Industry on prescribed forms before any excavation is started. An exception to this requirement of notice is allowed for "any person hereinafter known as "firm" the majority of whose revenue is not obtained from contracting or construction, which digs or orders dug by its own employees more than 200 excavations in any one year" if the following requirements are met: 1) An exemption application be filed with the Department. 2) All work be supervised by Engineers. 3) A daily file of work information be maintained. 4) All disabling injuries be reported to the Department.
6. OSHA. The Federal Act, commonly known as the Williams-Steiger Occupational Safety and Health Act, and regulations adopted pursuant thereto may be relevant to sewerage work. Furthermore, the Federal Act, commonly known as the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, and regulations adopted pursuant thereto may be applicable.
7. Township and Others. All procedures and work must be in accordance with all applicable ordinances and regulations of the Township, all rules and regulations of the Township and others where required and not specifically listed herein. The work and plans relative to sewerage must be correlated with all Township subdivision and other ordinances and regulations.

(Res. 3-1979, 1/-/1979, XIII)

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§18-614. Application for Approval of Sanitary Sewerage Systems, and General Requirements Relative Thereto.

1. A written application on the forms furnished by the Township, unless otherwise indicated, must be submitted for the purpose of requesting approval of a sewer line extension, sanitary sewerage system, including pumping stations and treatment facilities, and/or other work, and the obtaining or furnishing sewage service therefrom.
2. This application is to be signed by the owner or owners, to be subject to the terms and conditions set forth and included herein and Township requirements, and to the execution of an agreement; and this application together with the rules and regulations of the Township shall regulate and control all facilities and sewage service.
3. All applications for sewage service must be accompanied by all plans, documents, reports and other required materials as set forth herein.
4. The submission of the application must be in strict accordance with the rules and regulations of the Township.

(Res. 3-1979, 1/-/1979, XIV)

§18-615. Procedure for Submittal of Reports and Plans.

1. General. The applicant shall submit preliminary plans and reports to the Township for general review and recommendations and then prepare and submit applications, final plans and reports for approval. The general design of all proposed sewerage facilities shall be in complete compliance with the requirements of the State Department of Environmental Resources and all applicable rules and regulations of the Township.
2. Preliminary Plans. The applicant shall submit preliminary plans and reports, in triplicate, in accordance with the following:
 - A. A formal letter of request for review and recommendations.
 - B. An Engineer's Report setting forth a full description of the proposed system and setting forth the basis of design. The report must include a statement and description of the extent of area which it is proposed to include within the system at the present time, and in the future; the estimated present and future population to be served; the estimated per capita rates or volume of sewage to be provided for; the general character of the sewage and the proportion and nature of any industrial wastes; and such other data and information. Where industrial wastes are involved, all applications for service, regardless of location of the premises, must be accompanied by a detailed report setting forth the quantities and character of the wastes, the proposed

rates of discharge, and such other facts as required. The report must include a detailed summary relative to the drainage areas and areas to be served; of the sewerage system, showing sizes of sewers, distances between manholes, grades, capacities and future ultimate flows in main and intercepting sewers; and, if treatment facilities are to be constructed, showing dimensions, sizes, capacities, and all pertinent data relative to each unit, types and capacities of all equipment, general plant and operating descriptive data, total plant capacities and such other data; and, if pumping stations are to be constructed, the type, head and capacities of pumping equipment, the type and size of motors, types and capacities of comminuting equipment and screens, descriptions of other equipment, sizes, capacities and other data relative to wet and dry wells, descriptions of operation and other data.

- C. Preliminary Plans Showing the Following:
 - (1) Sewers. Layout of all sewers and manholes, showing sizes, distances between manholes, grades, type of sewers and approximate invert elevations of all manholes. Design features should be submitted at least in sketch form for special conditions, inverted siphons and such other features.
 - (2) Pump Stations and Treatment Plants. Plans showing property lines, general plant layout, dimensions, types and sizes of all equipment, hydraulic profile and other pertinent features.
 - D. Outline specifications for pumping stations and sewage treatment plants and description of proposed materials and equipment.
3. Final Plans and Reports. The applicant shall submit five copies of final plans and reports, and other required items, all in accordance with the following:
- A. A formal letter of request for final approval, preparation of an agreement, and such other actions as are required.
 - B. An engineer's report setting forth the information and data required in the preliminary report; and if no revisions or additional data are required, the preliminary report may be suitable as the final report. In addition, the applicant shall prepare all application forms, modules, report and such other data as required by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources.
 - C. All applications, plans, exhibits and supporting data required for submittal to all agencies having jurisdiction in order to obtain licenses, permits and approvals.
 - D. Final plans prepared by a qualified registered professional engineer showing the following:

