

**UPPER YODER TOWNSHIP  
AUTHORITY**

**CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

**Rules, Regulations and Rates  
for  
Sewer System Management  
And Operation**

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**RULES AND REGULATIONS**

**Section I-General**

The following Rules and Regulations are hereby established to govern the management and operation of the Authority Sewer System.

These Rules and Regulations shall form a part of every contract for sewage service supplied by the Authority and every consumer, by utilizing the facilities, agrees to be bound thereby.

**Section II-Definitions**

As used or referred to herein, unless a different meaning clearly appears from the context:

- 2.01 Authority means the Upper Yoder Township Authority, its successors or assigns, acting through its properly authorized officers, Agents, and employees.
- 2.02 Owner means the owner of the property to which sewage service is supplied by the Authority.
- 2.03 Customer shall be the party whose property as hereinafter classified has the use of the sewer system.

**A. Residential Customers include, but are not limited to, the following:**

- 1. A dwelling under one roof and occupied by one family.
- 2. A combination of buildings in one common enclosure occupied by one family.
- 3. Each side of a double house or each unit of a group of row houses occupied by separate families.
- 4. Each apartment in a building having a number of apartments.
- 5. Each side or part of a house occupied by one family even though the closet and/or other fixtures be used in common.

**B. Commercial (all non-residential) customers include, but are not limited to, the following:**

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| 1. Stores                | 12. Hotels and Motels       |
| 2. Garages               | 13. Hospitals               |
| 3. Gas Stations          | 14. Schools                 |
| 4. Barber Shops          | 15. Public Buildings        |
| 5. Beauty Shops          | 16. Institutional Homes     |
| 6. Clubs                 | 17. Pool Rooms              |
| 7. Restaurants           | 18. Bowling Alleys          |
| 8. Theatres              | 19. Fraternal Organizations |
| 9. Business Offices      | 20. Churches                |
| 10. Professional Offices | 21. Factories               |
| 11. Banks                | 22. Junk Yards              |

- 23. Repair Shops
- 24. Laundries
- 25. Assembly Plants
- 26. Slaughter Houses
- 27. Dairies
- 28. Ice Cream Parlor

- 2.04 Building Connection means that part of the sewer line from the main sewer to the outer wall of the building to be serviced by the Upper Yoder Township Authority sewer collection system.
- 2.05 Inspection fee means that fee which may be established by resolution of the Upper Yoder Township Authority for the cost that it incurs in order for its agents to monitor or physically inspect any new building connection to the sewer collection system and for any repair, alteration, or addition to any existing building connection.
- 2.06 Sewage means only that type of sewage generally classified as "domestic" sewage and shall exclude all other types of sewage, industrial waste, hazardous waste, etc.
- 2.07 Existing Sewers means the present sewers of the Township, which have been accepted, operated, and maintained by the Authority.
- 2.08 Sewer Rental means that charge established by resolution of the Authority for direct or indirect connection with and use of the sewer collection system. The resolution shall include a rate of charge based on the customer's water consumption, a minimum quarterly charge, billing procedures, and the imposition of fines and penalties for non-payment.
- 2.09 Sewer Connection (tap in fee) Charge means the charge established by resolution of the Upper Yoder Township Authority for tapping a building connection into the Authority sewer collection system.

**Section III—Sewer Connections**

- 3.01 Customers abutting any completed part of the sewer system will be directed to connect to the sewer system as soon as that part of the sewer system is connected to the Authority sewer system. Such customers shall be given a 60-day notice within which to make an application for building connection and to gain approval for the same. Sewer rentals will be charged after this 60-day period even though the customer has not completed their connection. The failure of the customer or owner of improved property to receive notice to connect to the sewer collection system shall not constitute a waiver of its responsibility to connect to the sewer collection system or their obligation to pay sewer rentals.
- 3.02 Customers desiring to connect a property into the sewer system must file written application on forms furnished by the Authority. The Owner of the premises or their authorized agent, by signed application for building connection acknowledges that these Rules and Regulations and Amendments thereto, regulate and control sewer service for the premises. Application for building connections shall either be approved or rejected with the reasons set forth within 30 days of submission. Applications shall be resubmitted until such time that they meet approval of the Authority's Engineer.
- 3.03 All users of the sewage facilities shall be responsible for the proper observance of these Rules and Regulations under applicable provisions and penalties of law for non-compliance.
- 3.04 A separate building connection will be required for each individual building or house whether constructed as a detached unit or as one of a pair or row, but a single connection will be permitted to serve a school, factory, apartment house, or other permanent multiple unit structure whose individual apartments or units may not be subject to separate ownership.

