

**TOWNSHIP OF O'HARA
ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF O'HARA AMENDING AND
RESTATING THE CERTIFICATION OF SANITARY SEWER STATUS
ORDINANCE NO. 1220, WHICH ESTABLISHES REQUIREMENTS FOR
NEW OR REPLACEMENT CONNECTIONS PRIOR TO THE SALE OR
TRANSFER OF REAL ESTATE WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF O'HARA,
AND AS A CONDITION FOR THE ISSUANCE OF MUNICIPAL LIEN
LETTERS, AND ESTABLISHING RULES AND REGULATIONS
GOVERNING HOUSE OR BUILDING SANITARY SEWER
CONNECTIONS**

WHEREAS, the Township of O'Hara is desirous of eliminating storm and surface waters from entering into the sanitary sewer system of the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township of O'Hara established certain procedures for the issuance of municipal lien certifications through the enactment of Ordinance No. 1220, known at the Township Certification of Sanitary Sewer Status Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Township of O'Hara has undertaken a review of its existing Certification of Sanitary Sewer Status Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that certain changes should be incorporated into said Ordinance by way of an amendment and restatement for the purpose of clarification and enforceability.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Township of O'Hara hereby ordains that the Certification of Sanitary Sewer Status Ordinance of the Township is hereby amended and restated in its entirety.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Township Council of the Township of O'Hara by and with the authority of same.

SECTION I - GENERAL

After the effective date of this Ordinance, it shall be unlawful for any person to sell or purchase real estate or transfer real estate to another for minor consideration which requires a change in names on the deed within the Township of O'Hara on which a building or improvement exists, without first obtaining a Document of Certification or Temporary Document of Certification from the proper officers of the Township of O'Hara.

It is also intended that the obligation to repair any defects or violations run with the land and this obligation binds the Purchaser and their respective heirs and assigns.

SECTION II - DEFINITIONS

- A. Person: Any person, syndicate, associate, partnership, firm, corporation, institution, agency, Authority, or other entity recognized by law as the subject of rights and duties.
- B. Municipal Lien and Property Tax Verification Letter: A written letter from the proper official of the Township of O'Hara concerning municipal liens and property taxes.
- C. Document of Certification: An official statement from the proper officer of the Township of O'Hara stating that there is no known illegal storm or surface water connections into nor any major defects to the sanitary sewer drainage system on the specific property which is being sold. This certification is valid for one year from date of the test.
- D. Temporary Document of Certification: A temporary statement of certification from the proper officer of the Township of O'Hara, issued pursuant to the terms of Section IV of this Ordinance.
- E. Illegal Storm or Surface Water Connections: The discharge of storm, roof, sump, rain, ground or surface water or the connection of downspouts, roof drainage, surface areaway drainage, or foundation or basement drainage into the sanitary sewer system.
- F. Sewer Drainage System: The sewer line/lateral from the structure to the connection at the public sewer line, including all necessary fresh air vents and clean-outs.
- G. Sale or Transfer of Real Estate: As used in this ordinance, sale or transfer of real estate shall be understood to exclude the sale or transfer between spouses.

SECTION III - DOCUMENT OF CERTIFICATION APPLICATION

Any person repairing or installing a new or replacement sanitary sewer line shall make application on the proper Township Building Permit Forms. The applicant shall then notify the Township at the time the Allegheny County Health Department is notified for inspection. The sanitary sewer drainage system shall be visually inspected and/or dye tested by the Township as described in this ordinance prior to backfill.

