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PART 1
GENERAL REGULATIONS

§18-101. Imposition of Sewer Charges.

From and after January 1, 1954, there is hereby imposed an annual rental or charge upon the owners of properties served, or to be served, for the use of the sewers and sewage system of the Borough of Collingdale, and for the use of certain sewage treatment works which are being constructed partially at the public expense of the Borough of Collingdale.

(*Ord. 291, 11/19/1952, §1*)

§18-102. Purposes for Sewer Charges.

The annual sewer rental or charge shall be such sum as shall be sufficient to meet the following classes of expenses:

- A. The amount expended annually by the Borough in the operation, maintenance, repairs, alterations, inspection, depreciation, or other expense in relation to such sewers, sewage system, or sewage treatment works, including advertising costs, bond premium, postage, stationery and printing, collector's commission, legal expenses, cost of obtaining water consumption data, and any other items properly chargeable either wholly or proportionately to maintenance and operation of the sewage system.
- B. Such annual amount as may be necessary to provide for the amortization of the indebtedness incurred by the Borough in the construction, acquisition, repair or replacement of such sewers, sewage system, or sewage treatment works, and interest thereon, in order that said improvement may become self-liquidating or as may be sufficient to pay the amount agreed to be paid annually under the terms of any contract with any authority furnishing sewage treatment services to the Borough.
- C. Sufficient to establish a margin of safety of 10%.

(*Ord. 291, 11/19/1952, §2; as amended by Ord. 568, 10/5/1987*)

§18-103. Rental Charges.

1. The said annual sewer rental rate or charge for residential or other buildings, structures or units discharging sanitary, commercial or industrial waste into such

*For those ordinances which only reenacted original Ordinance 291, in its entirety without changes, consult the key.

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sewer system shall be upon the following rates and in accordance with the following classifications:

- A. Each single family dwelling, base rate - \$50 [*Ord. 603*]
 - B. Apartment units, base rate - \$50 [*Ord. 603*]
 - C. Apartment houses - for each apartment unit, base rate - \$50 [*Ord. 603*]
 - D. Public businesses, commercial and industrial users, base rate - \$50 [*Ord. 603*]
 - E. In addition to the above rates, all classifications, (subsections (1), (2), (3) and (4)) shall pay at the rate of two dollars ten cents (\$2.10) per thousand gallons, based upon water consumption on the premises annually. [*Ord. 598*]
2. The specific rates or discounts hereinbefore mentioned, may be changed by separate rate ordinance annually.

(*Ord. 291*, 11/19/1952, §3; as amended by *Ord. 340*, 2/6/1961, §1; by *Ord. 345*, 1/22/1962, §1; by *Ord. 438*, 2/7/1972, §1; by *Ord. 534*, 2/7/1983, §1; by *Ord. 540*, 12/20/1983, §1; by *Ord. 581*, 12/17/1990, §1; by *Ord. 592*, 1/4/1993, §1; by *Ord. 598*, 12/16/1993, §1; and by *Ord. 603*, 12/5/1994, §1)

§18-104. Meters.

The Borough Council of the Borough of Collingdale finds as a fact that all properties of the Borough which are connected to the public sewers obtain water from the Philadelphia Suburban Water Company, hereafter for convenience called "Water Company" and further that the Water Company has water meters installed in all of the said properties; and the Borough further finds that all properties which are thus served by, the Water Company are connected to the public sewers. The Borough Council therefore declares that the fairest manner in which to equitably apportion the total sewer rental or charge to be made is to base the charge for each such property at a base rate plus the consumption of water used by each such property connected to the sewers. It is also determined that the sewer rental or charge for any property for any year should be in addition to the base rate based, so far as practicable, on water actually consumed by said property during a preceding period of 12 consecutive months.

(*Ord. 291*, 11/19/1952, §4)

§18-105. Water Amounts Used.

Borough Council shall secure from the Water Company in the month of November in each year statements of the total number of gallons of water furnished to, and used by, all users in the Borough and the total number of gallons of water used by each property within the Borough, for a prior period of 12 consecutive months. If the said Water Company shall neglect or refuse to furnish said information, then the Sewer Committee of the Borough Council of the Borough of Collingdale be and is hereby authorized and directed to issue its subpoena, signed by the Chairman of said

Committee, for the attendance of any witnesses and for the production of books, papers or other evidence at any meeting of said Sewer Committee and the Committee shall have authority to cause the same to be served, and if any witness shall refuse to testify or to produce any books or papers it shall be the duty of the Borough Manager, represented by the Borough Solicitor, to report the facts relating to such refusal to the Court of Common Pleas and to request the said Court to issue its order to the said witness to testify or produce the evidence required, as the case may be, and all witnesses shall be paid their witness fees and mileage as provided by the Borough Code. Any fair and reasonable fee or charge by the Water Company, for such data, shall be included as part of the total amount of annual sewer rental as per §18-102 hereof.

(Ord. 291, 11/19/1952, §5)

§18-106. Computations of Discharge.

During the month of December in each year, it shall be the duty of the Sewer Committee to determine the number of gallons of water which were used by all properties which discharged waste into the public sewers during a preceding 12 months, or any fraction of said period. In cases where the Water Company records do not disclose the total number of gallons of water consumed for the entire 12 months' period, the Sewer Committee shall estimate the water consumed by such properties for the period when the Water Company did not supply water to said properties. The Sewer Committee is authorized to compute the total water consumption for the period that the said properties were discharging waste into the public sewers, based on a monthly average of the Water Company records for the partial period. In cases of properties which secure water from wells or from sources other than the Water Company, the Sewer Committee is authorized to estimate the quantity of water consumed by said properties and in making such estimates the Sewer Committee is authorized to base such determination on experience with similarly situated properties, from such information as shall be available.

