

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MONTROSE,  
SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA: PRESCRIBING RULES AND  
REGULATIONS FOR THE USE OF THE SEWER SYSTEM OF THE MONTROSE  
BOROUGH MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY AND PROVIDING FOR VIOLATIONS:

THE BOROUGH OF MONTROSE, SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

HEREBY ENACTS AND ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1 - DEFINITIONS

1.01

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

- (a) "Borough" shall mean the Borough of Montrose, Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania.
- (b) "Authority" shall mean the Montrose Municipal Authority.
- (c) "House Sewer Line" shall mean that part of the main horizontal drain and its branches inside the walls of the building and extending to a point just outside the walls of the building.
- (d) "Service Line" shall mean the extension from the end of the House Sewer where it ends just outside of the walls of the building to the beginning of the public sewer lateral line at the curb line or alley line.
- (e) "Lateral" shall mean that part of the public sewer system extending from the public sewer main to the curb line or alley line.
- (f) "Sewer" shall mean the public sanitary sewer system and its appurtenances operated by the Montrose Municipal Authority, including the lateral.
- (g) "Service Line Clean-out" shall mean a clean-out on the house sewer line just inside the building wall or on the service line through which the service line can be cleaned.
- (h) "Dwelling Unit" shall be defined according to formulas and rules established by and currently being utilized by the Montrose Municipal Authority, a copy of which shall be available upon request.
- (i) "Authority Inspector" shall mean the person or persons authorized to enforce the terms of this Ordinance.
- (j) "Person" shall mean any individual, partnership, company, association, society, corporation or other group or entity.

## SECTION 2 - APPLICATION FOR AND ISSUANCE OF PERMITS

- 2.01 Issuance of Permit. Prior to the installation of or making of any connection or repair to any service line, a permit must be obtained from the Authority.
- 2.02 Application for Permit. Application for a permit shall be made on a form furnished by the Authority. The application must be signed by such person or his duly authorized representative and shall include the name of the person designated to work upon the service line.

Whenever the application shall be for a permit to make a new connection to the sewer, the payment of a tapping fee of \$300.00 for the first dwelling unit plus \$200.00 for each additional dwelling unit on the same permit shall be submitted with the application. No tapping fee shall be required for the replacement of an existing service line.

In the case of an application for a permit to authorize the installation of a single service line to serve a multiple dwelling, all owners of the premises involved must personally sign the application which shall include clauses pertaining to all owners' joint rights to the use of the joint facilities and declare their obligation for mutually bearing the expense of the service line itself and its future repair, maintenance and replacement. The instrument shall be worded to bind all the present owners, their heirs, successors or assigns.

- 2.03 Endorsement. Upon completion of the service line work and after the Authority Inspector has accepted the work as conforming to these rules and regulations, and to all other rules and regulations of the Borough, the permit shall be endorsed and returned to the owner. Such endorsement shall indicate that the construction as requested in the application is satisfactorily completed. The service line shall not be used prior to endorsement of the permit.
- 2.04 Time Limitations. Every permit issued under the provisions of this ordinance shall expire and become null and void if the work authorized by the permit is not commenced within one year from the date of issuance of such permit, or if the work authorized by such permit is suspended or abandoned at any time for a period of one year. Before such work can be recommenced a new permit shall be obtained.

## SECTION 3 - SPECIFICATIONS

- 3.01 General. All new buildings within the Borough and discharging sewage shall be interconnected to the sewer system.

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The only exception to this shall be by joint approval of the Montrose Municipal Authority and the Montrose Borough Council.

3.02 Exclusive Use. No person owning any premises connected with the sewer system or tenant of such premises shall permit another person or persons to use or connect with the service line, except with written authorization from the Authority.

3.03 Fittings and Connections. No fitting, connection, device or method of installation which obstructs or retards the flow of wastes, sewage or air in the drainage or venting systems in an amount greater than the normal fractional resistance to flow of the material shall be used unless it is indicated as acceptable in this ordinance.

