

ORDINANCE #11

Sewage
Septic Tank

An Ordinance for the promotion of the health of the citizens of Pymatuning Township and, defining and prohibiting certain nuisances; providing regulations for their control and abatement; for enforcement thereof and penalties for violation.

Be it ordained by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Pymatuning, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, and it is hereby ordained by authority of the same as follows:

ARTICLE 1. Sewage Disposal

Section 1. When a sanitary sewer is available, no other system of sewage disposal shall be used.

Section 2. No kitchen or laundry water shall be discharged or permitted to discharge or flow into any gutter, street, roadway, or public place.

Section 3. No privy, cesspool or other receptacle for human excrement shall be constructed, maintained or used so that flies have or may have access to the excrementitious matter contained therein.

Section 4. No privy or cesspool shall be constructed, maintained or used which directly or indirectly flows or discharges over or upon the surface of the ground or into any waters of the State.

Section 5. No person shall permit the effluent from a septic tank to flow from his property unless the effluent has first been cleaned and made clear by passing through an adequate gravel filter bed or other effective leaching device or otherwise.

Section 6. All septic tanks hereafter installed shall meet the following requirements. They shall be sufficiently large and efficient to dispose of the sewage of the property served and, at all events, shall have a working capacity of at least five hundred (500) gallons. They shall be located at least twenty (20') feet from any building of human occupancy; as far away as possible from and in no case closer than fifty (50') feet to any spring, well or cistern; and at least five (5) feet from any property line. They shall discharge their effluent into a sub-surface tile field of sufficient size to absorb the effluent; or, where this cannot be done, they shall have a gravel filter bed or other effective leaching device which shall be of at least double the capacity of the septic tank and sufficiently large and so constructed to be adequate to dispose of the waste in the effluent.

Section 7. No person shall hereafter install a septic tank or other system for sewage disposal in Pymatuning Township unless it shall first be inspected by the Secretary if 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 two (\$2.00) dollars, which shall be paid into the general fund of the township.

Section 8. Every person owning or controlling any privies and cesspools shall clean them sufficiently often to prevent the contents from overflowing. Every person owning or controlling any septic tanks shall clean them sufficiently often that the effluent therefrom shall be clean of all solids or sludge and, in any event, at least every ten years.

ARTICLE 2. Garbage and Other Wastes

Section 1. No garbage, offal, dead animals, decaying matter or organic waste substance of any kind shall be thrown or deposited in any ravine, ditch, gutter or highway in Pymatuning Township or into any waters of the State.

Section 2. The carcass of any dead animal shall be removed and disposed of by burial, incineration or other proper method within twenty-four (24) hours after death by the owner of the animal or by the owner of the property on which the dead animal is found.

ARTICLE 3. Junked Automobiles and Other Nuisances

Section 1. No person shall permit accumulation of rubbish or shall store or accumulate abandoned or junked automobiles, whether for sale or otherwise, on any private or public property within Pymatuning Township; or shall carry on any offensive manufacture or business, or permit any dangerous structure to remain on public or private grounds within the township. All such conditions are hereby declared to be nuisances and, in addition to the penalties otherwise provided for by this ordinance, they may be abated by the secretary of the township or other person designated by him after failure of the owner to do so after notice, whereupon the cost of such abatement or removal together with a penalty of ten (\$10.00) dollars may be recovered from the owner in summary proceedings brought by the secretary in the name of the township.

ARTICLE 4. Vents.

Section 1. All bathrooms and sinks shall be vented with soil stacks at least three (3") inches in diameter for bathrooms, and at least one and one-half (1 1/2") inches in diameter for sinks.

ARTICLE 5. Enforcement.

Section 1. It shall be the duty of the secretary of the township or such person as shall be designated by him to enforce the terms of this ordinance and to secure compliance with the requirements thereof.

ARTICLE 6. Penalties.

Section 1. Any person, firm, or corporation violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall upon conviction thereof before any justice of the peace be subject to a fine of not more than fifty (\$50.00) dollars for each offense, and in default of the payment of said fine and cost of prosecution, shall be imprisoned for a period of not exceeding thirty (30) days.

Enacted and Ordained this 2 day of August, 1954.

C. R. Rissold
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

Attest:

Wayne M. Hurst
Secretary