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- (1) Sewers. These plans must show the boundary line of the municipality or sewer district to be provided sewers; all existing and proposed streets, watercourses, and other salient topographic features; contour lines for intervals of not more than five feet; and the surface elevations at street intersections and at points where changes of slope occur. The plans must show clearly the locations of all existing sanitary and combined sewers, but need not show the locations of drains used exclusively for surface or subsoil water. If it is proposed to provide sewers for only a part of the natural or artificial drainage areas, there must be indicated upon the plans how it is proposed, in general, to provide sewerage for each of the drainage areas in which it is not at the time planned to provide sewers. In the case of sewer extensions, the plans need show only the section wherein sewers are to be extended. In all cases the plans must clearly show the size of the sewer, the character of the sewer material, the slope, the elevation at the location of all points of change or slope, the direction of flow, the location of all manholes, flushing manholes, inverted siphons, pumping stations, the elevations of all stream beds, the direction of stream flow, the high and low water elevations of all water surfaces, and such other data and showing all profiles. The detailed plans shall include plans of all sewers and regular and special sewer appurtenances, structures of all types and such other features.
 - (2) Pumping Station and Treatment Plants. These plans shall be complete, detailed plans of all phases, including architectural, general, structural, mechanical, plumbing, heating and ventilating, electrical and other work prepared in accordance with sound engineering practice. These plans shall show property lines of all sites, existing and proposed connections, existing and proposed utilities, roadways, drainage facilities and all physical features. The plans shall provide for complete fencing of all pumping stations and treatment plants, and other such facilities.
- E. Complete detailed specifications for all work, and other contract documents.
4. Plan Preparation.
- A. All final plans must be uniform in size and in accordance with requirements set forth in the Sewerage Manual of the State Department of Environmental Resources.
 - B. The plan shall be prepared on sheets 24 inches by 36 inches in size, with a one inch border on the left side and a 1/2 inch border on all other sides. A three inches by five inches title block shall be located in the lower right hand corner.
 - C. The general plan shall be on a scale not smaller than 300 feet to one inch, preferably, and not more than 100 feet to one inch. All other plans shall be

drawn to a scale to permit all necessary information to be shown plainly. Sewer profiles shall be on a horizontal scale of not more than 50 feet to the inch and a vertical scale of not more than 10 feet to the inch, and plan views of sewers shall be drawn to the same scale as the profile view.

5. As-Constructed Plans. Subsequent to completion of the work, the applicant shall submit as-built plans to the Township. No service will be furnished or permitted to be furnished until these plans are submitted.

(Res. 3-1979, 1-/1979, §XV)

§18-616. Responsibility for Costs.

1. The cost of all sanitary sewage systems and related costs shall be borne by the applicant requesting approval thereof.
2. The cost of such work shall include the following:
 - A. The cost of all sewer lines, of the sizes required for the project, none to be less than eight inches in size, of all manholes, and other sewer appurtenances, and of all pump stations and other work.
 - B. The cost of connections to existing sewers.
 - C. The cost of all treatment facilities, if required and approved, of all grading, landscaping, fencing and other work.
 - D. The cost of all land and rights of way, the rights-of-way and land to be conveyed to the Township.
 - E. The cost of obtaining all permits, licenses and such other approvals.
 - F. The payment of a minimum of 10%, subject to the size and type of facilities, of the total construction costs to defray all legal, engineering and overhead costs, if the project is to be designed and constructed by the Township. All such costs in excess of 10% must be borne by the applicant. If the project is designed and constructed by the applicant, the applicant must pay the Township costs involved in the review of the contract plans and specifications, field work, if any, legal work, administrative and such other costs in connection with the project.
 - G. The cost of a resident engineer or inspectors furnished by the Township to supervise and/or inspect construction of the project or projects, such costs to be the per diem rate currently in effect plus mileage costs and expenses. Deposits shall be made in advance for two months estimated costs, and continued each two months until completion of inspection work, such cost to be adjusted as required at the end of each period.

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- H. The payment of all tapping, sewage treatment and other fees.
- I. Such other costs.

(Res. 3-1979, 1/-/1979, §XVI)

§18-617. Agreement.

The applicant shall enter into an agreement with the Township, prior to final approval and the execution of any work, the agreement to contain such pertinent conditions as the following:

- A. The cost of all work to be borne by the Owner, except as otherwise indicated.
- B. The materials and workmanship to be in accordance with the requirements of the Township.
- C. The highways, streets, alleys and lanes in which sewer extensions are to be located must be dedicated to public use, the lines and grades thereof established, and the rough grading completed.
- D. The ownership title to all installations to be conveyed to and vested in the Township, including land and easements, sewer systems, all related facilities, pumping stations, treatment plants and treatment facilities of any type, and all other related facilities.
- E. The Township to have the right to make further extensions beyond or laterally from all sewers, such extensions not to be considered as connections subject to any refund, and the right to enlarge or improve sewage treatment facilities.
- F. The payment of refunds, at the option of the Township, with respect to the sewer to the owner for additional new customers abutting on and connected directly to the lines installed to be subject to such conditions as set forth herein, or as agreed upon, and to a limited number of years. No refunds are to be made unless from monies received from other consumers for the privilege of obtaining service from the extension.
- G. The guarantee for operation of pumping stations and sewage treatment plants by the applicant until (a) the satisfactory operation of the facilities are assured, (b) at least 50% of the design capacity is connected, or (c) revenues are sufficient to cover operating and administrative costs, whichever requirement is the most stringent, the Township to exercise the option to reimburse the applicant net rentals during the period of his operation of the facilities.

- H. The applicant to provide permanent twenty-foot easements or the width as required in all plans of lots for all sanitary sewers, and for future extensions as required by the Township. For sewers to be constructed outside the limits of a subdivision plan, the applicant shall obtain all required permanent easements at least 20 feet in width. All easements shall be obtained and provided at the cost of the applicant and conveyed to the Township prior to requesting final approval of the work.
- I. To provide all insurance, bonds and other such items as required by the Township with respect to municipal improvements, including sewerage and the requirements of the Township.
- J. The applicant shall deposit with the Township upon execution of the agreement an amount of 1% of the estimated cost of the proposed work but not less than \$1,500 to cover the initial Township legal, engineering review, approval and administrative expense directly related to the proposed work. If the Township expense is less than the amount of the deposit, the residual monies will be refunded to the applicant. Should the Township expense exceed the amount of the deposit, the applicant shall pay the additional expense upon receipt of invoices stating the amount and description of the services. The cost of inspection by the Township representatives shall be paid separately by the applicant and in addition to the amount of the agreement deposit, the cost of inspection to be paid progressively during the construction period through the completion of the work.
- K. Such other related requirements.