3.04 Service Line. Service lines from the curb line to the building shall be constructed and properly maintained at the expense of the property owner. Service lines shall be subject at all times to the inspection and approval by the Authority and its duly authorized representatives for proper construction and maintenance as required herein. Service lines shall be not less than four inches in diameter.

3.05 Manholes. The Authority shall reserve the right to install manholes in the sewer system as deemed advisable. The Authority shall impose an additional manhole fee upon any property owner when the installation of a new service line is deemed by the Authority to necessitate the installation of a manhole. Such manhole fee shall in no case exceed one-half the total cost of the manhole.

3.06 Materials. The following piping materials shall be acceptable:

- (a) Standard weight cast iron pipe shall be bell and spigot type with mechanical joints. Mechanical joints shall be made by the use of a compression gasket that is compressed when the spigot is inserted into the hub of the pipe.
- (b) Asbestos-cement non-pressure pipe shall conform to the requirements of having a minimum crushing strength for applied loads of 1500 pounds per lineal foot. Joints shall be made with sleeve couplings of the same strength and material as the pipe with the proper sealing rings or gaskets to provide a water-tight connection.
- (c) PVC plastic sewer pipe shall meet standards ASTM D3033 and ASTM D3034. Each joint shall be made with approved fittings by either solvent welded or fusion welded connections, or threaded joints according to accepted standards.
- (d) Cement Mortar Joints. Except for repairs and connections to existing lines constructed with such joints, cement mortar joints are prohibited.

3.07 Slope. Service lines shall be laid on a grade of not less than one-quarter of an inch per foot for four inch pipes and one-eighth of an inch per foot for six inch pipes or larger.

3.08 Installation.

(a) Fittings. Changes in direction in drainage piping shall be made by the appropriate use of 45-degree wyes, long-or short-sweep quarter bends, sixth, eighth, or sixteenth bends, or by a combination of these or equivalent fittings. Single and double sanitary tees and quarter bends may be used in lines only where the direction of flow is from the horizontal to the vertical.

(b) Sewer and Water Pipes. Water service pipes or any underground water pipes shall not be run or laid in the same trench as the service line.

(c) Trenching, Excavation, and Backfill. All buried pipe shall be supported throughout its entire length. Trenches shall be of sufficient width to permit proper installation of the pipe. Where shoring is required, ample allowance shall be made in trench width for proper working conditions. Where trenches are excavated to grade such that the bottom of the trench forms the bed for the pipe, solid and continuous bearing between joints shall be provided and bell holes shall be provided at points where the pipe is joined, and the pipe shall not be supported on blocks to grade. Where trenches are excavated below grade such that the bottom of the trench does not form the bed for the pipe, the trench shall be back-filled to grade with sand and/or gravel placed in layers of six inches maximum depth and compacted after each placement. Where rock is encountered in trenching, it shall be removed to a point at least six inches below the grade line of the trench, and the trench shall be back-filled to grade with sand and/or gravel tamped in place so as to provide a uniform bearing for the pipe between joints. The pipe shall not rest on rock at any point including the joints. If soft materials of poor bearing qualities are found at the bottom of the trench, stabilization shall be achieved by over-excavating at least two pipe diameters and bringing to grade with fine gravel and/or crushed stone or a concrete foundation. Such concrete foundation shall be bedded with sand tamped in place so as to provide a uniform bearing for the pipe and joints. Backfill under and beside the pipe shall be thoroughly compacted to assure that the pipe is properly supported. Backfill shall be brought up evenly on both sides of the pipe so that it retains proper alignment. Loose earth, free of large rocks, broken concrete, frozen chunks and other rubble, shall be carefully placed in the trench in six-inch layers and tamped in place until the crown of the pipe is covered by at least two feet of tamped backfill.

(d) Jacking and Tunneling. Where necessary, pipe may be installed by tunneling or jacking, or a combination of both. In such cases, the pipe shall be protected from damage both during installation and from subsequent uneven loading. Where earth tunnels are used, adequate supporting structures shall be provided to prevent future settling or caving. Pipe may be installed in larger conduit which has been jacked through unexcavated portions of the trench.

