

# RULES AND REGULATIONS

## PART IV

### GRINDER PUMP

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Section 1 ó Definitions

101. ACT 537 PLAN. shall mean Warrington Township's Official Plan as defined in the Pennsylvania Sewage Facilities Act, Act of January 24, 1966, P.L. 1535 (1965), No. 537, as amended, 35 P.S. §750.1-750.20 a (öSewage Facilities Actö or öAct 537ö).
102. DEPARTMENT - shall mean the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection.
103. GRINDER PUMP - shall mean any electric motor driven, submersible pump capable of macerating all material found in normal domestic sanitary sewage, including reasonable amounts of objects, such as plastics, sanitary napkins, disposable diapers, rubber and the like, to a fine slurry, and pumping this material through a small diameter discharge.
104. HOME BUILDER ó Any Contractor, Development Company or Individual constructing a new structure requiring a grinder pump for sanitary sewer service.
105. IMPROVED PROPERTY ó shall mean any property within Warrington 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.
106. MUNICIPALITY ó Warrington Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania
107. OFFICIAL PLAN REVISION ó shall mean a change in the Warrington Township Act 537 Plan to provide for additional or newly identified future or existing sewage facility needs, as defined fully in Section 1 of the Sewage Facilities Act, 35 P.S. §750.1.
108. PROPERTY OWNER ó shall mean any person vested with ownership, legal or equitable, sole or partial, of any property located in Warrington Township.
109. SEWAGE ó shall mean 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 or any substance which constitutes pollution under the Clean Stream Law, 35 PS §691.1-691.1001, as amended.

Section 2 ó Conditions of Service

201. Conditions of Service. ó (See Chapter 18 Part 2, Rules and Regulations §4).
202. Planning Requirements. The connection of existing properties or proposed new land development to an existing or proposed sewerage system, through the use of sewage grinder pump, their associated force mains, or low-pressure laterals shall occur only after an Official Plan Revision to Warrington Township Act 537 Plan, approved by both Warrington Township and Department, designates that the proposed properties be served by such a connection.
203. Powers of the Warrington Township. The Warrington Township Water & Sewer Department is hereby authorized and empowered to adopt such rules and regulations concerning sewage, which it may deem necessary from time to time to affect the purposes herein.

The Warrington Township Water & Sewer Department is hereby authorized and empowered to take such other actions as are necessary, including, but not limited to, entering into agreements with property owners that assure proper operation and maintenance of sewage facilities within Warrington Township borders, including, but not limited to, sewage grinder pumps and any associated force mains or low-pressure laterals.

204. Duties and Responsibilities of the Warrington Township.
- A) Warrington Township shall exercise its powers and legal authority set forth herein, and under all applicable statutes, ordinances, and other laws to affect the purpose of this ordinance.
  - B) The Warrington Township Water & Sewer Department shall require an agreement with each property owner proposing to install or who has installed a sewage grinder pump or low pressure sewage system to assure the short- and long-term operation and maintenance, use, service, repair or replacement of such systems.
  - C) All grinder pumps and low-pressure sewer systems (and the installation, use, operation, maintenance, service, repair and replacement thereof) shall comply with the rules and regulations of the Warrington Township Water & Sewer Department in effect from time to time.
  - D) All grinder pumps and low-pressure sewer systems shall be connected to the sewage collection and conveyance system in full compliance with the rules and regulations of the Warrington Township Water & Sewer Department in effect from time to time.

- E) The Warrington Township Water & Sewer Department shall review the type of grinder pump used and assure that the property owner has provided documentation that full service capacity is available locally on short notice in case of malfunction.
- F) Warrington Township shall bear no responsibility for the purchase, installation, use, operation, maintenance, service, repair, or replacement of the grinder pump and/or its low pressure force main or lateral, except as otherwise set forth herein.

Section 3 ó Use of Public Sewers Required

- 301. Use of Public Sewers Required ó (See Chapter 18 Part 2, Rules and Regulations §3).

Section 4 ó Building Sewers and Connections

- 401. Building Sewers and Connections ó (See Chapter 18 Part 2, Rules and Regulations §5).