(Res. 3-1979, 1/-/1979, §XVII)

§18-618. Construction Specifications.

- 1. General. The design, installation and construction of all sewers, pumping stations, sewage treatment plants and other related facilities shall be in strict accordance with the standards of construction and specifications as established by the Township, and as approved by the consulting engineer for the Township.
- 2. Inspection of Construction.
 - A. All construction of sewerage facilities in the Township shall be subject to inspection by representatives of the Township during the progress of the work to assure that such construction is accomplished in accordance with the approved plans and specifications, the costs of such inspection to be borne by the applicant.
 - B. No work shall be done except in the presence of an inspector representing the Township. In default of such inspection, the Township may require the work to be uncovered or otherwise tested to assure that it is in compliance

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with the plans and specifications or may require the work to be removed and reconstructed.

- C. The Township must be notified at least two working days in advance of the day any work is to be done. Once the work has been started, it will be assumed that an inspector is required each and every regular working day until the applicant notifies the Township that all work is completed or that no work will be done on certain specified days. If no work is done on a particular day but the Township inspector is nevertheless present at the site because the Township was not given timely notice of no work that day, then the applicant shall pay the cost of the inspector that day. Notice of no work may be given verbally to the inspector or in writing or by telephone, but in case of dispute as to whether proper notice was or was not given, only written notice delivered to the Township secretary will be binding upon the Township. Notice of completion must be given in writing to the Township secretary.
- D. At least 10 days prior to starting construction, the applicant shall notify the Township of the anticipated starting date of his proposed construction and the schedule of operation through completion of the project. At the time of this notification, a meeting shall be arranged between the applicant, the construction foreman and representatives of the Township to completely review all aspects of the construction project, prior to commencing with construction. No construction will be permitted without such a meeting.
- E. When the Township has been notified in writing of the completion of the construction work, a detailed final inspection shall be made by the Township to determine that the completed facilities have been constructed in accordance with the approved plans and specifications. Approval will not be given by the Township until all discrepancies and deficiencies revealed by this final inspection have been satisfactorily corrected. Inspection fees as outlined herein and in other rules and regulations of the Township shall be paid by the applicant, as previously indicated.

(Res. 3-1979, 1-/1979, §XVIII)

§18-619. Bonds and Insurance.

- 1. General.
 - A. The applicant shall be responsible for furnishing, at his cost, all bonds and insurance required under the rules and regulations and standards of the Township, including a performance bond, insurance and other such items.
 - B. The applicant shall, in all instances, agree for himself, his heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns to maintain all the work done under this contract in good condition for the period of one year from the date of fi-

nal acceptance of the same, the Township being the judge of the condition of the work; and upon the acceptance of the completed work and before the surety which has furnished the performance bond is released, the applicant shall furnish a maintenance bond of an acceptable surety company in the full amount of the final cost to the Township, or in a lesser amount if so approved by the Township.

(Res. 3-1979, 1/-/1979, §XIX)

PART 7

**REGULATIONS OF THE DISCHARGE OF WASTE MATERIALS INTO SEWERS
CONVEYING SEWAGE INTO THE DEER CREEK AND ALLEGHENY VALLEY
SYSTEMS**

§18-701. Definitions.

For the purpose of this Part, the following terms shall have the meanings hereinafter designated:

INTERFERENCE — any inhibition or disruption of the DCDBA or AVJSA facilities, its treatment processes or operations, its sludge processes, use or disposal, or of any sewer, pipe or other conveyance located in the Township, and transmitting substances into the DCDBA or AVJSA facilities, which is a cause of and significantly contributes to either a violation of any requirements of AVJSA's National Pollution Discharge Elimination System Permit (hereinafter called "NPDES Permit") including an increase in the magnitude or duration of a violation or to the prevention of sewage sludge use or disposal by AVJSA in accordance with the following statutory provisions and rules, regulations or permits issued thereunder: Pennsylvania Sewage Facilities Act (35 P.S. §750.1, et seq.), Pennsylvania Clean Streams Act (35 P.S. §691.1, et seq.), Pennsylvania Solid Waste Management Act (35 P.S. §6018.101), Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. §1251, et seq.), the Solid Waste Disposal Act (42 U.S.C. §6901, et seq.), including Title 11, more commonly referred to as the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act and including all Commonwealth of Pennsylvania statutes and Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources Regulations prepared pursuant to subtitle D of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. §6901, et seq.), and the Toxic Substances Control Act (15 U.S.C. §2601, et seq.), County of Allegheny Health Code and the Pollution Control Standards of the Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission. (All such statutory provisions, rules, regulations or permits are hereinafter collectively called "Laws."). A user significantly contributes to such a permit violation or prevention or sludge use or disposal in accordance with the above-cite laws wherever such user:

- A. Discharges daily pollutant loading in excess of that allowed by permit or by contract with DCDBA or AVJSA or by Federal, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, County of Allegheny, DCDBA, AVJSA or the Municipality laws, ordinances, rules or regulations.
- B. Discharges wastewater which substantially differs in nature or constituents from the users' average discharge; or,
- C. Knows or has reason to know that its discharge, alone or in conjunction with discharges from other sources, would result in violation of AVJSA's NPDES permit or prevent sewage sludge use or disposal in accordance with the

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above-cited laws as they apply to AVJSA's selected method of sludge management.

