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ORDINANCE 27

An Ordinance amending an existing Ordinance of Pymatuning Township, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, entitled "An Ordinance for the promotion of the health of the citizens of Pymatuning Township, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, regulating the method of sewage disposal in said township, defining and prohibiting certain nuisances including the storage or accumulation of abandoned or junked automobiles, providing for the abatement of such nuisance by the Township and providing a penalty for the violation of this ordinance, " changing septic tank minimum requirements and prescribing when a septic tank is required.

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE Board of Supervisors of Pymatuning Township and it is hereby ordained and enacted by and with the authority of the same as follows:

SECTION 1.

That Section 6 of Article I be amended to read as follows:

"Section 6. All septic tanks hereafter installed shall meet the following minimum requirements: They shall be sufficiently large and efficient to dispose of sewage from the property served and at all events shall have a working capacity of at least 750 gallons where the dwelling served has two or less bedrooms, 900 gallons where the dwelling served has three bedrooms, 1,000 gallons where the dwelling served has four bedrooms, and a capacity of 250 additional gallons for each additional bedroom of the dwelling served; they shall be located at least 20 feet from any building of human occupation, as far away as possible and in no case closer than 50 feet to any spring, well or cistern, and at least 10 feet from any property line; they shall discharge their effluent through a distribution box and thence through a sub-surface tile disposal field with the following minimum requirements:

(A) The total tile length shall be at least 300 feet; provided, however, that where a sub-surface tile field of such length is impossible because of lack of land requirements or for any other reason and to require a tile field of 300 feet length would cause unnecessary hardship, the township may permit the use of a gravel pit;

(b) There shall be a minimum of three separate field laterals extending from the distribution box and each lateral shall

- (c) The tile shall be laid in trenches with 1/4 inch open joints and surrounded by clean gravel, crushed stone or slag, ranging in size from 1/2 to 2 1/2 inches;
- (d) The minimum diameter of the tile shall be 4 inches;
- (e) The minimum trench width shall be 18 inches;
- (f) The maximum trench width shall be 30 inches;
- (g) The maximum depth of lines shall be 36 inches;
- (h) The minimum depth of lines shall be 18 inches;
- (i) The maximum grade of lines shall be 6 inches per 70 feet;
- (j) The minimum thickness of filter material beneath the tile shall be 6 inches;
- (k) The minimum thickness of filter material over the tile shall be 2 inches.

SECTION 2.

That Section 7 of Article 1 be amended to read as follows:

"Section 7. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to hereafter install or for the owner or tenant of any land in Pymatuning Township to permit to be installed a septic tank or other system for sewage disposal in Pymatuning Township unless the plan therefor has first been inspected by the Secretary of the Township or some person designated by him to see that it complies with the provisions of this Ordinance, and unless a permit so certifying shall first be issued by the Secretary. The fee for such permit shall be five (\$5.00) dollars, which shall be paid into the general fund of the township. It is the intention that each building or structure hereafter erected used for dwelling purposes or from which sewage is discharged be equipped with a septic tank which complies with Section 6 of Article 1 of this Ordinance. The term "building" or "structure" as used herein shall include any trailer that hereafter enters the Township of Pymatuning and is used therein for dwelling purposes but the term shall not include any trailer that is now or hereafter located in a trailer camp which has an adequate system of sewage disposal for trailers located therein.

Enacted and ordained this 9 day of December, 1960.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF PYMATUNING TOWNSHIP

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