

TOWNSHIP OF NORTH FAYETTE

ORDINANCE NO. 401

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NORTH FAYETTE, COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE NO. 359, REQUIRING PRIVATE SEWER LATERAL LINE TESTING BY VIDEO CAMERA INSPECTION UPON SALE OR TRANSFER OF IMPROVED AND SEWERED REAL PROPERTY AND AUTHORIZING THE PROMULGATION OF REASONABLE RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE OPERATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE VIDEO CAMERA INSPECTION REQUIREMENT.

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Sewage Facilities Act as amended, 35 P.S. § 750.1 et seq. requires that the Township of North Fayette cause to be made such inspections and tests that may be necessary to carry out the provisions of said act to eliminate storm water and surface water from entering into the sanitary sewer system operated by the Township of the Township of North Fayette; and

WHEREAS, the Township is desirous of eliminating storm and surface water from entering into the sanitary sewer system; and

WHEREAS, the Township of North Fayette Board of Supervisors has determined that for the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Township of North Fayette, it is necessary to implement a requirement of certification that there are not illegal storm water or surface water connections to the sanitary sewers and that no ground water is entering private lateral sewer lines prior to the sale of such real estate with in the Township through the issuance of Lien letters; and

WHEREAS, the Township is desirous of establishing certain fees and procedures for the issuance of Lien letters; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has, on October 26, 2004, previously adopted Ordinance No. 359 which sets out general procedures for obtaining a document of certification before the sale of any real property within the Township of North Fayette; and

WHEREAS, the Township of North Fayette, pursuant to the Administrative Consent Orders issued to all eighty-three (83) communities that discharge sewage into the ALCOSAN System has completed the mandated testing of homes and businesses for down spouts, area drains and other potential direct access points that could allow rain water to enter the system, the Township's findings to date show that a significant portion of the private lateral lines tested, especially those clay sewers constructed in the 1970's, have defects such as cracks, root intrusion, and open joints that may allow ground water to enter the system; and

WHEREAS, the Township of North Fayette desires to minimize overflow events through a system by which, as part of the authority's mandated inspection program, private sewer lateral lines would be inspected with video cameras to determine whether such lateral have defects such that ground water may be allowed to enter the private lateral and thus the sanitary sewer system.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of North Fayette, in meeting assembled, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by and with the Authority of the same as follows:

1. The term "video camera inspection" shall be added as a defined term to Section 1 of Township Ordinance 359, enacted on October 26, 2004, and shall hereby have the following definition:

Video Camera Inspection: Any commonly accepted method of testing whereby a video camera is inserted into and travels throughout the private lateral sewer line of real property to determine if any illegal storm water, ground water, or surface water is entering the sanitary sewer system.

2. As part of the Document of Certification Application process, outlined in Sections 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 of Ordinance 359, in addition to the dye test performed by a plumber registered and licensed by the Allegheny County Health Department, the Township of North Fayette does hereby require a video camera inspection of the private sewer lateral performed by a plumber registered and licensed by the ACHD.

3. When, as a result of a video camera inspection, it is determined that there is a defect in the private lateral whereby storm water, surface water, or ground water is being allowed to flow into the private lateral, no Document of Certification will be executed until the private lateral line is repaired and certification of such repair is certified by a plumber registered and licensed by the ACHD.

4. The Township is hereby empowered to make reasonable rules and regulations for the operation and enforcement of the video camera inspection requirement. All rules and regulations issued pursuant to this Section shall be in writing.

5. This Ordinance shall not preclude the Township from requiring video camera inspections or other inspections of the "private systems" for the purpose of locating defective piping which would allow surface or ground water to enter the system.

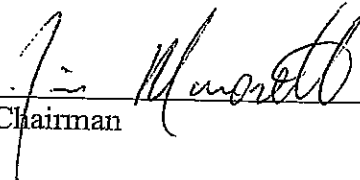
6. This Ordinance shall be effective thirty days after enactment.


ORDAINED AND ENACTED INTO LAW, this 13th day of April, 2010.

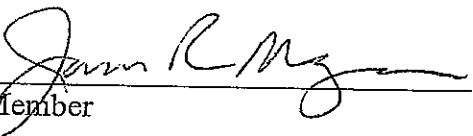
ATTEST:

TOWNSHIP OF NORTH FAYETTE



Township Manager

By: 
Chairman


Member


Member

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Township Solicitor

NORTH FAYETTE TOWNSHIP

REQUEST FOR LATERAL INSPECTION FINDINGS
APPEAL

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Preferred Times for Scheduling purposes:

Reason for Appeal (brief explanation):