PASS THROUGH — any discharge of pollutant through the facilities of AVJSA into navigable waters or any stream in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in quantities or concentrations which are a cause of and significantly contribute to a violation of any requirement of AVJSA's NPEDES permit (including an increase in the magnitude or duration of a violation). A user significantly contributes to such a permit violation where it:

- A. Discharges a daily pollutant loading in excess of that allowed by permit or by contract with DCDBA, AVJSA or by Federal, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, County of Allegheny, DCDBA, AVJSA or the Municipality laws, ordinances, rules or regulations.
- B. Discharges wastewater which substantially differs in nature or constituents from the user's average discharge.
- C. Knows or has reason to know that AVJSA is, for any reason, violating its final effluent limitations in its permit and that such User's discharge either alone or in conjunction with discharges from other sources, increases the magnitude or duration of AVJSA's violations.

(Ord. 275, 2/6/1991, §501)

§18-702. Prohibiting the Discharge of Toxic Wastes that Would Interfere with Treatment Facilities of DCDBA or AVJSA.

No person, firm, association or corporation shall introduce or cause to be introduced, directly or indirectly into the facilities of DCDBA or AVJSA or into any sewer, pipe or other conveyance located in the municipality and transmitting substances into the facilities of DCDBA or AVJSA, any toxic substance, pollutant or other wastewater which will (a) cause interference with the operation or performance of AVJSA's treatment plant or other facilities or (b) pass through AVJSA's treatment plant or other facilities.

(Ord. 275, 2/6/1991, §502)

§18-703. Unlawful to Discharge Harmful Substances.

No person, firm, association or corporation shall introduce, permit or cause to be introduced, directly or indirectly, into the facilities of DCDBA or AVJSA or into any sewer, pipe or other conveyance located in the municipality and transmitting substances into the facilities of DCDBA or AVJSA any of the following:

1. Any pollutant or wastewater which will interfere with or substantially adversely affect the operation or performance of the AVJSA Treatment Plant, or pass

through said plant into navigable waters or streams of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in quantities or concentrations which are a cause of and significantly contributes to a violation of any requirement of the above-cited laws or the AVJSA NPDES permit, or adversely affects the use or disposal of AVJSA sludge or other residues.

2. Any substance which will endanger the life, health or safety of the treatment plant, sewer maintenance and plant operations personnel or which would preclude safe entry into the sewer system or any portion of the treatment plant.
3. Any ignitable, reactive, explosive or corrosive waste.
4. All wastes that are defined or listed as hazardous under the regulations enacted by agencies of the Federal Government or the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
5. Any wastewater with a temperature great enough to inhibit biological activity in the AVJSA Treatment Plant.
6. Any waste which exceeds the naturally occurring background levels for either alpha, beta or gamma radiation and/or any wastewater containing any radioactive wastes or isotopes of such half-life or concentration not in compliance with applicable State or Federal regulations.
7. Any solids or viscous substances capable of causing obstruction to the flow in sewers or other interference with the proper operation of DCDBA's or AVJSA's facilities or facilities discharging into the DCDBA or AVJSA system.
8. Any noxious or malodorous liquids, gases or solids which either singly or by interaction with other wastes may create a public nuisance or adversely affect public health or safety.
9. Pathological wastes from a hospital or other medical establishment.
10. Garbage, whether ground or not, except properly shredded food waste garbage resulting from the proper use of a garbage grinder or disposer of a type approved by AVJSA and maintained in good operating condition.
11. Sludges or other materials from septic tanks or similar facilities or from sewage or industrial waste treatment plants or from water treatment plants; unless the discharge of such sludges and other materials is specifically approved by DCDBA and AVJSA.
12. Any substance which violates discharge regulations as established by authorized agencies of the Federal Government, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission, Allegheny County, DCDBA or AVJSA.
13. Wastewater containing in excess of:

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Parameter	Limit
PH	6.0–9.0
Temperature	40F–150F
BOD's	500 mg/l
Suspended solids	500 mg/l
Fats, wax, grease or oil	100 mg/l
Phenolics	.1 mg/l
Sodium chloride	10,000 mg/l
Sodium sulfate	500 mg/l
Chromium (total)	5.0 mg/l
Chromium (trivalent)	1.0 mg/l
Chromium (hexavalent)	2.0 mg/l
Copper	.8 mg/l
Zinc	.5 mg/l
Nickel	1.0 mg/l
Cadmium	1.0 mg/l
Arsenic	0.1 mg/l
Iron	500 mg/l
Cyanide	2.0 mg/l
Barium	1.0 mg/l
Lead	1.0 mg/l
Manganese	1.0 mg/l
Silver	.03 mg/l
Boron	1.0 mg/l
Mercury	.10 mg/l
Selenium	.05 mg/l
Vanadium	10.0 mg/l
Total identifiable chlorinated Hydrocarbons	.1 mg/l
Color–shall not exceed 15 color units	
Turbidity–shall not exceed five turbidity units	

(Ord. 275, 2/6/1991, §503)

§18-704. Violation of National Categorical or General Pretreatment Standards.

No person, firm, association or corporation shall introduce or cause to be introduced, directly or indirectly, into the facilities of DCDBA or AVJSA or into any sewer, pipe, or

other conveyance located in the municipality and transmitting substances into the facilities of the DCDBA or AVJSA, any toxic substance, pollutant or other wastewater, in violation of a National Categorical or General Pretreatment Standards promulgated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency pursuant to Sections 307(b) and (c) of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. §1317(b) and (c)).