Any person selling or transferring real estate located within the Township of O'Hara (hereinafter "APPLICANT") shall make application on a form furnished by the Township of O'Hara and make payment of the fee established pursuant to Council's resolution at least thirty (30) days before date of sale. The APPLICANT shall then have a plumber who is registered and licensed by the Allegheny County Health Department perform a dye test of the sewer drainage

system on the property to be sold or transferred. Access to a continuous running water source is required at the test site for the inspection process. A smoke test or air test may also be required by the Township. The plumber shall notify the Township at least three (3) working days before the test is made so that the Township may witness the test. The Township shall have the right to approve the test as performed and/or to require that additional tests be made. At this time the Township shall perform a televised internal inspection or use other methods to inspect the existing sewer drainage system. The Township shall also have the right to rely on the results of any internal televising of the main sewer line completed by the Township or its contractor. The Township may also utilize other methods of testing to detect the flow of water in the sewer drainage system. The plumber shall complete the appropriate portions on the form and certify that the property has been dye tested, smoke tested or air tested, or a combination thereof, and certify the results of such test. In the event that there are no illegal storm or surface water connections or malfunctions and the existing drainage system is sound the Township of O'Hara Manager or his/her designee shall issue a Document of Certification. When an illegal storm or surface water connection or malfunctioning drainage system is discovered or a deficiency is noted in the sewer drainage system by the means of the above-mentioned testing, the Document of Certification will not be issued until the illegal connections/malfunctioning drainage system is removed or repaired, and/or the entire sewer line is replaced from the structure to the connection at the public sewer line.

The system must be re-inspected and certification of such removal/repair or replacement is performed by a registered, licensed plumber.

Failure to have the Township inspect the work may result in the Township requiring the uncovering of any pipe or other structure to view the repairs. This will be at the cost of the property owner.

SECTION IV - TEMPORARY DOCUMENT OF CERTIFICATION

A Temporary Document of Certification may be issued at the Township's sole discretion when either:

- A. The APPLICANT proves that such testing cannot be performed because of weather conditions as determined by the Township, and when such is the case, the APPLICANT shall provide the Township with security in the amount of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) to guarantee that the appropriate test will be performed. The APPLICANT will cause to have performed the appropriate test at such time as weather conditions make testing possible or within fourteen (14) days of subsequent written notification from the Township, which will be given at such time as weather conditions make testing possible. In addition, the APPLICANT shall provide a signed written acknowledgment from the purchaser of the real estate, agreeing to correct, at the said purchaser's sole expense, any violations/defects that may be discovered as the result of subsequent tests. Nothing in this subsection shall prohibit any purchaser from requiring the APPLICANT to reimburse the purchaser

or any costs incurred; PROVIDED, NEVERTHELESS, that primary liability shall run with the land and no such agreement shall affect the Township's enforcement powers or excuse the current owner from performance.

B. When the APPLICANT has submitted the application for certification at least 30 days prior to the date of sale and an illegal storm or surface water connection or malfunctioning drainage system has been discovered or a deficiency in the sewer drainage system is found and the necessary remedial activities to correct such connection cannot be performed because of weather conditions as determined by the Township, the APPLICANT may apply to the Township Manager for a Temporary Document of Certification. Failure to have the necessary repairs made in a timely manner prior to the date of sale will not constitute a hardship as recognized by the Township. A Temporary Document of Certification may only be issued when the APPLICANT provides the Township with all of the following:

1. A bona fide executed contract between the APPLICANT and a registered, licensed plumber to complete the necessary remedial work with the Township listed therein as a third party beneficiary;
2. Cash security in the amount of said contract as posted with the Township; and

An agreement by the purchaser to be responsible for all cost overruns related to the remedial work, together with a license to the Township to enter upon the property to complete work in case of default by the contractor. The Temporary Document of Certification shall be valid for sixty (60) days from the date of the Agreement, at which time the security shall be forfeited, and the Township may use the security to have the necessary remedial work completed.

SECTION V

The Township Manager is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to make reasonable rules and regulations for the operation and enforcement of this Ordinance as he/she deems necessary, which shall include, but not be limited to:

- A. Establishing acceptable forms of security or guarantees;
- B. Acceptable testing methods;
- C. Establishing the forms of applications, purchaser acknowledgments and plumber certifications;
- D. Limiting the times of year in which Temporary Documents of Certification are available for reasons of weather.

All rules and regulations issued pursuant to this Section shall be in writing and be approved by the Township of O'Hara Council prior to such rules and regulations being effective. See attachment for Rules and Regulations.

