

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-179

AN ORDINANCE OF MILFORD TOWNSHIP, BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA TO PROHIBIT THE DISCHARGE OF STORMWATER, GROUNDWATER AND ILLICIT DISCHARGE INTO THE SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM; TO PROVIDE STANDARDS TO PREVENT SUCH DISCHARGES; TO PROVIDE AUTHORITY FOR SEWER LATERAL INSPECTIONS BY THE MILFORD TRUMBAUERSVILLE AREA SEWER AUTHORITY; TO REQUIRE REPAIRS TO DEFECTIVE LATERALS BY PROPERTY OWNERS; TO ESTABLISH MAINTENANCE STANDARDS; TO REQUIRE GREASE INTERCEPTORS WHERE GREASE-LADEN WASTE IS GENERATED AND TO PROHIBIT ANY DISCHARGES WHICH INTERFERE WITH THE OPERATION OF THE SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM; AND ADD PENALTIES

WHEREAS, the Milford Township Board of Supervisors is empowered to enact legislation in furtherance of the health, safety, and welfare of its residents; and

WHEREAS, the Milford Township Board of Supervisors finds that the public health, safety, and welfare are detrimentally affected by Sanitary Sewer Laterals (“Laterals”) from properties connected to the public sewage system in which stormwater inflow and infiltration and illicit substances into the Laterals can cause excessive flows and pollution resulting in overflows of sewage and discharges of untreated or improperly treated sewage into the environment, and

WHEREAS, the Milford Township Board of Supervisors desires to enact legislation authorizing the inspection of Laterals to facilitate investigation of infiltration and inflow and illicit discharges and, if necessary, require that property owners repair all Sanitary Sewer Laterals where inflow or infiltration or illicit discharges are found and disconnection of sump pumps or other illicit discharges from the Lateral.

NOW THEREFORE, *The Board of Supervisors of Milford Township hereby enacts and ordains the following Ordinance:*

ARTICLE I

A. Discharge of Stormwater, groundwater, and illicit discharges through Sewer Laterals Prohibited

1. A property owner is solely responsible, in all respects, for the proper installation, operation, maintenance, repair and replacement of any and every sanitary sewer lateral located on a property.

2. No property owner may permit the discharge of stormwater, groundwater, and illicit discharge into the sanitary sewer system, and all property owners shall maintain the sanitary sewer laterals connected to their buildings and structures in such fashion as to prevent the infiltration of stormwater, groundwater, and illicit discharge into the sewer system. An “illicit discharge” in this Ordinance means a discharge other than the sewage, grey water or any substance which cannot be adequately treated by the Milford-Trumbauersville Area Sewer Authority (MTASA).
3. All private building sewer laterals shall be fitted with vent caps which are manufactured to fit the type and size of vent pipe affixed to the lateral, and which shall provide a tight seal against the inflow of stormwater under high precipitation conditions. Vent caps must be set a minimum of four inches above grade, but not less than a height sufficient to preclude the flow of stormwater into the vent.
4. Cleanout caps on sanitary sewer laterals shall be appropriately fitted and secured to provide a tight seal against inflow of stormwater under high precipitation conditions.
5. All lateral joints shall be tight and all pipes shall be sound to prevent exfiltration by wastewater or infiltration by groundwater or stormwater.
6. A sanitary sewer lateral pipe shall be free of any structural defects, cracks, breaks, rodent holes, or missing portions thereof, and the grade or pitch of such lateral shall be uniform without sags or offsets.
7. Area drains, foundation drains, roof leaders, sump pumps or other direct connections into a sanitary sewer lateral that allow stormwater, groundwater, and illicit discharge to enter into that sanitary sewer lateral are prohibited.
8. Sanitary sewer laterals may flow by either gravity or by pressurized systems, such as a grinder pump system.
9. Sanitary sewer laterals and grinder pump systems shall be subject to inspection at the discretion of the Township and/or MTASA and/or another applicable municipal authority or operator of the sanitary sewer system and/or facilities serving the subject property to ensure compliance with this section. Further, the Township may inspect or require proof of inspection of any building sewer lateral connection, in order to ensure the integrity of the connection and compliance with this section.

B. Power and Authority of Inspectors

The owner of any property located in Milford Township whose structure or building is connected to a Municipal Wastewater System, by virtue of connection to the Municipal Wastewater System, shall allow the Milford Trumbauersville Area Sewer Authority (“MTASA”) or its agents, bearing proper credentials, and with probable cause, to enter upon their property at a reasonable hour and with reasonable notice for the purposes of inspection, observation, measurement, sampling, and testing of

sewage disposal systems, including but not limited to sewer laterals which may be inspected visually or by video.

