

PRIVY ORDINANCE

BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Supervisors of Township of Halifax, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, and it is hereby enacted and ordained as follows:

Section 1. Purposes. The purpose of this Ordinance is to establish procedures for the use and maintenance of existing and new privies designed to receive and retain sewage whether from residential or commercial uses and it is hereby declared that the enactment of this Ordinance is necessary for the protection, benefit and preservation of the health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of this municipality.

Section 2. Definitions. Unless the context specifically and clearly indicated otherwise, the meaning of terms used in this Ordinance shall be as follows:

A. "Authority" shall mean Supervisors of Halifax Township, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania.

B. "Privy" means a watertight receptacle, whether permanent or temporary, which receives and retains sewage where water under pressure or piped waste water is not available and is designed and constructed to facilitate the ultimate disposal of the sewage at another site.

C. "Improved Property" shall mean any property within the Township upon which there is erected a structure intended for continuous or periodic habitation, occupancy or use by human beings or animals and from which structure sewage shall or may be discharged.

D. "Owner" shall mean any person vested with ownership, legal or equitable, sole or partial, of any property located in the Township.

E. "Person" shall mean any individual, partnership, company, association, corporation or other group or entity.

F. "Sewage" shall mean any substance that contains any of the waste products or excrement or other discharge from the bodies of human beings or animals and any noxious or deleterious substance being harmful or inimical to the public health, or to animal or aquatic life or to the use of water from domestic water supply or for recreation or any substance which constitutes pollution under the Clean Streams Law (35 PS §§691.1-691.1001).

G. "Municipality" shall mean Halifax Township, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania.

Section 3. Right and privileges granted. That the Authority is hereby authorized and empowered to undertake within the Township the control and methods of privy use, sewage disposal and sewage collection and transportation thereof.

Section 4. Rules and Regulations. That the Authority is hereby authorized and empowered to adopt such rules and regulations concerning sewage which it may deem necessary from time to time to effect the purposes herein.

Section 5. Rules and Regulations to be in Conformity with Applicable Law. All such rules and regulations adopted by the Authority shall be in conformity with the provisions herein, all other Ordinances of the Township, and all applicable laws, and applicable rules and regulations of administrative agencies of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Section 6. Rates and Charges. The Authority shall have the right and power to fix, charge and collect rates, assessments, and other charges in the area served by its facilities at reasonable and uniform rates as authorized by applicable law.

Section 7. Condition of Privy Use.

- A. The property owner must show that site and soil suitability testing of the lot has been conducted by the Sewage Enforcement Officer and that the site meets the Title 25, Chapter 73 (Standards for Sewage Disposal Facilities) requirements for the Ultimate sewage disposal by an approved on-lot system if water under pressure or piped waste water becomes available to the lot.
- B. At such time that water under pressure becomes available, the property owner must remove the privy and replace the privy with an approved on-lot system.
- C. The conditions of use described in A. above do not apply:
 - 1. To a privy to be used on an isolated lot which is one acre or larger and is not nor will not be served by water under pressure in the future.
 - 2. To temporary use of portable retention tanks where their use is proposed at construction sites or at the site of public gatherings and entertainment.
- D. Specific conditions for use of privies shall be incorporated in the permit application and permit for the proposed use of a privy.
- E. The authority is provided the opportunity to inspect the privy for proper operation, maintenance and content disposal.

Section 8 Exclusiveness of Rights and Privileges. The collection and transportation of all sewage from any improved property utilizing a privy shall be done solely by or under the direction and control of the Authority, and the disposal thereof shall be made only at such site or sites as may be approved by the Department of Environmental Resources of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Section 9 Duties of Improved Property Owner. The owner of an improved property that utilizes a privy shall:

- A. Maintain the privy in conformance with this or any Ordinance of this Township, the provisions of any applicable law, and the rules and regulations of the Authority and any administrative agency of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
- B. Permit only the Authority or its agent to collect, transport, and dispose of the contents therein.
- C. Abandon the privy consistent with applicable public health and environmental standards and obtain a permit for and install an approved on-lot system meeting Chapter 73 standards in the event that water under pressure or piped waste water becomes available to the property.
- D. Permit the Authority to enter upon lands to inspect the privy for proper operation, maintenance and contents disposal.

Section 10. Violations. Any person who violates any provisions of Section 7, 8 or 9 shall, upon conviction thereof by summary proceedings, be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than One Hundred (\$100.00) dollars and not more than Three Hundred (\$300.00) dollars and cents and in default of said fine and costs to undergo imprisonment in the County Prison for a period not in excess of thirty (30) days.

Section 11. Abatement of Nuisances. In addition to any other remedies provided in this Ordinance, any violation of Section 9 above shall constitute a nuisance and shall be abated by the municipality or the Authority by either seeking mitigation of the nuisance or appropriate equitable or legal relief from a court of competent jurisdiction.