SECTION VI

The sewer drainage system is the property of the property owner from the structure to the connection at the public sewer line. Any separation, break, root infiltration, crack, breach, or other such defect noted by the Township during inspection will require the replacement of the entire sewer drainage line from the structure to the connection at the public sewer line. If sags or bellies in the sewer drainage line prohibit adequate inspection, the line must be flushed prior to the continuation of the inspection. The owner has up to one hundred eighty (180) days from the inspection or until date of transfer to correct any deficiencies.

SECTION VII

The Township reserves the right to charge to the plumber a reasonable unnecessary inspection / test fee if the Township is called for a test or inspection and the plumber is not prepared. The fee shall not exceed \$50.00 per occurrence.

SECTION VIII

Nothing in this Ordinance shall limit, in any fashion whatsoever, the Township's right to enforce any ordinance or law of the Township of O'Hara, County of Allegheny or Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Nothing in this Ordinance shall be a defense of any citation issued by any municipal corporation or the Commonwealth pursuant to any other law or ordinance.

SECTION IX

Any person who shall fail, neglect or refuse to comply with any of the terms or provisions of this Ordinance, or of any regulation or requirement pursuant thereto and authorized thereby shall; upon conviction before any district justice, be sentenced to pay a fine of up to \$5,000.00 and costs of prosecution, and in default of payment thereof, to imprisonment for a term not to exceed thirty (30) days.

SECTION X

The provisions of this Ordinance are severable, and if any Section, sentence, clause or phrase shall be held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be illegal, invalid, or unconstitutional, the remaining portions of this Ordinance shall not be affected or impaired thereby.

SECTION XI

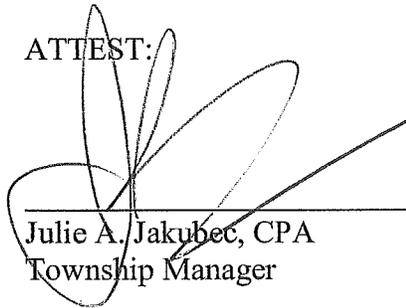
Any ordinance or part of any ordinance conflicting with the provisions of this Ordinance be and the same are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION XII

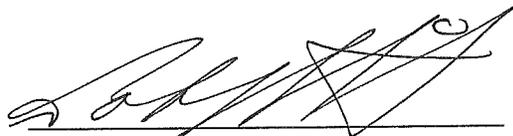
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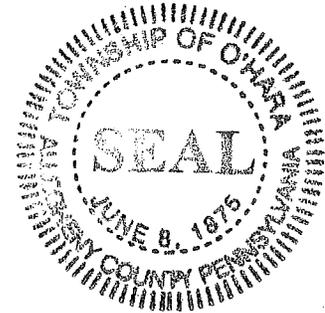
ORDAINED AND ENACTED INTO LAW this 9th day of November, 2010 by Council vote of 6 to 0.

ATTEST:


Julie A. Jakubec, CPA
Township Manager

TOWNSHIP OF O'HARA


Robert John Smith
President of Council



First Reading	<u>Rothert - Vogel</u>	<u>6 - 0</u>	<u>10/12/2010</u>
Second Reading and Adoption	<u>Kozera, Sr. - Vogel</u>	<u>6 - 0</u>	<u>11/09/2010</u>
Advertised	<u>11/18/2010</u>	Codified	_____
Attachment			

TOWNSHIP OF O'HARA

RULES & REGULATIONS GOVERNING HOUSE OR BUILDING
SANITARY SEWER CONNECTIONS

SECTION 1 – GENERAL

The Council of the Township of O'Hara ("Council") has duly adopted the following Rules and Regulations governing the installation of house or building sanitary sewers and connections. These Rules and Regulations unless otherwise indicated, are only for sanitary facilities and may from time-to-time be revised subject to the approval of Council.

