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WESTFALL TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE NO. 31-A

1. COMPLIANCE WITH LAW

This ordinance shall have as its purpose the establishing of procedures for issuing permit applications, and permits, and for setting fees for permit applications, in the enforcement of the Pennsylvania Sewage Facilities Act of 1966 (P. L. 1535) and Act 208 of 1974 (S.B. 1550), and amendments thereto, and all persons installing an individual or community sewage disposal system shall first obtain a permit which certifies that the site, plan, and specifications of such systems are in compliance with the Pennsylvania Sewage Facilities Act of 1966 (P. L. 1535) and Act 208 of 1974 (S. B. 1550), and amendments thereto, and all other rules and regulations adopted pursuant to the acts, and conforms with the provisions of this ordinance and all other applicable ordinances and regulations.

II. DEFINITION

As used in this Ordinance, the term "applicant" shall mean the present property owner of record.

III. PROCEDURES

A. The following administrative procedures shall be followed by the applicant and the Sewage Enforcement Officer.

(1.) Upon payment of the required fee as hereinafter set forth to the Township Secretary, or to someone else designated by the Township Supervisors, permit application forms shall be issued to the applicant.

(2.) Part I of the application shall be completed by the applicant and submitted to the Township Secretary, or to someone else designated by the Township Supervisors.

(3.) Part IV of the application shall be completed

by the applicant and the Sewage Enforcement Officer. All equipment, labor and materials and costs incident thereto for the preparation of test holes shall be borne by the applicant.

(4.) Part III of the application shall be completed by the applicant and confirmed by the Sewage Enforcement Officer after completion of the above mentioned tests.

(5.) The applicant shall provide information concerning the component parts of the sewage disposal system by utilizing a simple layout sketch, in accordance with rules and regulations of the Sewage Facilities Act of 1966 (P. L. 1535) and Act 208 (S. B. 1550) of 1974 and amendments thereto. If necessary additional 8½" by 11" sheets for layout sketches may be used by the applicant.

(6.) Applications will be available from the Township Secretary, or from someone else designated by the Township Supervisors. The procedures for completing the application form shall follow the instructions printed on back of the application form.

IV. ENGINEERING

All applicants whose systems, which according to the provisions of Act 208 of 1974 (S. B. 1550), and amendments thereto, require that the design and construction be supervised by a professional engineer shall pay all engineering costs directly to the engineer commissioned by the applicant and the Sewerage Enforcement Officer shall be notified of the commencement of construction.

V. FEES

A. A fee of One Hundred (\$100.00) dollars shall be paid by check or money order to Westfall Township upon making application for an individual or community subsurface sewage

disposal system. In the event the permit is denied, Fifty (\$50.00) dollars will be refunded to the applicant.

B. A fee of Twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars shall be charged for the correction or alteration of any existing system.

VI. EXCEPTIONS

All installations of subsurface sewage disposal systems must comply with the provisions of this Ordinance. There are no exceptions, including rural residences as defined in Act 208 of 1974, and amendments thereto.

VII. FINAL INSPECTION PREPARATIONS FOR APPROVAL TO COVER

A. The following items shall be completed before the sewage enforcement officer is asked to conduct a final site inspection and grant approval to cover this system.

(1.) Building Sewer

(a) The building sewer shall be laid at final grade on compacted soil to a firm and non yielding base.

(b) The building sewer shall be equipped with a cleanout at the junction of the building sewer and the house sewer.

(c) The point at which the building sewer enters the treatment tank shall be sealed and made watertight.

(2.) Septic Tanks

(a) Septic tanks shall be placed on final ground compacted to a firm and non yielding base.

(b) Septic tanks shall be backfilled to within the inverts of both the influent and effluent lines.

(c) All manholes shall be open for internal inspection of the septic tank.

(d) The extension cleanout shall be installed.

(e) The effluent line from the septic tank shall be sealed and made watertight.

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(3.) Aerobic Treatment Tanks

(a) All aerobic treatment tanks shall conform to National Sanitation Foundation Standard No. 40 or equivalent.

(b) All electrical wiring to include the control box shall be installed at the time of final inspection.

(c) An access point shall be made for control and monitoring of treated effluent.

(d) The township shall make an operational inspection of the aerobic treatment tank when it is placed into operation.

(4.) Distribution Boxes

(a) All influent and effluent lines shall be sealed and made watertight.

(b) All distribution boxes shall be laid on a concrete slab or wet packed in one (1) foot of sand.

(c) The distribution box shall be filled with water to the bottom of the outlet invert.

(5.) Absorption Area

(a) Hay or untreated building paper shall be in place at the time of inspection.

(b) When seepage beds or elevated sand mounds are used, all lines shall be exposed.

(c) When an elevated sand mound is used, the sidewall and berm shall be in place and at final grade.

(d) When trenches are used the tile line at both ends of each trench shall be exposed.

(e) When serial distribution is used, trench relief lines shall be exposed at the inlet and outlet box inverts.

(f) Under no circumstances shall heavy equipment be driven on the absorption area during back fill operations.

(6.) Miscellaneous

(a) When pumps are utilized to raise sewage effluent, all materials to include necessary electrical connections shall be in place. Under no circumstances shall a pump be placed in the primary settling tank.

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VIII SEVERABILITY

If any section, paragraph, clause, or provision of this Ordinance be held invalid, the validity thereof shall not effect any of the other provisions of this Ordinance.

IX. PENALTIES

Any one installing a subsurface sewage disposal system in violation of any provision of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a summary offense and be subject to a fine of not less than One Hundred (\$100.00) dollars not more than Three Hundred (\$300.00) Dollars and costs per offense. Everyday in which the said violator fails to comply with the provisions of this Ordinance shall constitute a new and separate offense.

X. SAVING CLAUSE

Nothing in this Ordinance shall be deemed to affect, modify, amend or repeal any provision of the Act of June 22, 1973 (Act. No. 394) or the amendments thereto.

XI. REPEAL

The enactment of this Ordinance shall serve as a repeal of Ordinance No. 23 and any other Ordinance inconsistent therewith.

This Ordinance shall be effective five (5) days from the date of adoption.

Adopted this 4<sup>th</sup> day of May A. D., 1976.

TOWNSHIP OF WESTFALL

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Summit P. Baber  
Township Supervisors

Attest:  
Summit P. Baber  
Secretary  
5/4/76