

## ORDINANCE

SECTION 1. PROHIBITING OF GROUND WATER DRAINAGE, ROOF DRAINAGE, DOWNSPOUT, SURFACE OR AREAWAY DRAINAGE. The following seepage and water shall be, and is hereby prohibited:

- A. Basement seepage and ground water seepage or any other uncontaminated seepage of water discharged into the West Providence Township Municipal Authority's Sewer System.
- B. Downspout, roof drainage, surface or areaway drainage discharged into the West Providence Township Municipal Authority's Sewer System.
- C. Each property owner whose property is presently connected to the West Providence Township Municipal Authority Sewer System shall immediately remove any connection of the aforesaid type of basement seepage, ground water drainage, downspout, roof drainage, and drainage from surface or areaway, and shall adequately and properly plug his house sewer system to prevent any further entrance of such drainage.
- D. No cross connection shall be made between the West Providence Township Municipal Authority's Sewer System and the potable water system, whereby vacuums or back siphonage could permit sanitary wastes to enter the potable water system. No cross connection shall be made between the Sewer System and storm drains or storm sewers.

No statement contained in this section shall be construed as prohibiting any special agreement or arrangement between the West Providence Township Municipal Authority and any person, whereby any industrial wastes or garbage may be admitted to the Sewer System, either before or after pre-treatment by the producer of such industrial wastes.

**SECTION 2. FAILURE, NEGLIGENCE OR REFUSAL TO COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE.** If the owner or owners of any building or buildings shall neglect or refuse to comply with the provisions of this Ordinance, the Township of West Providence and/or West Providence Township Municipal Authority shall serve a written notice upon the owner of owners, or upon the tenants of the property in possession of the premises if the said owner or owners cannot be found on the said premises, requiring the owners to comply with the provisions of this Ordinance in every respect within ninety (90) days after the service of such notice; and if said owners shall neglect or refuse to comply with said notice, the Township of West Providence and/or West Providence Township Municipal Authority may perform or cause to be performed, such work and labor, and furnish or cause to be furnished such materials as may be necessary to comply with the provisions of this Ordinance, at the cost of expense of such owner or owners together with ten (10%) percent additional thereof, and all service and expenses incidental thereto, including but not limited to fines, penalties or fees imposed on West Providence Township Municipal Authority by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Department of Environmental Protection or any other regulatory agency, which sums shall be collected from said owner or owners for the use of the Township of West Providence and/or the West Providence Township Municipal Authority, as the case may be, as debts

are, by law, collectable. Or, in their discretion, the Township of West Providence and/or the West Providence Township Municipal Authority may have its proper officers file a municipal lien or claim against said premises as provided by the act of the Assembly in such cases made and provided.

**SECTION 3. PENALTY FOR VIOLATION.** It shall be a summary offense for any person, firm, association or corporation to violate any of the provisions of this Ordinance, which shall upon conviction, be punished by a fine not to exceed One-Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars for each offense for every 10 days the problem remains uncorrected after notice, recoverable with costs; and in default of payment of the fine, and costs, shall be subject to imprisonment in the County Jail for a period not exceeding thirty (30) days; each day that a violation is continued shall constitute a separate offense. In the case of firms or associations, the penalties may be imposed upon the partners or members thereof, and in the case of corporations, upon the officers thereof.

**SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY.** The provisions of this Ordinance are severable and the invalidity of any section, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall not affect or impair the validity of any other part of the Ordinance, which can be given effect without the invalid part of parts.

**SECTION 5. REPEALER.** All ordinances or resolutions or parts of ordinances or resolutions not in accord with this Ordinance are hereby repealed insofar as they affect this Ordinance.

**SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Ordinance shall become and take effect immediately upon the date of its enactment.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED into law by the Township Supervisors of the  
Township of West Providence in lawful session assembled this 3rd day of November,  
1997.

Township of West Providence

ATTEST:

By *Donald E. Wilt*  
President