SECTION II – DEFINITIONS

1. TOWNSHIP – The word "Township" whenever the same appears herein means the Township of O'Hara, a political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
2. BUILDING DRAIN – Shall mean that part of the lowest piping of a drainage system which receives the discharge from soil, waste, or other drainage pipe inside the walls of the building and conveys such discharges to the building sewer; the building drain shall be considered to extend five (5) feet outside the building wall.
3. BUILDING SEWER – Shall mean that part of the horizontal piping of a sanitary drainage system which extends from the end of the building drain and which receives the discharge of the building drain and conveys it to a public sewer, private sewer, sewage disposal system or treatment device. (The building sewer is often referred to as the "sewer lateral".)
4. GRADE – Shall mean the slope or fall of a line of pipe in reference to a horizontal plane. It is usually expressed as the fall in a fraction of an inch per foot length of pipe.
5. HOUSE TRAP – Shall mean a fitting or assembly of fittings installed in the building drain to prevent the entrance of sewer gas into drainage system of the building from the building sewer or main sewer; and, to provide a circulation of fresh air for the drainage system through the fresh air inlet of the house trap and the soil and vent stacks.
6. LIQUID WASTE – Shall mean the discharge from any fixture, appliance, or appurtenance in connection with a plumbing system, which does not receive fecal matter.

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7. OWNER – Shall mean the person, firm, corporation, or association having an interest as Owner, or a person, firm or corporation representing itself to be Owner, whether legal or equitable, sole or only partial, in any premises which is or is about to be furnished sewage service, and word “owners” means all so interested.
8. PERSON – Shall mean a natural person, their heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns; and, includes a firm, partnership, or corporation, its or their successors or assigns.
9. PREMISES – Shall mean the property or area, including the improvements thereon, to which sewage service is or will be furnished, and as used herein shall be taken to designate:
 - a. A building under one roof, owned or leased by one person and occupied by one residence; or,
 - b. A group or combination of buildings owned by one person, occupied by one family or one organization, corporation, or firm as a residence, church, school, or similar institution; or,
 - c. The one side of a double house having a very solid vertical partition wall; or,
 - d. Each side or each part of a house or building occupied by one family; or,
 - e. A public building devoted entirely to public use, such as a town hall, schoolhouse, fire engine house; or,
 - f. A single lot in a row of houses; or,
 - g. Each house in a row of houses; or,
 - h. Each dwelling unit in a building, a dwelling unit being defined as a building or portion thereof with exclusive cooking and eating facilities designed for occupancy by and used by one person or one family (household).
10. PRIVATE SEWER – Shall mean a sewer receiving the discharge of one or more building sewers; said sewer being privately owned and not directly controlled by the Township.

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11. PUBLIC SEWER – Shall mean a sewer in which all Owners of abutting properties have equal rights and is controlled by the Township.
12. SEWAGE – Shall mean the normal water-carried household and toilet wastes from residences and institutions exclusive of storm water runoff, surface water, or ground water.
13. SEWER DRAINAGE SYSTEM – Shall mean all the piping within the public or private premises which conveys sewage or other liquid wastes to a legal point of disposal, but does not include the mains of a public sewer system or private or public sewage treatment or disposal plant.
14. SEWER SERVICE CONNECTION - Shall mean the connection of the building sewer at the public sewer. (This connection is often referred to as the “tap” or “wye”.) All new tap-ins require payment of the current sanitary sewer tap-in fee.
15. SPRING LINE – For circular pipe, the midpoint or $D/2$ where D = Diameter of pipe.

SECTION III – CONDITIONS OF SERVICE

3.01 GENERAL

The Township will furnish sewage service only in accordance with the currently prevailing, and as hereafter revised, Rates, Rules and Regulations of the Township, which Rates, Rules and Regulations are made a part of every application, permit and contract entered into between Owner or Customer and the Township.

The Township hereby reserves the right, so often as it may deem necessary, to alter, amend, and/or appeal the Rates, Rules and Regulations in part or in whole. New, altered, or amended Rates, Rules and Regulations shall forthwith, without notice, become and thereafter be a part of every such application, permit, and contract for sewage service in effect at the time of such alteration, amendment, and/or adoption.