- 3.05 All building connections hereafter installed shall be constructed of four or six inch diameter pipe (or larger size where required) laid on a minimum grade of 1/4" per foot, having permanently sealed watertight and gas tight joints. Pipe may be (1) PVC SDR 35 per ASTM D-3034, including fittings per ASTM D-3034, (2) Ductile Iron in accordance with ANSI A-21-50 and ANSI A-21-51. Ductile Iron pipe shall be push on or mechanical joint in accordance with ANSI A-21-11. Fittings shall be of Ductile Iron pipe construction and shall conform to ANSI A-21-10.

Each building connection (sewer line) shall have a vertical riser pipe installed to grade. The riser pipe shall be on the building lot in an accessible location near the street right-of-way line. The riser pipe shall be 6 inches in diameter of the same type of pipe as the building sewer. The riser shall be attached to the building sewer with a tee fitting. The riser shall have a removable, watertight cap and shall have watertight connections throughout.

Pipe size – shall be 4" or 6" as listed below:

**Table 1 (See Exhibit "A" attached hereto)  
PVC SDR 35 Sewer Pipe**

Nominal Diameter	Outside Diameter		Wall Thickness	
	Average	Tolerance on Average	Average	Tolerance
4"	4.215	+ 0.009	0.125	+ 0.013
6"	6.275	+ .011	0.180	+ .014

Pipe shall be in standard lengths with a tolerance of -1 in. Pipe intended to be straight shall have a maximum deviation from straightness of 1/16 in./ft. of length.

Pipe ends shall be square or perpendicular to the longitudinal axis with a maximum allowable gap measurement of 0.20 in.

All such pipe shall meet applicable ASTM Specifications for conditions encountered in installation.

All pipe must be laid with at least 6" of natural ground or tamped earth between pipe and any boulder or rock strata.

All pipe shall have a minimum of 30" of cover or be installed to a depth to prevent freezing.

Special protection must be given pipe laid under driveways to avoid cracking or crushing. Refer to attached Building Connection with Riser Pipe Detail for backfill requirements. All pipe must be laid in a straight grade from house connection to the Authority's main sewer.

Each building connection (sewer line) or drain must have an approved trap either just outside or inside the building foundation wall. This trap must be of a type that will also serve as a cleanout. An existing trap and cleanout shall be adequate for this purpose. Outside vents shall be provided where interior venting is not adequate. Backfilling,

repairs, or additions shall be subject to supervision and inspection of the representative of the Authority.

No building connection (sewer line) will be permitted to connect to the Authority's system unless the sewer passes an exfiltration or air test. The sewer from the house to the main line will not be connected for this test. Near the point of connection to the main sewer, the 4" or 6" building sewer shall be plugged and filled with water and kept full of water for 1 hour. This test shall be conducted by the property owner and supervised by the Authority's inspector. Existing building sewers leading to septic tanks must be disconnected near the house foundation. All bends in building connections must be made with fittings.

