

ORDINANCE NO. 177,2007

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF TILDEN, BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING PART 1, ENTITLED "PUBLIC SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM", OF CHAPTER XXIII, ENTITLED "SEWERS AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL" OF THE TOWNSHIP OF TILDEN CODE OF ORDINANCES TO ADD A NEW SUBPART L, ENTITLED GREASE AND OIL INTERCEPTORS OR TRAPS TO ESTABLISH THE REQUIREMENT OF GREASE AND OIL INTERCEPTORS OR TRAPS AT ALL RESTAURANTS, GROCERY STORES, FAST FOOD AND AUTO-RELATED ESTABLISHMENTS; TO ESTABLISH MANDATORY CLEANING/PUMPING OF GREASE AND OIL INTERCEPTORS AND TRAPS; TO ESTABLISH CLEANING PROVISIONS; AND TO PROHIBIT THE DISCHARGE OF WASTEWATER THROUGH THE GREASE AND OIL INTERCEPTORS AND TRAPS

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Tilden, Berks County, Pennsylvania, and it is hereby ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the authority of the same as follows:

SECTION 1. Part 1, entitled "Public Sewage Disposal System", of Chapter XXIII, entitled "Sewers and Sewage Disposal", of the Code of Ordinances of the Township of Tilden is hereby amended by adding thereto the following new Subpart L:

"Subpart L. Grease and Oil Interceptors or Traps.

Section 165. Requirement of Interceptors. Grease and oil interceptors or traps shall be provided when, in the opinion of the Township, based on sound engineering standards, they are necessary for the proper handling of liquid wastes containing grease and oil in excessive amounts or any flammable wastes, or other harmful ingredients, except that such interceptors shall not be required for private living quarters or dwelling units. All interceptors or traps shall be of a type and capacity designed by the owner's licensed plumber or registered engineer and approved by the Township and shall be located so as to be readily and easily accessible for cleaning and inspection. All interceptors or traps shall be supplied and properly maintained continuously in satisfactory and effective operation by the owner at the owner's expense.

Section 166. Future Establishments. All restaurants, grocery stores, fast food and auto-related establishments not now existing shall provide a grease and oil

interceptor or trap of one thousand (1,000) gallons capacity or larger between the kitchen and the Sewer System. Grease and oil interceptors or traps shall be installed with an access manhole brought up to or slightly above grade for easy cleaning. In cases of unusual conditions which make the provisions of this subsection prohibitive or not required, an alternative system approved by the Township can be utilized provided it removes oil and grease to levels below those fixed in this Chapter. The design shall prevent the entry of surface water into the grease and oil interceptor or trap.

Section 167. Existing Establishments. All existing restaurants, grocery stores, fast food and auto-related establishments operating without a grease and oil interceptor or trap shall be required to install a grease and oil interceptor or trap within six (6) months of the date of this Subpart whenever it is deemed necessary by the Township to prevent grease and oil from entering the Sewer System.

Section 168. Mandatory Cleaning/Pumping. When installed, all grease and oil interceptors and traps shall be maintained at the owner's expense, in continuously efficient operation at all times. All interceptors and traps shall be pumped and/or cleaned by a licensed hauler at least every three (3) months or more often if deemed necessary by the Township. The Township shall be provided with one day's advance notice of the cleaning, in case Township personnel want to inspect the unit and the cleaning operation. Within two (2) weeks of the cleaning by the licensed hauler, the owner shall provide the Township with a written report or manifest supplied by the hauler to verify that the cleaning and proper disposal was performed. An inspection of existing conditions may be made by authorized Township personnel at any time it appears that there may be a problem. At its discretion, the Township may reduce the frequency of pumping and cleaning, upon written request by the owner.

Section 169. Cleaners. No hot water, acids, caustics, solvents, or emulsifying agents shall be used when cleaning the grease and oil interceptor or trap. No bacteria products designed for use in treating grease and oil interceptors and traps may be used without the prior written approval of the Township.

Section 170. Wastewater Prohibited. Wastewater from toilets, urinals, and wash basins shall not flow through any grease and oil interceptor or trap."

SECTION 2. If any sentence, clause, section or part of this Ordinance is for any reason found to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, such unconstitutionality, illegality or invalidity shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, sentences, clauses, sections or parts of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared as the intent of the Board of Supervisors of the Township that this Ordinance would have been adopted had such

unconstitutional, illegal or invalid sentence, clause, section or part thereof not been included herein.

SECTION 3. All ordinances or parts of ordinances conflicting with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed insofar as they are inconsistent with this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall become effective in accordance with the law.

SECTION 5. The Code of Ordinances of the Township of Tilden, Berks County, Pennsylvania, as amended, shall be and remain unchanged and in full force and effect except as amended, supplemented and modified by this Ordinance. This Ordinance shall become a part of the code of Ordinances of the Township of Tilden, Berks County, Pennsylvania, as amended, upon adoption.

SECTION 6. It is declared that enactment of this Ordinance is necessary for the protection, benefit and preservation of the health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of this Township.

DULY ENACTED AND ORDAINED this 7th day of July, 2007.

TOWNSHIP OF TILDEN
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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Attest: Cheryl A. Haus
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