SECTION IV – APPLICATIONS & CONTRACTS FOR SEWER CONNECTIONS AND SERVICE

4.01 APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

A written application, prepared on the form furnished by the Township must be submitted to the Township for the purpose of requesting a permit to install or replace a building sewer for each premises or group of premises. The said application must

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be signed by the Owner of the premises or his duly authorized agent, except that such application may be signed by a tenant, subject to the Township exercising the right to require that the property Owner act as guarantor for all bills as rendered if the tenant neglects to make such payments within the time specified, said application to be currently in effect. The permit, together with the Rules and Regulations of the Township, shall regulate and control the installation of the building sewer and the sewage service to the premises. At the time of issuance of the permit, the customer will be required to sign a Contract for Sewage Service, which is a lasting contract for the duration of the customer's residence on the premises. In the case of new construction, an application shall be filed at the time application is made for a building permit.

4.02 THE PERMIT

The permit for sewage service shall be a binding contract on both the customer and the Township upon approval by the Township. Rates for sewage service shall accrue from the date the sewer service connection has been installed and service is available to the premises with respect to the work and responsibilities of the Township, subject to any time limits set forth in the Notice to Connect.

4.03 CONTRACT WITH DELINQUENTS

No agreement will be entered into by the Township with any applicant for sewage service, whether owner or tenant, until arrears for service, rents, and sewage bills or other charges, due by the applicant at any premises now or theretofore owned or occupied by him, shall have been paid or until satisfactory arrangements for payment of such unpaid bills have been made.

4.04 SPECIAL CONTRACT

The Township may require, prior to approval of service, special contracts other than applications and, as previously set forth, under the following conditions:

- a. If required by provision in the Schedule of Rates, the duration of the contract to be specified in the schedule.
- b. If the construction of extensions and/or other facilities is necessary.
- c. For providing temporary service.
- d. For stand-by service.

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- e. For connections with other municipal subdivision.
- f. If deemed necessary by the Township.

4.05 CONTRACT RENEWAL

A new contract must be entered into upon the sale of any property serviced by the sanitary sewer system or a change in any tenancy where the tenant is the customer.

4.06 CONDITION OF PLUMBING SYSTEM

Any piping and fixtures on the property of the customer are assumed to be in satisfactory condition at the time the drainage system is connected and sewage service furnished, and the plumbing and sanitary drainage system are assumed to be in accordance with these Rules and Regulations and the Township reserves the right to require the correction of any unsatisfactory condition if such condition shall be found to exist. Prior to connecting to the public sewer or for installations involving connections to an existing building sewer (e.g. home additions, swimming pools, etc.), it must be demonstrated that the existing drainage system is sound and free of extraneous discharges. The Township shall have the right to do so and to bill the Owner for the cost of said repairs.

SECTION V – BUILDING SEWERS AND CONNECTIONS DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION

5.01 CONNECTIONS

No unauthorized person shall uncover or make any connections with or opening into, use, alter, or disturb any sewer owned by the Township without first having obtained a written permit from the Township. All systems shall be subject to the regulations set forth herein or to regulations establishing higher standards.

All costs and expenses incident to the installation and connection of the building sewer shall be borne by the Owner. The Owner shall indemnify the Township from any loss or damage that may directly or indirectly be caused by the installation of the building sewer.

In the case of demolition and/or abandonment of a structure, the sewer drainage line must be cut off and sealed with an approved cap and cement at the main sewer line. Buildings damaged by any natural or manmade disaster including fire, storm or flood must have the sewer drainage line inspected prior to reconnection.

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The use of old building sewers generally will not be permitted and a new building sewer must be installed to the building drain. When connecting to the building drain would be excessively difficult due to topographic conditions, the Township may allow the use of a portion of an existing building sewer when it is found, upon examination and testing by the Township or other authorized persons or agencies, to meet all current standards and can pass televised internal inspection, dye, smoke and/or pressure tests.

5.02 BUILDING DRAINS AND TRAPS

All sewers laid beneath the floor shall be of material approved by the Allegheny County Plumbing Code.