(Ord. 275, 2/6/1991, §504)

§18-705. Violation of Statute.

No person, firm, association or corporation shall take any action or do or cause to be done any thing in violation of any provision of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act or of any regulation promulgated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency pursuant thereto.

(Ord. 275, 2/6/1991, §505)

§18-706. Violation of Regulations.

No person, firm, association or corporation shall take any action or do or cause to be done anything in violation of any rule or regulation of DCDBA or AVJSA or of laws, ordinances, rules or regulations of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the County of Allegheny, the Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission or the municipality pertaining to sewage discharge, introduction or treatment.

(Ord. 275, 2/6/1991, §506)

§18-707. Significant Industrial User.

A significant industrial user (hereinafter "SIU") is defined as;

- A. Any industrial user of the AVJSA wastewater disposal system who (i) has a discharge flow of 10,000 gallons or more per average work day, or (ii) has a flow greater than 1% of the flow in the AVJSA's wastewater treatment system, or (iii) has in its wastes toxic pollutants as defined pursuant to statutes and rules or (iv) is found by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources or the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPS) to have significant impact, either singly or in combination with other contributing industries, on the wastewater treatment system, the quality of sludge, the system's effluent quality, or air emissions generated by the system.
- B. Any user bearing a code number set forth on pages D-9 through D-13 (inclusive) of the Guidance Manual for POTW Pretreatment Program Development as published by the United States Environmental Protection Agency,

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Office of Water Enforcement and Permits – October 1983. A copy of pages D-9 through D-13 is attached to this Part as Appendix I and made a part of this Part.

(Ord. 275, 2/6/1991, §507)

§18-708. Enforcement Officers.

The Township hereby appoints the DCDBA and the AVJSA and its duly appointed officers, employees and agents as enforcement officers empowered to act on behalf of the Township in the administration and enforcement of this Part including the authority to conduct investigations concerning wastewater disposal, issue citations against any person, firm, association or corporation violating the provisions of this Part and to enter into agreement with an SIU to effectuate the intent and purposes of this Part.

(Ord. 275, 2/6/1991, §508)

§18-709. Wastewater Discharger Service Agreement Required for Significant Industrial Users.

All SIU proposing to connect to or contribute to the AVJSA plant shall enter into a wastewater discharge service agreement with AVJSA before connecting to or contributing to the plant. All existing SIU connected or contributing to the plant shall obtain a wastewater discharge service agreement within 180 days after the effective date of this Part.

(Ord. 275, 2/6/1991, §509)

§18-710. Application for Wastewater Discharger Service Agreement.

1. SIU required to obtain a wastewater discharge service agreement shall complete and file with AVJSA, an application in the form prescribed by AVJSA, and accompanied by a filing fee to be established from time to time by resolution of the Board of Supervisors. In addition, the SIU filing for a permit will be required to reimburse AVJSA a predetermined lump sum payment to cover the anticipated costs for all engineering, legal, and other expenses relative to the review of the permit and, provided the permit is approved, the development of a formal service agreement. Existing SIU shall apply for a wastewater discharge service agreement within 30 days after written notice from AVJSA to do so, and proposed new users shall apply at least 90 days prior to connecting to or contributing to the Plant. In support of the application, the user shall submit, in units and terms appropriate for evaluation, the following information:
 - A. Name, address and location, (if different from the address)

- B. SIC number according to the Standard Industrial Classification Manual, Bureau of the Budget, 1972, as amended;
 - C. Wastewater constituents and characteristics including but not limited to those mentioned in §503 of this Part as determined by a reliable analytical laboratory; sampling and analysis shall be performed in accordance with procedures established by the EPA pursuant to §304(g) of the Act and contained in 40 CFR, Part 136, as amended.
 - D. Time and duration of contribution.
 - E. Average daily and three minute peak wastewater flow rates, including daily, monthly and seasonal variations if any.
 - F. Site plans, floor plans, mechanical and plumbing plans and details to show all sewers, sewer connections, and appurtenances by the size, location and evaluation;
 - G. Description of activities, facilities and plant processes on the premises including all materials which are or could be discharged;
 - H. Each product produced by type, amount, process or processes and rate or production.
 - I. Type and amount of raw materials processed (average and maximum per day).
 - J. Number and type of employees, and hours of operation of plant and proposed or actual hours of operation of pretreatment system.
 - K. Any other information as may be deemed by AVJSA to be necessary to evaluate the permit application.
 - L. Construction documents and/or operational procedures for any collection, conveyance, treatment, monitoring, or other appurtenance either existing or proposed for which the permit application is being filed.
2. AVJSA will evaluate the data furnished by the SIU and may require additional information. After evaluation and acceptance of the data furnished, AVJSA may issue a wastewater discharge service agreement prior to execution subject to terms and conditions provided herein.

(Ord. 275, 2/6/1991, §510; as amended by Ord. 278, 9/18/1991)

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§18-711. Amendments or Additions to Existing Service Agreements.

In the event of additions to or amendment of any of the laws identified in §501 of this Part, which additions or amendments create conflicts or inconsistencies with any existing service agreement between AVJSA and SIU, said agreement shall be amended so as to conform with the laws.

(Ord. 275, 2/6/1991, §511)

§18-712. Content of Service Agreement.