Section 12. Repeal. All Ordinances or resolutions or parts of Ordinances or resolutions, insofar as they are inconsistent herewith, be and the same are hereby repealed.

Section 13 Severability. If any sentence, clause, section or part of this Ordinance is for any reason found to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, such unconstitutionality, illegality or invalidity shall not affect or impair any of the

remaining provisions, sentences, clauses, sections, or parts of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared as the intent of the Board of Supervisors of the Township, that this Ordinance would have been adopted had such constitutional, illegal or invalid sentence, clause, section or part thereof not been included therein.

Section 14 Effective Date. This Ordinance this day of _____, A.D., 1990, by the Supervisors of the Halifax Township, Dauphin County in Lawful Session duly assembled.

SUPERVISORS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HALIFAX

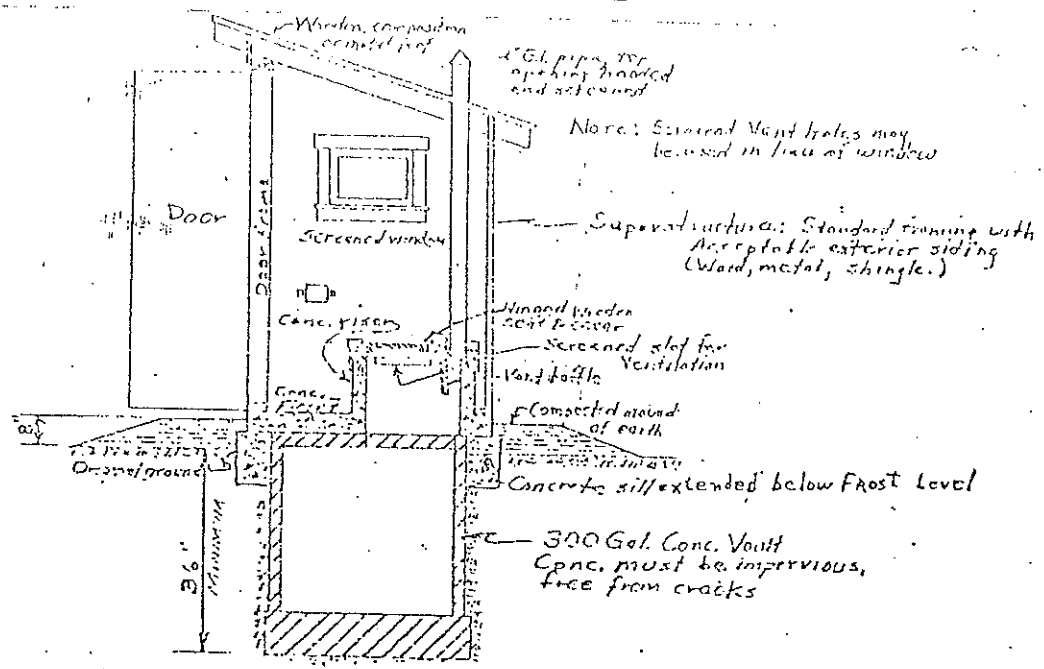
Ernest E. Hoffmann
Paul E. Clapp
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CERTIFICATION OF ADOPTION

I hereby certify the foregoing to be an exact copy of an Ordinance adopted by the Supervisors of the Township of Halifax, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, at a regular meeting of the Board on MAY 14, 1990.

William H. Hoover
Secretary

PRIVIES



Where water under pressure is not available, a privy is the simplest means of excreta disposal.

The location should be such as to minimize danger of contamination to water supplies. Under ordinary conditions the privy should be at least fifty (50) feet and downgrade from any sources of water supply. The site should be accessible to the user, about fifty feet from any buildings served, and consideration should be given to the direction of prevailing winds to reduce odor nuisances.

The privy must be constructed of substantial materials using a concrete vault large enough to provide several years storage and be provided with a cleanout in order to assure easy access. A three-hundred gallon septic tank is recommended as a minimum size receptacle.

It is important that the pit be provided with a screened vent and that the seat covers and door be made self-closing to prevent the entrance of flies. The privy superstructure should also be fly-tight, well-ventilated and fastened solidly to the floor. An earth mound should be placed around the privy or a surface water diversion ditch should be used to prevent flooding of the vault. The wooden seat and cover should be smooth and easily cleanable. The door should be provided with weather stripping for purposes of insect proofing.

Care and Maintenance - All privies require periodic attention. Seats and covers should be washed weekly with soap and water or disinfectants.

When the contents of the vault reach to within eighteen inches (18") of ground level, it should be cleaned out and the contents covered with lime and buried. The use of periodic applications of lime is recommended as a means of effective odor control in the vault.