RESOLUTION 2021-05

ROSTRAVER TOWNSHIP SEWAGE AUTHORITY

AMENDING THE ROSTRAVER TOWNSHIP SEWAGE AUTHORITY RULES AND REGULATIONS

WHEREAS, the Rostraver Township Sewage Authority (hereinafter "Authority"), is incorporated under the Municipalities Authorities Act, Act of May 2, 1945, P.L. 382, as amended, 53 Pa.C.S.A. 55601, et seq.; and

. WHEREAS, the Authority owns and operates a complete sanitary sewage collection system ("Sewage System") in certain portions of Rostraver Township and Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, the Authority deems it necessary to modify its Rules and Regulations with regard to Time of Sale regulations and procedures and the updating various other sections;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Rostraver Township Sewage Authority, Effective July 1, 2021 as follows:

Section 4 - The Authority hereby amends Section 4; Applications and Contracts for Connection and Service. Specifically, Subsection 4.09 of its Rules and Regulations originally adopted by Motion on May 22, 2013 shall be amended as follows;

> Section 4.09 shall be stricken in its entirety and the following language shall be substituted.
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> Property Transfers and Defect Discovery – For all property sold within the Township a No-Lien Letter Application, A Dye Test Application and a Lateral Inspection Application must be submitted to the Authority Office. Please see Section 5 of these Rules and Regulations for additional information on Time of Sale Testing.

Section 5 - The Authority hereby inserts in its entirety, Section 5; Time of Sale Testing Requirements as follows;

For all property sold within the Township you are required to complete a No-Lien Letter Application, a Dye Test Application and a Lateral Inspection Application. Please contact the Rostraver Township office for any questions at 724-930-7667 during regular business hours. (Monday through Friday, 8 am to 4 pm).

OBLIGATIONS OF SELLER/PURCHASER

If a sale of a home/business occurs, a no-lien letter must be secured and both a dye test and sanitary sewer lateral test must be performed; (if a Lateral Inspection has already been performed within a 3-year period or the home is newly constructed; a new inspection is not required. Note: The Buyer has the right to request that a lateral testing be performed. Rostraver Township Sewage Authority only certifies the condition of the lateral as of the date of the most recent inspection, and cannot warrant that changes have not occurred since that date.
IMPORTANT: Should a CCTV lateral inspection not be required; A Dye Test is mandatory for every sale. The cost for a No Lien Letter/Dye Test Certificate is Fifty ($50.00)..

A dye test is performed to determine whether non-sanitary sewer water flows are entering the sanitary sewer system (i.e. from roof leaders, driveway drains, or foundation drains, etc). A sanitary sewer lateral test is performed to determine the condition of a property owner's lateral, whether it may be compromised, thereby allowing unwanted water inflow into the sanitary sewer system, and/or sanitary sewage infiltration into the soils.

The Rostraver Township Sewage Authority will adjust rates for the combined dye test/sanitary sewer lateral video inspection at time of property sale as follows:

The base fee for the combined dye test/lateral video inspection will be One Hundred Seventy-Five ($175.00) Dollars for up to 100' of lateral inspected. Any lateral greater than 100' in length will have an additional inspection charge of fifty ($0.50) cents per foot (due after the inspection has been completed). Should the inspection be requested to be done outside of regular business hours or after 2:00 pm. on week-days, or at any time within seven (7) days of the proposed property closing, the combined fee for the first 100' of lateral inspection will be Two Hundred Seventy-Five ($275.00) Dollars. The cost for the Authority no-lien letter is Twenty Five ($25.00) Dollars.

Should applicant choose to use a third (3rd) party to complete the required testing (dye testing and CCTV lateral inspection), a fee of $50 will apply for the time and inspection by Authority personnel of work being done.

Please see Appendix A as reference in Resolution 2021-2 and 2021-3 for time of sale testing requirements.

In order for property owner to address any observed defects in a timely fashion, it is recommended that this inspection be done as soon as possible upon property listing. Failure to comply with the Authority's Rules & Regulations can result in a delayed real estate closing, penalties and fines including legal costs.

TEMPORARY CERTIFICATION DOCUMENTS

If an inspection or repairs/replacement of sewer lateral cannot be performed due to weather conditions and the closing date cannot be altered, an agreement may be entered into for a Temporary Certification. The Seller/Closing Company must provide a minimum of $4,000 to be escrowed and withheld the time of the closing for any repairs.