Wastewater discharge service agreements shall be expressly subject to all provisions of this Part and all other applicable regulations, user charges and fees established by the municipality or AVJSA. Service agreements may contain the following:

- A. The unit charge or schedule of user charges and fees for the wastewater to be discharged to a community sewer;
- B. Limits on the average and maximum wastewater constituents and characteristics;
- C. Limits on average and maximum rate and time of discharge or requirements for flow regulations and equalization.
- D. Requirements for installation and maintenance of inspection and sampling facilities;
- E. Specifications for monitoring programs which may include sampling locations, frequency of sampling, number, types and standards for tests and reporting schedule;
- F. Compliance schedules;
- G. Requirements for submission of technical reports or discharge reports;
- H. Requirements for maintaining and retaining plant records relating to wastewater discharge as specified by the AVJSA, and affording AVJSA access thereto;
- I. Requirements for notification of the AVJSA of any new introduction of wastewater constituents or any substantial change in the volume or character of the wastewater constituents being introduced into the wastewater treatment system.
- J. Requirements for notification of sludge discharges.
- K. Pretreatment of proposed discharges to AVJSA Plant.

- L. Other conditions as deemed appropriate by the AVJSA to ensure compliance with this Part.

(Ord. 275, 2/6/1991, §512)

§18-713. Issuance of Service Agreements.

A service agreement shall be issued for a specified time period, not to exceed five years. A service agreement may be issued for a period of less than a year or may be stated to expire on a specific date. SIU shall apply for permit reissuance a minimum of 180 days prior to the expiration of the user's existing permit. The terms and conditions of the permit may be subject to modification by the AVJSA during the term of the permit as limitations or requirements as identified in §703 are modified or other just cause exists. The user shall be informed of any proposed changes in his permit at least 30 days prior to the effective date of change. Any changes or new conditions in the permit shall include a reasonable time schedule for compliance.

(Ord. 275, 2/6/1991, §513)

§18-714. Conditions of a Service Agreement.

Wastewater discharge service agreements are issued to a specific user for a specific operation. A wastewater discharge service agreement shall not be reassigned or transferred or sold to a new owner, new SIU, different premises, or a new or changed operation without the approval of AVJSA. Any succeeding owner or user shall also comply with the terms and conditions of the existing service agreement.

(Ord. 275, 2/6/1991, §514)

§18-715. Inspection of Premises.

1. When found appropriate by the Engineer for AVJSA, AVJSA may require to be provided and operated at the SIU's expense, monitoring facilities to allow inspection, sampling, and flow measurement of the building sewer and/or internal drainage systems. The monitoring facility should normally be situated on the user's premises, but the AVJSA may, when such a location would be impractical or cause undue hardship on the user, allow the facility to be constructed in the public street or sidewalk area and located so that it will not be obstructed by landscaping or parked vehicles.
2. Whether constructed on public or private property, the sampling and monitoring facilities shall be provided in accordance with the AVJSA's requirements and all applicable local construction standards and specifications. Construction shall be completed within 90 days following written notification by AVJSA.

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3. AVJSA may inspect the facilities of any user to ascertain whether the purpose of this Part is being met and all requirements are being complied with. Persons or occupants of premises where wastewater is created or discharged shall allow AVJSA or its representative ready access at all reasonable times to all part of the premises for the purposes of inspection, sampling, records examination or in the performance of any of their duties.
4. AVJSA shall have the right to set up on the user's property such devices as are necessary to conduct sampling inspection, compliance monitoring and/or metering operations. Where SIU has security measures in force which would require proper identification and clearance before entry into their premises, the user shall make necessary arrangements with their security guards so that upon presentation of suitable identification, personnel from AVJSA will be permitted to enter, without delay, for the purposes of performing their specific responsibilities.

(Ord. 275, 2/6/1991, §515)

§18-716. Temporary Termination of Service Agreement.

1. AVJSA and or the municipality may suspend the wastewater treatment service and/or a wastewater discharge service agreement when such suspension is necessary, in the opinion of AVJSA, in order to stop an actual or threatened discharge which present or may present an imminent or substantial endangerment to the health or welfare of persons, to the environment, causes interference to the plant or causes AVJSA to violate any conditions of the NPDES Permit.
2. Any person, firm, association or corporation notified of a suspension of the wastewater treatment service and/or the wastewater contribution shall immediately stop or eliminate the contribution. In the event of a failure of the person to comply voluntarily with the suspension order, the AVJSA and/or the municipality may take such steps as deemed necessary including immediate severance of the sewer connection, to prevent or minimize damage to the Plant system or endangerment to any individuals, AVJSA and/or the municipality shall reinstate the wastewater discharge service agreement and/or the wastewater treatment service upon proof of the elimination of the non-complying discharge. A detailed written statement submitted by SIB describing the causes of the harmful condition and the measures taken to prevent any future occurrence shall be submitted to the AVJSA within 15 days of the date of occurrence.

(Ord. 275, 2/6/1991, §516)

§18-717. Revocation of Service Agreement.

Any SIU who violates the following conditions of this Part, or applicable State and Federal regulations, is subject to having his service agreement revoked.

- A. Failure of user to factually report the wastewater constituents and characteristics of his discharge.
- B. Failure of the user to report significant changes in operations, or wastewater constituents and characteristics.
- C. Refusal of reasonable access to the user's premises for the purpose of inspection or monitoring; or,
- D. Violation of conditions of the permit.

(Ord. 275, 2/6/1991, §517)

§18-718. Penalties.

Any person who shall violate any provision of this Part shall, upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding \$500 and costs and, in default of payment thereof, shall be subject to imprisonment for a term not to exceed 30 days. Each day that a violation of this Part continues shall constitute a separate offense.