- 3.09 Existing Service Lines. Existing service lines may be used in connecting a new building only when found by examination and/or test to conform in quality of material and workmanship as prescribed by this ordinance.
- 3.10 Clean-outs. In new or replacement service line construction, clean-outs shall be installed. A service line clean-out shall be installed immediately following the house-trap and as close as feasible to the foundation, preferably in the house sewer line on the interior side of the foundation. Service line clean-outs shall be spaced a maximum distance of sixty feet apart, except that existing undisturbed lines need not be disturbed to provide this maximum spacing. A clean-out shall consist of a leaded-in ferrule or factory-designed fitting for cleaning purposes and shall be installed as directed by the Authority Inspector.
- 3.11 Abandoned Facilities. Abandoned cess pools and septic tanks must be cleaned and filled to provide a safe condition at the expense of the owner. Abandoned service lines must be sealed after being reported to the Inspector for instruction and approval of the actual closure.
- 3.12 Maintenance. All plumbing and drainage systems, both existing and new, and all parts thereof shall be maintained in a safe and sanitary condition. All devices or safeguards which are required shall be maintained in good working order. The owner or his designated agent shall be responsible for performing the maintenance of plumbing systems and for the payment thereof.
- 3.13 Cross Connections. No direct cross connections shall be made between the water supply and plumbing connected to the sewer in such manner as to permit back-siphonage of sewage into the water supply system.
- 3.14 Drainage Water. The discharge of surface drains, eaves troughs, foundation drains, cellar drains and sump pumps into the sewer shall expressly be prohibited.

## SECTION 4 - INSPECTION

- 4.01 Authority Inspector. The Authority shall authorize one or more persons to enforce the provision of this ordinance. Upon written notification of such authorization with the term of service specified, the Borough shall, at its discretion, appoint said person as Authority Inspector. More than one such inspector is hereby permitted. The term of service and remuneration shall be the responsibility of and at the discretion of the Authority. The Borough shall retain the right to revoke any appointment without being required to show cause for such revocation.
- 4.02 Inspection Procedure. No service line or part thereof shall be enclosed, covered up or put into operation until it has been inspected and approved by the Authority Inspector. During the progress of the construction and repair, inspections shall be made by the Authority Inspector as deemed necessary by the Inspector and it shall be the responsibility of the holder of the permit to arrange for such inspections with the Authority Inspector at least 24 hours before such inspection is to be made. No installation of plumbing work, whether new or existing, which is found to be defective or unsafe shall be allowed to be continued in use, and the Authority Inspector shall revoke all permits in effect and the use of such defective or unsafe plumbing system shall be discontinued until such time as it is brought into compliance with this ordinance.
- 4.03 Other Legislation. The existence of building, plumbing, electrical, property maintenance, and fire prevention codes and a code enforcement and other ordinances is hereby acknowledged with the expressed intent that this ordinance shall supplement rather than supersede these codes and ordinances.

## SECTION 5 - ENFORCEMENT

- 5.01 Violations. Any person, property owner, or contractor who shall violate any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall, upon conviction thereof in a summary proceedings before a magistrate be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than \$300.00 and costs of prosecution and in default of payment of such fine and costs to imprisonment for not more than 30 days. Provided that each day of violation after conviction of any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall constitute a separate offense.
- 5.02 Validity. The provisions of this Ordinance shall be severable and if any of its provisions shall be held unconstitutional, illegal or invalid such decision shall not affect the validity of any of the remaining provisions.
- 5.03 Repealing. Borough of Montrose Ordinance page 461 and dated 5 June 1967 and Ordinance page 231 dated April 6, 1959 are hereby repealed.

- 5.04 Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective immediately.
- 5.05 Necessity. It hereby is declared that the enactment of the Ordinance is necessary for the protection, benefit and preservation of the health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the Borough.
- 5.06 Conflict. All ordinances and parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith hereby shall be and the same hereby expressly are repealed.

Duly Enacted and Ordained by the Council of the Borough of Montrose, Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1977.

BOROUGH OF MONTROSE

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Pres. of Council

ATTEST:

Carl A. Cobb  
SECRETARY

Examined and approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_.

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Mayor

A True Copy  
Carl Cobb, Secy.