REPAIRS/REPLACEMENT TO LATERAL

The Authority has identified local plumbers that are willing to provide quotes to property owners requiring lateral repairs and/or replacement. A listing of plumbers is available at the RTSA Office. These plumbers are NOT endorsed nor affiliated with the Authority.

In the event that the lateral is found to be defective based on criteria established in the Rules & Regulations, the entire pipe must be replaced or relined with limited exceptions for spot repairs. In most cases, lateral defects that are identified within RTSA easements and under roads will generally be repaired by the Authority at no direct cost to the property owner.

PROPERTY TRANSFER REQUIREMENTS (DYE TESTING AND LATERAL INTEGRITY INSPECTION)

It is in the best interest of the Authority, it's customers and the environment to inspect and maintain the entirety of the sanitary sewer system. Such testing/inspection are condition-precedents to any sale of property. The Authority herein establishes dedicated procedures for dye testing and televising of lines; all such testing/inspection.

A. DEFECT DISCOVERY: TRANFER OF PROPERTY (SALE), DYE TESTING AND CLOSED-CIRCUIT TELEVISING (CCTV) INSPECTION REQUIREMNET - Testing/inspection requirement shall occur at time of sale of any property within Rostraver Township. Dedicated procedures exist for dye testing and closed-circuit televising of lateral lines to ensure and maintain the integrity of its sanitary sewer system. The Authority herein establishes dedicated procedures for dye testing and televising of laterals. All testing/inspection is performed by RTSA personnel or by RTSA authorized representative.

B. Any person completing a Property Sale of real estate located within the Rostraver Township shall make application on a form furnished by the Municipal Authority for a Document of Certification. The Document of Certification, is an official statement stating that there are no illegal storm surface water connections into the

circumstances dictate otherwise.

f. The decision of the Appeals Board shall be final.

g. The Appeals Board shall provide a written summary of the hearing to the Appellant and the Authority Board on a form to be established by the Authority Board.

Section 9 - Sewage Bills and Payments, specifically 9.17 Vacant Properties shall be amended as follows;

9.17.5 – Insert in its entirety

"In the case of demolition of a home/structure or removal of a mobile home, the owner will be responsible to cap off the sanitary sewer lateral at the curb. The owner must notify the Authority and a representative must be on site to inspect the capping of the lateral."

9.17.6 Current 9.17.5 shall become 9.17.6

The vacant property status/exemption described herein is available only to residential properties. Commercial properties are specifically excluded.

Section 11 – Sewer Line Extensions and Systems including Pump Stations

11.04.05 – As Built Drawings

The First sentence of existing Item 11.04.05 As Building Plans is stricken in its entirety and the following language shall be substituted:

Subsequent to the completion of the work, the applicant shall submit to the Authority "One (1) set of 11" x 17" reproducible as-built drawings, a USB drive containing as-built drawings and a PDF File submitted to the Authority Manager in the latest version of AutoCAD."

11.10 – Inspection (NEW SECTION)

Thirty days after completion of the work, an inspection by the Authority shall be conducted prior to the connection to the trap, unless the building drain and the sanitary sewer lateral are to be inspected at the same date, and prior to any backfilling. All lines shall be capped prior to inspection. The inspection shall consist of an air test of 5 lbs. for 5 minutes without any loss of pressure, or a

hydrostatic test where no water is lost from a filled sanitary sewer lateral for 5 minutes, a visual inspection of the pipe and the recording of pertinent information relating to the installation of the pipe. Inspection will not be scheduled until all Applications for Service (Tap-In Permit) have been submitted and approved. If the sewer lines do not pass inspection, a fee will be levied and must be paid before re-inspection of the sanitary sewer lateral will be scheduled.

Prior to consideration of the Authority to take over the newly installed line(s) and appurtenances, any outstanding fees (engineering or legal) must be paid in full.

If the main sewer line passes the final testing/inspection, the Authority may then consider taking over the newly constructed line. The Manager shall prepare a Resolution for consideration by the Board at a Public Meeting. If adopted, the Manager will notify the developer/resident of such.

APPENDIX 1 – SPECIFICATIONS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF SANITARY SEWER LINES AND APPURTENANCES

Part 1 – General Requirements

- Item 10 (C.) Record Drawings - shall be amended as follows;

  The first sentence of existing Item 10. Record Drawings (c.), is stricken in its entirety and the following language shall be substituted:

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