- 3.06 No repairs, alterations, or additions to any building connection of the sewer collection system shall be made unless the person desiring to make same shall first make application to and receive a permit for the same from the Authority.
- 3.07 The customer is responsible for and shall pay the costs of the proper installation, inspection, and maintenance of the building connection from the main sewer to the structure. Each connection to sewer system shall be made and inspected at the expense of the customer. The application shall be accompanied by inspection fee. The inspection shall be made by an authorized representative of the Authority, who shall certify in writing to the Authority that no roof, surface, foundation, sump pump for stormwater, or underground drainage is connected to the sanitary system.
- 3.08 No connection will be allowed with any cesspool, privy vault septic tank, cistern, or other depository. Such depositories at the time of connection of the building to the sewer system, must be disconnected, with inlet and outlet pipe capped with watertight seal. Any applicable Federal, State, County, and Township regulations pertaining to disposition of septic tanks must also be complied with. The Authority recommends, but does not require, that any abandoned septic tank be pumped out and refilled with sand, gravel, or earth.
- 3.09 No owner, customer, or occupant of any premises connected with or to be connected with the Upper Yoder Township Authority Sewer Collection System shall permit any other person or premises to use or connect with his building connection. Any violation of these Rules and Regulations shall be considered a violation to all.
- 3.10 All existing sewers shall be inspected for infiltration and serviceability, and repaired by the Owner or Developer to conform to the specifications covering new construction. Developers desiring connection to the sewer system who wish to make use of any existing or parts of existing building connections (sewer lines) must secure approval of such existing facility from the Authority. New customers to the existing system of sewers shall be bound by and shall abide by these Rules and Regulations.

The Authority shall have the right to require the customer to close up or disconnect from the sewer system any building connection (sewer line) to which a roof, surface, or underground drain is connected, if such drain is not properly disconnected within 30 days of notice to customer to do so. No connection will be allowed with any cesspool, privy vault, cistern, or other depository.

- 3.11 Building connections (sewer lines) where same are run through private property shall in all respects be governed by these Rules & Regulations.
- 3.12 Duly authorized employees or representatives of the Authority, bearing proper credentials and identification, shall be permitted to enter upon all properties receiving sewer services for the purpose of inspection, observation, measurement, sampling and testing; such entries to be made only during reasonable daylight hours.

- 3.13 If the Authority reasonably determines that any portion of the building connection is improperly connected to a roof, downspout, french drain or other surface or underground drain, or that said building connection has broken or otherwise opened, with the result that surface or storm water is entering into the sanitary sewer system, then the Authority shall have the right to require the customer to close up or disconnect the said source of infiltration. In such case the Authority shall give the customer, or the owner of the premises thereof, 30 days notice to do so. In the event the customer or owner fails to correct said condition within such time, the Authority shall, at its option, have the right to proceed in law or equity against said customer or owner to compel correction of the same, or to refer such matter to the Supervisors of Upper Yoder Township to institute proceedings against said customer or owner for violation of Township Ordinance No. 54 as the same may be amended.
- 3.14 If any customer of the Authority refuses to allow a duly authorized inspector of the Authority to enter upon the premises of a property connected to the Authority's sewage collection system for the purpose of inspecting and testing the customer's building connection as to inflow or infiltration, then the Authority shall give the customer two weeks notice of a time during which the customer may allow such inspection, but if the customer fails to provide a reasonable time and date for such inspection, then the Authority shall have the right to proceed in law or equity against said customer to enforce its right of such inspection.
- 3.15 Sewer connection charges as established by resolution of the Upper Yoder Township Authority shall be charged on all building connections that are made into the Upper Yoder Township Authority sewer collection system. Sewer connection charges must be paid before sewer connection permits are issued by the Authority's Engineer. No customer shall backfill excavations for new building connections or for repair, alteration, or addition to any existing building connection without the same being inspected and approved by the Upper Yoder Township Authority Engineer or Agent.

#### Section IV--Detrimental Wastes

- 4.01 All customers shall comply with the Upper Yoder Township Sewage Pretreatment Ordinance as the same may be amended from time to time. No customer shall discharge into the sewer collection system any exhaust steam or any oils, tar, grease, gas, benzene, or other combustible gases or liquids, or any garbage (unless treated in a manner approved by the Authority), offal, insoluble solids or industrial wastes, or other dangerous or harmful substances which would adversely affect the functioning of the sewer system or the process of sewage treatment. The Authority reserves the right and shall timely notify the Upper Yoder Township Supervisors of violations of its Sewage Pretreatment Ordinance.
- 4.02 The Authority reserves the right to refuse connection to the sewer collection system or to compel discontinuance of use of its sewer collection system or to compel pretreatment of industrial wastes by any customer, in order to prevent discharge of sewage deemed harmful to the sewer collection system or sewage treatment plant, or to have a deleterious effect on the sewage treatment or sludge handling processes.