Section 5 ó Use of Public Sewers

- 501. Use of Public Sewers ó (See Chapter 18 Part 2, Rules and Regulations §6).

Section 6 ó Protection from Damage

- 601. Protection from Damage ó (See Chapter 18 Part 2, Rules and Regulations §7)

## Section 7 ó Duties and Responsibilities of Others

### 701. Duties and Responsibilities of Others.

- A) Each Property Owner served by a grinder shall bear full responsibility for providing, installing, using, operating, maintaining, servicing, repairing and replacing his/her grinder pump and/or its low-pressure force main or lateral, unless otherwise set forth herein.
- B) Each Property Owner served by a grinder pump shall have full responsibility for using the pump consistent with the manufacturer's instructions and shall avoid introducing into the sewerage system materials that may damage the impellers on the pump, including, but not limited to, items designated as biodegradable in septic tanks.
- C) Each Property Owner served by a grinder pump shall close the sewage system and cease operations during any period when the grinder pump and/or low-pressure system serving a property is inoperable.
- D) Where the low pressure force main or lateral is shared between Property Owners, they shall submit to Warrington Township a Declaration of Easements, Covenants and Restrictions in recordable form setting forth the agreement of each benefited Property Owner with respect to the installation, use, operation, maintenance, service, repair and replacement of the low pressure sewer system, which agreement shall bind all future Property Owners. Following the approval of the low pressure system by all applicable agencies, the Warrington Township Water & Sewer Department will not issue a permit for its installation until evidence is presented that the agreement has been recorded in the Office for the Recording of Deeds, Bucks County, Pennsylvania.
- E) The property owner shall annually renew, for the life of the grinder pump and shall annually provide to the Township a copy of a System contract with an authorized Maintenance Contractor (hereinafter the "Maintenance Contractor"). The Maintenance Contractor shall be a private independent contractor who has been given special training by the original equipment manufacturer and is authorized by the manufacturer to service the equipment.
- F) Prior to initial start-up of the System, or within one month of occupancy of the dwelling, or within one month of transfer of the Property to a new owner, the current property owner shall meet with the Maintenance Contractor and review the operation and maintenance of the System, and the Maintenance Contractor shall provide the property owner with the following:
  - 1) Verbal and detailed written operation and maintenance instructions.

- 2) A detailed drawing showing the location, size, material type, and depth of all components of the System. A copy of the detailed drawing shall also be sent to the Township.
  - 3) A complete review of the system indicating the location of all buried components of the System, including provision of a caution notice regarding disturbance near and within the grinder pump, such as excavation for trees or fencing.
  - 4) If it applies, a complete explanation of the System's automatic alarm system and who to contact in the event the alarm would be activated.
- G) After the first month of the grinder pump, and annually thereafter, or more frequently if the manufacturer of any component parts recommends more frequent servicing, the property owner shall have the Maintenance Contractor inspect the System and have the Maintenance Contractor provide the property owner and Township with copies of a report signed by the Maintenance Contractor certifying that the grinder pump is operating in accordance with the permit. The inspection and maintenance program will include at a minimum the manufacturer's recommended services and inspections for each separate component of the System. The Maintenance Contractor's report shall include the average daily flow from water meter readings, if available. The report shall also indicate resolution of any deficiencies noted in the Maintenance Contractor's inspection or any service or alarm call during the past year. If a revision or modification is made to the System, an amended and revised drawing detailing the revision or modification shall be provided to the property owner and the Township. The property owner is responsible for obtaining a permit from the Township, if required for any revision or modification to the System.
- H) If an inspection indicates the need for repair, replacement and/or additional maintenance that is not covered under the maintenance contract, the property owner further agrees to pay all costs of such repair, replacement and/or additional maintenance.
- I) The property owner shall provide an adequate supply of electrical power with the proper phase, frequency and voltage as recommended by the equipment manufacturers of the various components of the System.
- J) Home Builders are required at settlement to provide the property owner with all information regarding the grinder pump system installed. The information provided shall include manufacture, distributor, operating instruction, warranties and authorized maintenance contractors.
- K) Home Builders shall also inform the property owner of the requirements of the Township Ordinance 2004-0-8 regarding the annual inspection and maintenance agreement.