(Ord. 275, 2/6/1991, §518; as amended by Ord. 278, 9/18/1991; by Ord. 325, 7/3/1996; and by Ord. 336, 2/5/1997)

PART 8

CERTIFICATION OF SANITARY SEWER PRIOR TO SALE OR MORTGAGE OF REAL ESTATE

A. Sanitary Sewer Certification Required.

§18-801. Definitions.

PERSON — any person, syndicate, association, partnership, firm, corporation or the chief executive officer of any corporation, institution, agency, authority, partnership or member of such partnership, or other lawful entity.

MUNICIPAL LIEN AND PROPERTY TAX VERIFICATION LETTER — a written letter from the Township concerning municipal liens and real property taxes.

SANITARY SEWER CERTIFICATION — an official statement from the Township stating that there are no illegal storm sewer or surface water connections to the sanitary sewer lines on the real property to be sold, transferred, assigned or mortgaged.

TEMPORARY SANITARY SEWER CERTIFICATION — a temporary statement of certification from the Township issued pursuant to the provisions of §804 of this Part.

ILLEGAL STORM OR SURFACE WATER CONNECTIONS — the discharge of basement seepage or ground water or the connection of downspouts, roof drainage, driveway drainage or surface or areaway drainage into the sanitary sewer system.

SALE — the transfer or assignment, with or without consideration, of any interest in real property situate within the Township whether or not the same is to a person or persons related by blood to the transferor.

MORTGAGE — the transfer, assignment, pledge or hypothecation of any interest in real property situate within the Township to a lender for value, which transfer, assignment, pledge or hypothecation is evidenced by a mortgage, deed of trust or other security instrument.

DYE AND/OR SMOKE TEST — any commonly accepted method testing wherein dye and/or smoke is introduced into the storm, surface or subsurface water collection system and downspouts of real estate property to determine if illegal storm-water or surface water is entering the sanitary sewer system.

(Ord. 293, 11/18/1992, §1)

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§18-802. Sanitary Sewer Certification.

1. After the effective date of this Part, any person or persons selling or mortgaging any interest in real property situate within the Township of Richland, as those terms are defined herein, shall be required to provide to the purchaser and to the appropriate Township officials designated hereafter a sanitary sewer certification, which certification shall be provided to the purchaser or designated Township officials on the time or times designated in §803 of this Part.
2. In the instance of a newly constructed home, built on either a “spec” or contract basis, the sanitary sewer certification required by this Part shall be applied for and acquired prior to the issuance of an occupancy permit by the Township. [Ord. 307]
3. In the instance where a sanitary sewer certification has been issued by the Township within the past three years, any sale or mortgage of the property shall not require the issuance of a new certification. [Ord. 372]

(Ord. 293, 11/18/1992, §2; as amended by Ord. 307, 3/2/1994; and by Ord. 372, 9/5/2001)

§18-803. Sanitary Sewer Certification Application.

Any person selling or mortgaging real property (hereinafter “applicant”) located within the Township shall make application on a form furnished by the Township at least 21 days before the date of sale or mortgage. The applicant shall then have a plumber who is registered and licensed by the Allegheny County Health Department perform a dye test on the property to be sold, transferred, assigned, mortgaged or refinanced. Said plumber shall advise the Township of the time and date that the dye test is to be performed by affording the Township at least 48 hours advance notice. Such plumber shall complete the appropriate portions on the form and certify the results of such test. In the event that there are no illegal storm or surface water connections or discharges, the Township Secretary, or his or her designate, shall issue a sanitary sewer certification upon payment of a fee of \$25. When an illegal storm or surface water connection or discharge is discovered by means of the above-mentioned dye testing, no sanitary sewer certification will be issued until the illegal connections or discharges are removed and certification of such removal by a registered licensed plumber is received.

(Ord. 293, 11/18/1992, §3)

§18-804. Temporary Sanitary Sewer Certification.

1. A temporary sanitary sewer certification may be issued at the Township’s sole discretion when either:
 - A. Applicant proves that dye testing cannot be performed because of weather conditions. When such is the case, the applicant shall provide the Township

with security in the amount of \$200 to guarantee that the dye test will be performed. The applicant will cause to have performed the dye test within 14 days of written notification from the Township which will be given at such time as weather conditions make the dye test possible. In addition, the applicant shall provide a signed, written acknowledgment from the purchaser agreeing to correct, at purchaser's sole expense, any violations that may be discovered as a result of such subsequent dye tests. Nothing in this subsection shall prohibit any purchaser from requiring applicant to reimburse purchaser for any costs incurred; provided, however, primary responsibility shall run with the land and no such agreement shall affect the Township enforcement powers or excuse the seller, mortgagor or purchaser from performance hereunder.

- B. When an illegal storm or surface water connection or discharge is discovered and the necessary remedial activities to correct such connection or discharge would require a length of time such as would create a practical hardship for the applicant, applicant may apply to the Township Secretary for a temporary sanitary sewer certificate which may only be issued when the applicant provides the Township with all of the following:
- (1) A bona fide, executed contract between the applicant and a registered licensed plumber to complete the necessary remedial work with the Township listed therein as a third party beneficiary;
 - (2) Cash security in the amount of said contract is posted with the Township; and
 - (3) An agreement by the purchaser to be responsible for all cost over-runs related to the remedial work together with a license to enter upon the property to complete work in the case of default of the contractor.
2. The temporary sanitary sewer certification shall expire within 30 days after its issuance, and at the expiration of the same the security thus posted shall be applied by the Township to have the necessary remedial work completed. Any excess of funds remaining as security shall be refunded to the applicant, but in the event that the security posted is insufficient to complete the remedial work, the purchaser, or in the case of a refinance, the property owner, shall be charged for the same and shall be responsible for payment thereof.