Each building drain shall be provided with a horizontal intercepting trap (house trap), which shall be the same size as the building drain in which it is installed. The trap shall be provided with an accessible clean out and relieving vent or fresh air vent, which shall terminate in a location acceptable to the Township Building Inspector and County Plumbing Inspector, but generally not more than five (5) feet outside the building wall.

Relieving vents or fresh air inlets shall be no less than four (4) inches in diameter for building drains up to and including eight (8) inches. For building drains greater than eight (8) inches, the fresh air inlet shall be one-half the diameter of the drain. The opening of the grill of fresh air inlet shall equal the area of the inlet pipe and shall be located and installed so as to prevent the inflow of surface water.

Clean-outs for house traps shall use "wyes" with the clean-out port facing downstream and shall be a minimum of four (4) inches in diameter.

It is recommended that the house trap shall be placed inside the cellar or basement wall or as close thereto as practical allowing for construction circumstances. Where house traps are placed outside the buildings, they shall be placed as close as practical to the outside of the foundation wall and fresh air inlet shall be extended above finished grade elevation. In addition, "wyes" shall be installed on the downstream or main sewer side of the trap with a pipe extending to grade and finished with a clean-out.

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5.03 BUILDING SEWERS

The building sewer shall be cast iron soil pipe, A.S.T.M. Specifications A74-62 or equal or polyvinyl chloride (PVC) A.S.T.M. D3034, Type SDR 35 or equal. Other suitable materials may be used if approved by the Township Engineer. If the building sewer is installed in filled or unstable ground, the building sewer shall be of cast iron soil pipe, except that non-metallic material may be accepted if laid on a suitable concrete bed or cradle, as approved. Joints shall be tight and waterproof.

The owner of a building sewer on unstable ground shall be responsible for continually checking the integrity of the sewer line on a regular basis.

The size and slope of the building sewer shall be subject to approval but in no case shall the diameter be less than four (4) inches. The slope of such 4-inch pipe shall not be less than ¼-inch per foot length of pipe.

Whenever possible, the building sewer shall be brought to the building at an elevation below the basement floor. No building sewer shall be laid parallel to or within three (3) feet of any bearing wall, which might thereby be weakened. The depth shall be sufficient to afford protection from frost. The building sewer shall be laid at uniform grade and in straight alignment insofar as possible. Changes in direction shall be made only with properly curved pipe and fittings and four (4) inch diameter clean-outs using "wyes" with the clean-out port facing downstream shall be installed at each change in direction equal to or greater than forty-five (45) degrees, at the sewer service connection, at the house trap and vent, at intervals not to exceed 100-feet elsewhere as required. All clean-outs shall be fitted with a securely-fitted, watertight cover.

No private structure shall be permitted to be constructed over a building sewer or any other sewer.

In all buildings in which any building drain is too low to permit gravity flow to the public sewer, sanitary sewage carried by such drain shall be lifted by approved artificial means and discharged to the building sewer.

All excavations required for the installation of a building sewer shall be open trench work unless otherwise approved. Pipe laying and backfill shall be performed in accordance with A.S.T.M. Specification C12-19, except that no backfill shall be placed until the work has been inspected and approved by the Township and the Allegheny County Health Department.

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All joints and connections shall be made gas-tight and water-tight pursuant to the Allegheny County Plumbing Code, Article XV, Latest Edition, and shall be tested therefore prior to use.

The connection of the building sewer into the public sewer shall be made at the "wye" branch. If a "wye" branch is not available or accessible, then a "wye" shall be installed and approved by the Township. Break-in taps or the use of "T's" is not acceptable. The location of the tap shall be approved by the Township.

The spring line of the building sewer, at its point of connection with the public sewer, shall be no lower than the spring line of the public sewer. Subject to actual field conditions, the Township reserves the right to require connections to existing manholes.

The applicant for the building sewer permit shall notify the Township and Allegheny County Health Department when the building sewer is ready for inspection, testing and connection to the public sewer. The connection shall be made under the supervision of the Township Engineer or the Building Inspector.