(Ord. 291, 11/19/1952, §6)

§18-107. Appeal for Reduction of Sewer Charges.

The Sewer Committee is authorized, in cases where public, business, commercial or industrial users do not discharge all of the water into the public sewer, to reduce the total number of gallons of water charged to any such property after appeal by the property owners and hearing thereon. Said appeal shall be filed with the Chairman of the Sewer Committee within 1 month after the mailing of sewer rental bills. From the decision of the Sewer Committee, the property owner may appeal to Borough Council, whose decision shall be final.

(Ord. 291, 11/19/1952, §7)

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§18-108. Computation of Sewer Rental Bills.

In December of each year, final sewer rental bills for the following year shall be computed by the Sewer Rental Collector. The bills for the said year shall be computed as determined in §18-103 hereof. In computing the bills to be rendered for additional charges over the base provided in §18-103 hereof, the said additional charges shall be determined by multiplying the number of thousands of gallons of water used by each property for a preceding period of 12 months or by multiplying the number of gallons of water estimated to have been used for the said period of 12 months or fraction thereof, as the case may be, times the amount of charge per one thousand (1,000) gallons of water, as hereinbefore provided. The Borough Manager shall furnish said Collector as soon as possible with a list of all properties which are connected to the sewers together with the names and addresses of the owners of such properties and together with a statement of the number of gallons of water used by each such property for a preceding period of 12 months, or as estimated as having been used, as hereinbefore provided. The Sewer Rental Collector shall make said final bills to be rendered to all classes of users as specified in §18-103 hereof on forms to be furnished by Borough Council and mail same.

(Ord. 291, 11/19/1952, §8)

§18-109. Penalties for Late Payment of Bills.

Sewer bills shall be payable as follows:

If said sewer bills shall be paid on or before April 30th, the net amount of the bill may be paid; if said bills are paid after April 30th and before June 1st of each year, a penalty of 5% shall be added; and if said sewer bills are paid after June 1st in the year rendered, a penalty of 5% shall be added together with interest at the rate of 10% from the date of the bills. It shall be the duty of the Sewer Rental Collector in the third calendar year after bills are rendered to certify any unpaid bills to the Borough Solicitor who shall file a lien or liens for the same in the office of the Prothonotary (Office of Judicial Support) of the Courts of Common Pleas of Delaware County, Pennsylvania, and such liens, together with interest and penalty shall be filed and collected in accordance with law or in any other manner deemed appropriate by the Borough Manager.

(Ord. 291, 11/19/1952, §9; as amended by Ord. 340, 2/6/1961, §2; by Ord. 534, 2/7/1983, §2; and by Ord. 540, 12/20/1983, §2)

§18-110. Duties of Sewer Rental Collector.

It shall be the duty of the Sewer Rental Collector to keep full, accurate and complete records of all sewer rentals or charges, bills, receipts, payments and transmittals of money to the Borough. It shall be the duty of the Sewer Rental Collector to transmit all money so collected to the Borough Treasurer daily. The Borough Auditors shall examine and audit said accounts annually.

(Ord. 291, 11/19/1952, §11)

§18-111. Failure to Process Bill Does Not Invalidate Payment.

The foregoing directions as to the time in which to procure information from the Water Company and of the times in which to mail out the bills shall be considered directory and not mandatory and the failure to do one or some or all of said acts on time shall not invalidate any bill rendered and shall not invalidate or forego the collection of any sewer rental or charge.

(Ord. 291, 11/19/1952, §12)

PART 2

WASTEWATER TREATMENT STANDARDS

§18-201. Purpose.

This Part is adopted to promote and protect the public health, safety, comfort, convenience and other aspects of the general welfare. These general goals include, among others, the specific enforcement of the various regulations promulgated by the Delaware County Regional Water Quality Control Authority (DELCORA), the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP), and such other agencies which may succeed the aforementioned agencies to implement the Delaware County Wastewater Management Plan and the National Pretreatment Standards, 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) §401 *et seq.*

(*Ord. 584A*, 7/1/1991; as amended by *Ord. 609*, 12/2/1996, §1)

§18-202. Amendments to Regulations.

The DELCORA Standards, Rules and Regulations, adopted by Collingdale Borough *Ord. 568*, Chapter 18, Part 2 (*Ord. 584A*), as Collingdale's Wastewater Treatment Regulations are amended as provided by DELCORA Resolutions No. 96-05 and 95-12 which are attached hereto, made a part hereof, and identified as Exhibit "A" and "B" respectively.*

(*Ord. 584A*, 7/1/1991; as amended by *Ord. 609*, 12/2/1996, §2)

§18-203. Local Limitations.

The Eastern Area Local Limitations for discharge of wastewater as provided by DELCORA Resolution 91-04, which is attached hereto, made a part hereof, and identified as Exhibit "C,"** are adopted as the Local Limitations for all discharges of wastewater within Collingdale Borough.

(*Ord. 584A*, 7/1/1999; as amended by *Ord. 609*, 12/2/1996, §3)

*Editor's Note: Exhibits A and B are on file for review in the Collingdale Borough Office.

**Editor's Note: Exhibit C is on file for review in the Collingdale Borough Office.