C. Results of Inspections.

1. The purpose of the inspection provided by this Ordinance is to locate any inflow and infiltration and/ or illicit discharge into the Sanitary Sewer Lateral; to make sure that there are no any holes or damage in or to the Sanitary Sewer Lateral; to verify that all clean-outs and/or vents are properly capped and not damaged; and to detect connections of sump pumps or other illicit discharges to the Lateral.
2. If, upon completion of an inspection, the lateral is found to be defective, based upon the Authority's rules, regulations, and resolutions and/or sound engineering practice, the lateral pipe shall be replaced or realigned, and all sump pumps and illicit discharges be disconnected. If appropriate, grease traps shall be installed. At the discretion of the Authority, there may be limited permission granted for spot repairs. Any pipe replacement/realigning/spot repair shall be performed by a master plumber in accordance with the Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code and Plumbing Code requirements as adopted by the Township.

D. Costs of Inspections.

The MTASA shall be responsible for the costs related to inspection of laterals at their request. However, if the MTASA or its agent observes, during the inspection of the lateral, any inflow, infiltration, illegal connection, damage, or holes in or about the lateral or clean-out, the Owner of the Property shall be obligated to repair and/or replace the lateral as directed by the MTASA.

E. Maintenance Standards

1. All lateral joints shall be tight and all pipes shall be sound to prevent exfiltration by wastewater or infiltration by groundwater or stormwater
2. A sanitary sewer lateral pipe shall be free of any structural defects, cracks, breaks, rodent holes, or missing portions thereof, and the grade or pitch of such lateral shall be uniform without sags or offsets.
3. Area drains, foundation drains, roof leaders, sump pumps or other direct connections into a sanitary sewer lateral that allow stormwater, groundwater, and illicit discharges to enter into that Sanitary Sewer Lateral are prohibited.

F. Prohibited Waste

Illicit discharges shall include any pollutant, wastewater or water-carried waste that will interfere with the operation or performance of any sanitary sewer system. Any and all contributions and/or discharges into any sanitary sewer system shall comply, in all respects, with the current specifications, rules, and regulations of the Township

and/or MTASA and/or of the applicable municipal authority or operator of such sanitary sewer system and/or facilities for the same as may be in effect from time to time.

G. Grease Interceptors Required.

1. In any and all structures in which grease-laden waste is generated, including but not limited to structures containing restaurants, hotel kitchens, bars, factory cafeterias, school cafeterias, or other similar food preparation and/or grease-laden waste generating areas of the same, a grease interceptor shall be required to receive any and all drainage, wastewater and water-carried waste from any and all such areas of such structures. Food waste grinders in such structures shall not discharge to a building drainage system through a grease interceptor.
2. Grease interceptors shall be installed and maintained in an accessible location, and shall remain accessible and unobstructed at all times.
3. Grease interceptors shall be cleaned not less than two times per week, or at such frequency as may be determined necessary in the discretion of the Township and/or of the applicable municipal authority or operator of the sanitary sewer system and/or facilities serving the subject property. Property owners shall maintain an ongoing written log or record of all grease interceptor cleanings for a period of not less than 24 months.
4. Grease interceptors shall be subject to inspection at the discretion of the Township and/or of the applicable municipal authority or operator of the sanitary sewer system and/or facilities serving the subject property to insure compliance with this section. The Township may from time to time establish, by resolution, an annual fee associated with the inspection of grease interceptors.
5. For all properties and/or structures identified in this section, grease interceptors shall be required for all new or existing connections to the sanitary sewer system, which such connections shall also be in conformance with the International Building Plumbing Code, as adopted by the Township, without exception.

ARTICLE II REPEALER

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances which are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

ARTICLE III SEVERABILITY

If any sentence, clause, section or part of this Ordinance is for any reason found to be unconstitutional, illegal, or invalid, such unconstitutionality, illegality, or invalidity shall not

affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, sentences, clauses, sections, or parts of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared as the intent of the Board of Supervisors of Milford Township, that this Ordinance would have been adopted had such unconstitutional, illegal or invalid sentence, clause or section or part thereof not been included therein.

ARTICLE IV PENALTIES

Maintenance of any Sanitary Sewer Lateral in violation of this Ordinance shall result in a fine of up to \$1,000. Each day constitutes a separate violation.

ARTICLE V EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall become effective five (5) days after enactment.

ENACTED AND ORDAINED this 5th day of July, A.D., 2022.

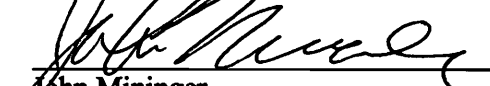
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