

ORDINANCE NO. 6

Establishing the rules and regulations governing the Robeson's Extension Sewer System and the tapping thereof; fixing the "connection fee"; providing for the levying, taxing and charging of a "sewer rental"; directing the filing of liens; providing for the conditions for the extent of service to out-of-district users.

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Supervisors of Catherine Township, Blair County, Pennsylvania, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by authority of the same:

Section 1. Definitions. As used in this ordinance, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the following words and terms shall be construed as follows:

- a. Extra-ordinary user--Any user of the Robeson's Extension Sewer System other than an "ordinary user".
- b. Ordinary user--The usual and ordinary business proprietor and home owner of the Robeson's Extension Sewer District as presently constituted and for which the usual and minimum sewage charge would be contemplated.
- c. Property unit--A single business establishment, or a one-family house, or a separate apartment in a multiple-family building.

Section 2. When any extra-ordinary user or any ordinary user shall make application to the Township Secretary for the right to tap and connect with any main, lateral, branch or line of the Robeson's Extension Sewer System, the Township shall have the right, through its proper officer, to issue a permit to the said applicant upon the payment of a fee for the privilege of making said tap or connection as well as of reasonable costs and expenses incident to making the said connection on the part of the Township, which payment for convenience shall hereafter be referred to as the "connection fee". The applicant shall be required, at his own cost and expense, to construct his, her, or its own line from the point of use to the said Township sewer main, lateral, branch or line as it now exists; and shall be required, at his own expense and cost, to make the actual connection with the Township sewer main, lateral, branch or line, and further, said connection must be made in a careful and workmanlike manner and the said applicant is hereby made responsible for failure to do so.

Section 3. The "connection fee" to be paid by each ordinary user is

said fee is to be paid for each property unit as there is an increase in the number of property units being served by a then existing tap or connection.

Section 4. The "connection fee" to be paid by each extra-ordinary user, as well as the "tap or main" and other charges to be paid by each extra-ordinary user, shall be fixed and determined by special contracts between each extra-ordinary user and the Township, and the proper officials of the Township are hereby authorized and empowered to enter into agreements relating thereto upon resolution duly adopted and after first consulting with the proper officials of the Borough of Williamsburg.

Section 5. Where a connection is made by an extra-ordinary user or by an ordinary user, the Township shall be required to maintain and upkeep and replace only the Township sewer mains, lateral, branches or lines; each property owner shall be required to maintain and upkeep and replace his own line running from the point of use to and including the point of connection with the Township sewer main, lateral, branch or line.

Section 6. Any person, firm, corporation or other party making or attempting to make any tap or connection without first having received a permit and having paid the "connection fee" therefore, or any person, firm, corporation or other party increasing the number of property units served by the then existing tap or connection without first having paid the additional "connection fee" for each additional property unit, shall be guilty of an offense, and, upon conviction thereof before a Justice of the Peace or other proper official shall be subject to a fine of not less than fifty (\$50.00) dollars nor more than one hundred (\$100.00) dollars, with costs, and shall further be liable to pay in addition thereto the proper "connection fee"; and in default of payment of the said fine and costs shall be confined to the Blair County jail for a period not exceeding ten (10) days.

Section 7. No storm sewer or roof drainage or surface water of any nature shall be drained into the said Robeson's Extension Sewer System, and any person, firm, corporation or other party doing so shall be guilty of an offense, and upon conviction thereof before a Justice of the Peace or other proper official shall be subject to a fine of not less than ten (\$10.00) dollars nor more than ~~an~~ twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars, with costs, and in default of payment of the said fine and costs shall be confined to the Blair County jail for a period not exceeding ten (10) days. Each day said act is

Section 8. The Supervisors of the Township are hereby authorized, directed and empowered to levy, tax and charge a sufficient annual "sewer rental" against the users and properties of the said Robeson's Extension Sewer System, and said "sewer rental" is to be levied, taxed and charged for each separate property unit. Said sewer rental is to pay in full the "Yearly Sewer rental" and the "Sewage Plant Capitol Maintenance Cost" due and owing by the Township to the Borough of Williamsburg, as well as to pay for all other costs, charges and expenses connected with the operation and maintenance, repairs, replacement, enlargement and alteration, and care and supervision of the said Robeson's Extension Sewer System. The Township Tax Collector is hereby designated as the agent of the Township Treasurer for the collection of the said "sewer rental", and the said "sewer rental" is hereby directed to be placed on the tax duplicate. The amount of the "sewer rental" is to be fixed (yearly) by a resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the Township. The said "sewer rental" is not to be used for any purpose except as stated herein.

Section 9. The Township Solicitor is hereby directed to file liens against the properties concerned for the amount of any unpaid sewer rental with like purpose, force and affect as though the same were unpaid taxes.

Section 10. Property owners not located in the Robeson's Extension Sewer District as amended may make application for a permit to connect to the said Robeson's Extension Sewer System, and the Township Supervisors may, upon resolution duly adopted, enter into separate contracts regulating the terms and conditions governing said connection. The Supervisors are hereby authorized and empowered to enter into said separate contracts if they so desire.

Section 11. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 12. This ordinance shall be effective immediately upon its advertisement and recording according to law.

Ordained and enacted at a Special Meeting of the Supervisors held on the 28 day of November, 1952.

Attest:

Blair K. Hoover
Blair K. Hoover, Secretary

Marion L. Saylor
Marion L. Saylor, Chairman of Supervisors

AMENDMENT 1 TO ORDINANCE 6, ROBESON'S EXTENSION SEWER SYSTEM, DATED 28 NOVEMBER 1952.

It is hereby enacted and ordained by the Board of Supervisors of Catharine Township that Ordinance #6, dated 28 November 1952, be amended as follows:

Add at end of Section 2 of Ordinance - "Where the applicant will install a lateral line from a main line currently existing on the applicant's property, that lateral line shall be constructed of four (4) inch Schedule 40 PVC pipe with four (4) inch cleanouts installed to ground level at least every fifty (50) feet. If the applicant must extend a main line to reach his/her property, that main line shall be constructed of six (6) inch Schedule 40 PVC pipe with four (4) inch cleanouts to ground level at least every fifty (50) feet. Schedule 40 PVC pipe and fittings shall be used to construct all cleanouts and air tight capping is required to seal each cleanout. At the connection of the cleanout to the main or lateral line, a "T" fitting shall be used rather than a "Y" type fitting. The newly installed main lines shall have at least twelve (12) inches of gravel surrounding the line to limit distortion from ground settling. The Township Roadmaster shall be consulted to review and approve any plans, design and installation of new sewer lines."

Ordinance #6 is hereby ratified and confirmed except as amended by this Ordinance.

This amendment to Ordinance #6, dated 28 November 1952, shall become effective five (5) days after enactment.

Board of Supervisors of
Catharine Township

ATTEST:

Christine E. Skarhoff
Secretary

SIGNED:

James C. [unclear]

DATE

ENACTED:

April 13, 2000

Bennie R. Wyland

Ralph F. [unclear]