The excavation shall be of sufficient width and depth to provide adequate space for the installation of the building sewer. All excavations required shall be open trench work unless otherwise approved. The trench shall have sufficient width at the spring line of the pipe so that there will be a minimum of four (4) inches between the outside of the pipe and the side of the trench. The pipe shall be bedded true to line and grade with continuous support from a firm base. All pipe shall be bedded on a minimum of four (4) inches of sand or other approved material. Bell holes shall be carefully excavated at proper intervals so that no part of the trench load is supported by the bells. In all cases, the bottom quadrant of the pipe shall be fully and uniformly supported and the full load on the pipe shall rest on the barrel of the pipe. Blocking shall not be used to bring the pipe to grade.

The trench shall be kept clean of any water by pumping, bailing, or other means while the sewer is being installed. Water shall not be permitted at any time to enter the building sewer connection or the main sewer.

The building sewer shall not be covered until inspected by the Township and the Allegheny County Health Department and approved. If the work is found not satisfactory, the Owner shall immediately remedy, or remove and replace with new materials and property construction, that part rejected.

The area around the pipe to a height of twelve (12) inches above the top of the pipe shall be backfilled with sand, fine aggregate or other approved material.

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In backfilling, the space between the pipe and the bottom and side of the trench shall be filled and tamped by hand, keeping the amount balanced on each side of the pipe to prevent lateral displacement of the pipe. The material shall be placed in layers to a depth of twelve (12) inches over the pipe in a manner to avoid damage or disturbance of the completed sewer. The next twelve (12) inches of backfill above the sand shall be select material free of all cinders, ashes, refuse, vegetable or organic material, boulders, rocks, stones, frozen or other unsuitable material. This area may be backfilled with the excavated material if such material is suitable as determined by the Township Engineer. The remainder of the trench shall be backfilled with suitable material and compacted as required. Any portion of the trench, which is on a public right-of-way, shall have its entire depth backfilled in six (6) inch layers with approved granular materials and each layer thoroughly tamped. No wheel loads shall be applied to any trench unless there is at least thirty (30) inches of cover over the pipe. Minimum depth of cover over the pipe shall be three (3) feet.

In areas subject to springs or ground flow, a clay "dam" shall be placed around the pipe at the house trap and elsewhere as determined by the Township Engineer. The "dam" shall completely encompass the pipe and completely fill the excavated trench and shall have a minimum length of twelve (12) inches and shall be constructed to prevent the flow of water along the pipe or trench.

All excavations for building sewer installations shall be made in accordance with all applicable safety regulations, including, but not limited to OSHA, and shall adequately guarded with barricades and lights so as to protect the public from hazard. Streets, sidewalks, parkways, and other public property in the course of the work shall be restored in a manner satisfactory to the Township.

SECTION VI – PROHIBITED CONNECTIONS / DISCHARGES

No discharge shall be made into the building sewer other than normal, residential sewage. THE DISCHARGE OF ANY ROOF, SURFACE, SUBSURFACE, OR GROUNDWATER INTO THE BUILDING SEWER IS ABSOLUTELY PROHIBITED. The owner is responsible for the continued maintenance of the drainage system once it has been connected to the public sewer. If the Owner refuses to properly maintain the drainage system, the Township reserves the right to make any necessary repairs to the drainage system and bill the Owner for the cost of said repairs.

SECTION VII – ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROLS

The Contractor shall abide by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection rules and regulations for stream crossings or work in or near a

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stream and shall provide such sedimentation and erosion control measures which may be prescribed by said Department and Township of O'Hara.

SECTION VIII – ALLEGHENY COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

The Allegheny County Health Department administers the installation of sewerage facilities in O'Hara Township. In addition to the requirements herein set forth, all connections must comply with the requirements of the Allegheny County Health Department and must be permitted and inspected by same.

SECTION IX – EXISTING DISPOSAL SYSTEM

In instances where the subject sanitary sewer connection is being made to replace the existing on-lot disposal system (e.g. septic tank, holding tanks, etc.), the Owner shall cause said disposal system to be pumped out, the contents whereof to be discharged to an approved treatment facility outside the Township. The disposal system shall then be removed from the property or filled with sand or other approved material.

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