

ROSTRAVER TOWNSHIP SEWAGE AUTHORITY

RESOLUTION 2021 - 03

A RESOLUTION OF THE ROSTRAVER TOWNSHIP SEWAGE AUTHORITY, WESTMORELAND COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE AUTHORITY TO REQUIRE TELEVISIONING OF PRIVATE SEWER LATERALS AT TIME OF TRANSFER FOR PROPERTIES CONTAINING HOMES AND BUSINESSES LOCATED WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF ROSTRAVER, WESTMORELAND COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA.

WHEREAS, the Rostraver Township Sewage Authority is the designated agency for the operation of the sanitary sewer system within the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has determined to continue its efforts to eliminate infiltration and inflow into the public sanitary sewer system and soils of the Township;

WHEREAS, through inspections by the Authority it has been determined that the system, is experiencing a large percentage of water leaking into the system from privately owned portions of the system;

WHEREAS, the Authority has further determined, through engineering information and from time to time via video inspection of both the public sewer pipes and select private laterals connecting homes and businesses to the public system, that a significant portion of private laterals have defects such as cracks, root intrusion, and open joints that may allow ground water to enter the system;

WHEREAS, the Municipal Authorities Act, the governing law in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania under which the Authority operates, provides that the Authority may adopt reasonable Rules and Regulations governing the condition and repair of sewer lateral lines located on the properties of customers;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved and enacted by the Rostraver Township Sewage Authority, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania as follows:

1. Effective July 1, 2021, the Authority will amend/clarify its internal policies and procedures and Rules and Regulations and abide by the following policies relative to televising of private sewer laterals at time of sale of properties containing homes and business located with the Township of Rostraver.
2. The Authority shall amend its previously adopted rules and regulations as necessary to implement the televising of private sewer laterals on properties as set forth in the Rules and Regulations.
3. The Authority shall amend its rules and regulations as necessary to set out requirements for the repair and/or replacement of defective sanitary sewer laterals that are found upon video camera inspections and also to provide for penalties and other enforcement mechanisms.