#### Section V--Leaks, Stoppage and/or Defective Plumbing

- 5.01 All leaks in building connections and fixtures must be promptly repaired by the owner or occupant. On failure to make such repairs with reasonable dispatch, the Authority upon thirty (30) days notice may discontinue the service to the premises and the service will not

- be resumed until all necessary repairs are made and all bills, including labor, supplies, expenses, and inspection fees incurred in discontinuing the service are paid in full.
- 5.02 The Authority shall not be liable for any damage or expense resulting from leaks, stoppages, or defective plumbing or from any other cause occurring to any premises or within any house or building. It is expressly stipulated by and between the Authority and the customer that no claims shall be made against the Authority on account of the breaking or stoppage of, or any damage to any building connection. Further, the Authority shall not respond to complaints regarding its sewer collection systems functioning until the customer so complaining demonstrates that his building connection is functioning properly.
- 5.03 Under no circumstances shall any person not authorized by the Authority tamper with the building connection or sewer collection system main lines.

#### **Section VI-Vacating Premises**

- 6.01 Change of ownership of any improved property that is connected to the Upper Yoder Township Authority sewer collection system must be reported by written notice to the Authority.

#### **Section VII-Privilege To Investigate**

- 7.01 The Authority shall have the right of access at all reasonable times to all parts of any premises connected with the sewage collection system for the purpose of examining and inspecting the building connection fixtures and water meters or for disconnecting service for any proper cause.

#### **Section VIII-Extension of Sewer Mains**

- 8.01 When application has been received for extension of a main into an unsewered tract of land, the applicant or applicants must sign an agreement with the Upper Yoder Township Authority to pay in advance when applicable the proper charges involved in assessment, rental, and connection charges. Any new customers to extended mains shall be governed by these Rules and Regulations.

#### **Sections IX - Discontinuance of Service**

- 9.01 Service may be discontinued by the Authority upon thirty (30) days notice for any of the following reasons:
- A. For violation of Rules and Regulations of the Authority or related Ordinances of the Township of Upper Yoder.
  - B. For refusal of reasonable access to property for purpose of inspection.
  - C. For failure to pay sewer connections, inspection and rental fees and charges.
- 9.02 Service will be restored under proper application when the conditions under which such service was discontinued are corrected and upon the payment of all proper charges provided in the schedule of rates of the Authority due from the applicant.

**Section X - General**

10.01 Customers of the sewer collection system must pay for the costs of installation, operation and maintenance of the sewer collection system as the Authority shall establish from time to time by resolution. (Assessments, rental and connection charges, inspection fees, etc.)