(Ord. 293, 11/18/1993, 54)

§18-805. Municipal Lien, Zoning Certification and Tax Verification Letters.

1. A request for a municipal lien, zoning certification or tax verification letter must be accompanied by a valid sanitary sewer certification and the following fees which shall be delivered at least seven days before such letters are to be provided:

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Municipal Lien Letter:	\$20
Zoning Certification Letter:	\$5
Tax Verification Letter:	\$10

2. The Township shall from time to time have the authority to change the fees required for the issuance of such letters by resolution which shall be adopted from time to time by the Board of Supervisors of the Township.
3. Where requested by a property owner or his agent and subject to time availability as determined solely by the Township Secretary, the Township may issue municipal lien, zoning certification and tax verification letters on two days notice upon the payment of a priority service fee of \$10 in addition to the fees set forth above.

(Ord. 293, 11/18/1993, §5)

§18-806. Regulations.

1. The Board of Supervisors may from time to time adopt reasonable rules and regulations for the operation and enforcement of this Part as the same may become necessary, which shall include, but not be limited to:
 - A. Establishing acceptable forms of security or guarantees.
 - B. Establishing the form of (i) applications, (ii) purchaser acknowledgments and (iii) plumber certifications.
 - C. Limiting the times of year in which temporary sanitary sewer certificate is available for reasons of weather.
2. Such rules and regulations shall be adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors and shall be posted in the office of the Township Secretary.

(Ord. 293, 11/18/1993, §6)

§18-807. Conflict with General Police Powers.

Nothing in this Part shall limit in any manner whatsoever the Township's right to enforce its ordinances or the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Nothing contained in this Part shall be construed as or offered as a defense to any citation issued by any municipal corporation or the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania pursuant to any other law or ordinance.

(Ord. 293, 11/18/1993, §7)

§18-808. Penalties.

Any person who shall fail, neglect or refuse to comply with any of the terms or provisions of this Part, and, in particular, the provisions of §§802, 803 and 804 hereof, or of any regulation or requirement pursuant hereto and authorized hereby shall, upon conviction before any District Magistrate, be sentenced to pay a fine of \$500 and in default of payment thereof to imprisonment for a term not to exceed 30 days.

(Ord. 293, 11/18/1993, §8; as amended by Ord. 325, 7/3/1996; and by Ord. 336, 2/5/1997)

B. Rules and Regulations.

§18-811. Rules and Regulations.

1. Application shall be made at least 21 days prior to closing date for sales and refinancing of properties, and 14 days prior to the anticipated connection of occupied, existing homes to the system.
2. A fee of \$25 shall accompany the application.
3. Sewer testing must be performed by a registered plumber licensed by the Allegheny County Health Department. Said plumber shall give Township 48 hours advance notice as to time and date dye test is to be performed.
4. Testing must include subsections (A),(B),(C),(D) and (E), below, and may include, but not necessarily be limited to, the following:
 - A. Dye testing at each downspout, and area and driveway drains.
 - B. Determine whether low-lying vents and traps are sources of inflow.
 - C. Dye testing around all exterior low-lying vents and traps.
 - D. Dye testing of sump pumps and holes in yard.
 - E. Identification and dye testing of surface openings adjacent to the foundation and along sewer lateral.
 - F. Smoke testing building drain on house side of trap. This procedure is mandatory for all new connections of occupied, existing homes to the system.
 - G. Dye testing and/or smoke testing of sewer laterals.
 - H. Air-testing sewer lateral.
 - I. Hydrostatic testing sewer lateral.

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- J. Televising of main sewer and/or lateral sewer particularly during period of saturated ground and/or precipitation.
 - K. All testing shall be on a pass-fail basis with the Township having the right to reject any tests or test results which it feels are inconclusive or inaccurate.
5. Applications for temporary sewer certificates shall include an agreement signed by the purchaser accompanied with \$200 security assuring that the test will be completed when weather permits and any violations that may be discovered will be corrected at purchaser's sole expense. Applicant shall have dye test performed within 14 days of written notification from the Township, which will be given when weather conditions exist making the dye test possible.
 6. When an illegal connection or leakage is discovered and necessary remedial activities to correct such connection or leakage would require a length of time such as would create a practical hardship for the applicant, applicant may apply to the Township for a temporary sewer certificate which may only be issued when the applicant provides the Township with all of the following:
 - A. A bona fide executed contract between the applicant and registered licensed plumber to complete the necessary remedial work with the Township as a third part beneficiary.
 - B. Cash security in the amount of said contract is posted with the Township.
 - C. An agreement by the purchaser to be responsible for all cost over-runs related to the remedial work together with a license to enter upon the property to complete work in case of default of contractor.
 - D. The temporary sewer certificates shall expire within 30 days after its issuance, at which time the security posted shall be applied by the Township to have the necessary remedial work completed.
 7. The sewer certificates shall not be issued until such time as all illegal connections and/or leakages have been repaired and/or eliminated and certification of such by retesting by a registered licensed plumber is received.
 8. Sewer certificates are valid until the next sale, transfer, assignment, mortgage or refinancing of the property. The Township shall, however, reserve the right to require additional testing.
 9. Penalty. Failure to comply with the terms or provisions of Ord. 293 [Part 8A] or these regulations shall, upon conviction, subject the offender to a \$500 fine. [Ord. 336]

10. The above regulations shall take effect on January 11, 1993.

(Res. 27-92, 12/16/1992; as amended by Ord. 325, 7/3/1996; and by Ord. 336, 2/5/1997)