

CHAPTER 18

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SECTION 18-101. Mandatory Connection.

Every owner of property in the Borough of Harmony whose property abuts on any public sanitary sewer, including combined sewers, presently in existence or to be constructed in the future by Western Butler County Authority shall connect, at its own cost, the house, building or other structures located on said property with the aforementioned public sanitary sewers for the purpose of disposing of all acceptable sanitary sewage emanating from said property.

(Ord. 250, 4/5/1977, §1)

SECTION 18-102. Unlawful Private Systems.

It shall be unlawful for any owner, lessee or occupier of any property in the Borough abutting upon any aforementioned public sanitary sewer to employ any means, either by septic tank, cesspool, privy vault, mine hole or otherwise, for disposal of acceptable sanitary sewage other than into and through said public sanitary sewers.

(Ord. 250, 4/5/1977, §2)

SECTION 18-103. Notice.

Where any house, building or structure in the Borough abutting upon any aforementioned public sanitary sewer is now or hereafter maybe using any method for the disposal of acceptable sanitary sewage other than through said public sanitary sewers, it shall be the duty of the Borough Secretary or the Authorized representative of Western Butler County Authority (hereinafter called the "Authority") 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 all acceptable sanitary sewage through the said public sanitary sewers, as herein provided, within sixty (60) days after receipt of such notice. Any owner, lessee or occupier of a structure who cannot comply with the provision of this Section as to connection within the sixty (60) day period stipulated above due to causes beyond his control shall apply to the Borough or the Authority with in said sixty (60) day period for a time extension of up to six (6) months in duration. Said application shall be made on a form to be furnished by the Borough or the Authority and shall contain a voluntary agreement on the part of the applicant under which the applicant shall agree to commence paying the regularly monthly sewer rates immediately even though actual connection to the public sanitary sewers will not be accomplished until some stated later date within the paid six (6) months extension period.

(Ord. 250, 4/5/1977, §3)

SECTION 18-104. No Cross Connections.

No privy vault, cesspool, septic tank, mine hole or similar receptacle for human excrement shall at the present time or at anytime hereafter be connected with the aforesaid public sanitary sewers.

(Ord. 250, 4/5/1977, §4)

SECTION 18-105. Unlawful to Connect Roof Drains.

It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation connected to any aforementioned public sanitary sewers to connect any roof drain thereto or permit any roof drain to remain connected thereto, or to permit, allow or cause to enter into said public sanitary sewers any storm water foundation drain water, spring water, surface water or any sewage or industrial waste from any property other than that for which a permit is issued. The prohibition as to roof drains, storm water, foundation drain water, spring water and surface water set forth in this section shall not apply to combined sewers.

(Ord. 250, 4/5/1977, §5)

SECTION 18-106. Conditions Precedent to Connection.

No person, firm or corporation shall make or cause to be made any connection with any of the aforementioned public sanitary sewers until he has fulfilled all of the following conditions.

A. He shall make application to the Borough or to the Authority, as the Boroughs' Agent, upon a permit form to be formulated and supplied by the Borough or the Authority for permission to connect to the aforementioned public sanitary sewers. Among other things, the applicant must state the character and use of each structure located on his property.

B. He shall pay to the Authority the required tap connection fee established by said Authority for each building unit or each property connected to the aforementioned public sanitary sewers at the time of making application for permission to make such connection or connections.

C. No work shall commence before the payment of aforesaid tap connection fee and issuance of the aforementioned connection permit.

D. He shall give the designated Inspector of the Borough or the Authority at least twenty four (24) hours notice of the time when such connection shall be made in order that said Inspector can be present to inspect and approve the work of connection. The Inspector shall signify his approval of the connection by endorsing his name and the date of approval on the aforementioned connection permit in the possession of the permitters.

E. At the time of inspection of the connection, the owner or owners of properties shall permit the Inspector full and complete access to all sanitary and drainage arrangements and facilities in each building and in and about all parts of the property. No building sewer line shall be covered over, or in any manner concealed, until after it is inspected and approved by said Inspector.

(Ord. 250, 4/5/1977, §6)

SECTION 18-107. Construction in Accordance with Specifications.

The construction and number and size of all building sewer lines or house service sewers shall be done in accordance with the specifications, plans and procedures established by the Borough and the Authority in the Sewer Systems Rules and Regulations, as the same may be from time to time published and amended, copies of which, upon adoption, shall be maintained on file with the Borough Secretary and Authority.

(Ord. 250, 4/5/1977, §7)

SECTION 18-108. Performance of Work if Owner fails to Perform.

If the owner or owners of any occupied houses, buildings or structures in the Borough shall neglect or refuse to comply with the provisions of this ordinance or the written notice as prescribed in Section 18-103 hereof, the Borough or the Authority may perform or cause to be performed such work and labor and furnish or cause to be furnish such material as may be necessary to comply with the provisions of this Chapter at the cost and expense of such owner or owners, together with ten (10%) percent additional thereof and all charges and expenses incidental thereto, which sum shall be collected from said owner or owners for the use of the Borough or the Authority as debts are by law collectable, or the Borough or the Authority, as its agent, may by its proper officer, file a municipal claim or lien therefore against said premises as provided by law.

(Ord. 250, 4/5/1977, §8)

SECTION 18-109. Definitions.

Unacceptable sanitary sewage and other terms used herein for purposes of this Chapter shall have the same definitions as those which are set forth in the Sewer System Rules and Regulations, said Rules and Regulations to be applicable to all users of the aforementioned public sanitary sewers.

(Ord. 250, 4/5/1977, §9)

SECTION 18-110. Penalties.

In addition to any penalty herein above prescribed, any person, firm or corporation failing to make a proper connection within the time specified after receipt of proper notice as provided herein or any person, firm or corporation violating any of the other provisions of this Ordinance, shall, upon conviction therefore before a Magistrate, pay a fine or penalty of up to \$300.00 for each day in violation hereof and in default of payment be sentenced to undergo an imprisonment of not less than five days nor more than thirty days in the Butler County Jail.

(Ord. 344A, 9/5/1995, §10)

SECTION 18-111. Severability.

It is hereby declared as the legislative intent that the invalidity of any section, clause, sentence or provision of this Chapter shall not affect the validity of any other part of this Chapter which can be given effect without such invalid part or parts.

(Ord. 250, 4/5/1977, §11)