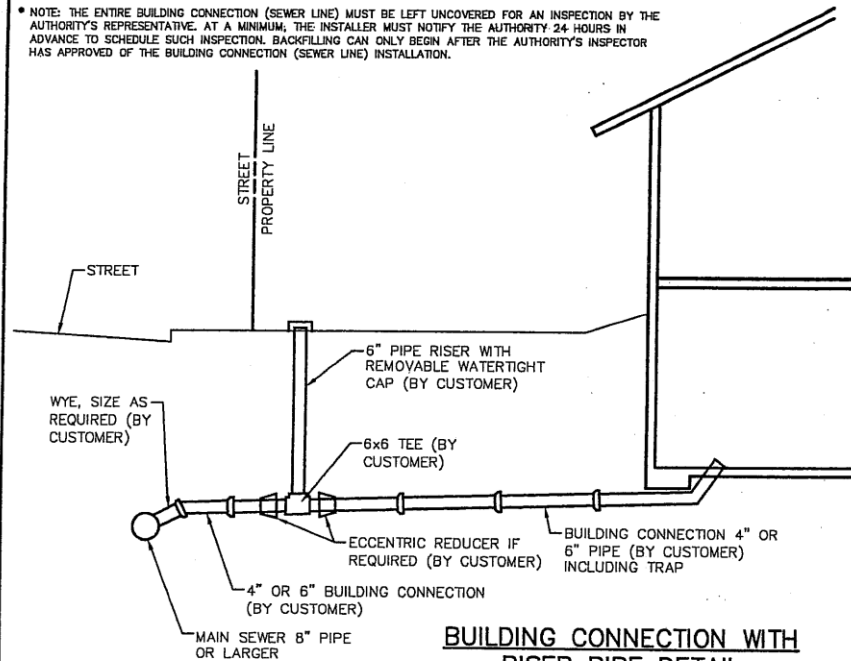
10.02 Special Provisions

1. The Authority reserves the right at all times, after due notice, to request the Greater Johnstown Water Authority its successor and assigns to shut off water service for non-payment of sewer connection, inspection, and rental fees and charges or for neglect or refusal to comply with the Rules and Regulations of the Authority.
2. Failure to receive a bill shall not exempt any customer from obligation to pay connection, inspection and rental fees, and charges. The presentation of a bill to the customer is only a matter of accommodation and not a waiver of this rule.
3. Where special services are required, the Authority shall fix the rate therefor and the cost of service shall be paid at the time the application is submitted and before the service is granted.
4. Sewer service may be discontinued on thirty (30) days notice for violation of any Rules and Regulations herein set forth, or for violation of any related ordinance of the Township of Upper Yoder.
5. If any section, paragraph, sub-section, clause, or provision of these Rules, Regulations and Rates shall be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of these Rules, Regulations and Rates as a whole or any other part hereof.
6. The Authority reserves the right to change or amend from time to time these Rates, Rules and Regulations.

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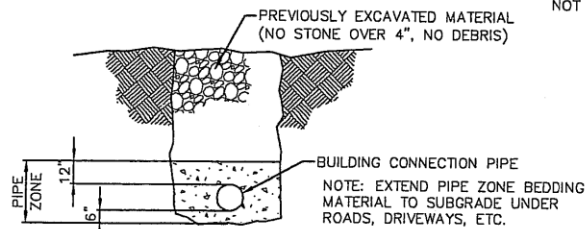
THE UPPER YODER TOWNSHIP AUTHORITY .

- NO STORMWATER/GROUNDWATER IS PERMITTED TO DRAIN INTO THE BUILDING CONNECTION (SEWER LINE).
- NO PIPE SMALLER THAN 4" DIAMETER IS PERMITTED OUTSIDE OF THE BUILDING.
- NO BEND GREATER THAN 45 DEGREES CAN BE USED ON THE BUILDING CONNECTION (SEWER LINE).
- ALL PIPE AND FITTINGS MUST MEET OR EXCEED THE FOLLOWING SPECIFICATIONS:
  - PVC (PLASTIC) - SDR 35, ASTM 3034, SCH 40 (PUSH ON)
  - DIP (DUCTILE IRON PIPE) - CL50, CL51, DOUBLE CEMENT LINE (ANSI A.21.51, A.21.10)
- ALL BUILDING CONNECTIONS (SEWER LINES) MUST BE BURIED TO A DEPTH TO PREVENT FREEZING.
- ALL BUILDING CONNECTIONS (SEWER LINES) MUST BE PROPERLY BEDDED ON A 4"-6" LAYER OF TAMPED STONE (2R3, 2A MODIFIED, OR LIMESTONE DUST) AND, UPON INSPECTION AND APPROVAL BY THE AUTHORITY'S INSPECTOR, BACKFILLED WITH AT LEAST 12" OF TAMPED STONE ABOVE THE SEWER LATERAL WITH THE REMAINDER OF THE TRENCH BACKFILLED WITH SELECT SUITABLE MATERIAL.
- NOTE: THE ENTIRE BUILDING CONNECTION (SEWER LINE) MUST BE LEFT UNCOVERED FOR AN INSPECTION BY THE AUTHORITY'S REPRESENTATIVE. AT A MINIMUM, THE INSTALLER MUST NOTIFY THE AUTHORITY 24 HOURS IN ADVANCE TO SCHEDULE SUCH INSPECTION. BACKFILLING CAN ONLY BEGIN AFTER THE AUTHORITY'S INSPECTOR HAS APPROVED OF THE BUILDING CONNECTION (SEWER LINE) INSTALLATION.



**BUILDING CONNECTION WITH RISER PIPE DETAIL**

NOT TO SCALE



**TRENCH PROFILE**  
(BACKFILLING REQUIREMENTS)



