

Chapter 26

Water

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Part 1**Smoke and Dye Testing****§26-101. Connections Prohibited.**

No property owner shall connect or cause to be connected rain leaders (down spouts), springs, French drains, area drains, or swimming pool drains to the sanitary sewers of the structure and all fresh air vents leading from the structure shall be so elevated or offset as to assure that no stormwater drains into the same.

(*Ord. 1937, 6/9/1997, §201*)

§26-102. Tests Authorized.

The Girtys Run Sanitary Authority is hereby authorized and directed to conduct periodic smoke and/or dye tests, and any other appropriate tests or inspections, without cost to the residents of the Township of Ross of all existing sewer systems and structures in the Township of Ross within the Girtys Run Sanitary Authority drainage basin for compliance with the Ross Township Code and other laws pertaining to sewer systems and structures.

(*Ord. 1937, 6/9/1997, §202*)

§26-103. Periodic Tests Authorized.

The proper officers, officials and employees of the Township of Ross are hereby authorized to conduct periodic smoke and/or dye tests and any other appropriate tests or inspections, without cost to the residents of the Township of Ross, of all other existing sewer systems and structures in Ross Township for compliance with the Ross Township Code and other laws pertaining to sewer systems and structures.

(*Ord. 1937, 6/9/1997, §203*)

§26-104. Testing Required.

Every owner, lessee, or occupier of land within Ross Township shall submit to smoke and/or dye testing by either the Girtys Run Sanitary Authority or Ross Township. Testing will not be required when the owner, lessee or occupier of the land produces a valid document of certification issued by the Ross Township Building Code Official, which document of certification shall be sufficient proof of compliance for purposes of this section of the Ross Township Code for a period of 1 year from the date of issuance.

(*Ord. 1937, 6/9/1997, §204; as amended by Ord. 2288, 4/12/2010*)

§26-105. Illegal Stormwater or Surface Water Connections Discovered.

When illegal stormwater or surface water connections have been discovered, all necessary remedial work to correct such connections shall be completed by the owner, lessee or occupier of the premises, weather permitting, within 2 months of the date they received notification of the illegal connection.

(*Ord. 1937, 6/9/1997, §205*)

§26-106. Extension.

In the event the necessary remedial work would create severe economic hardship for the owner, lessee or occupier of the premises, application may be made to the Girtys Run Sanitary Authority and/or Ross Township, as the case may be, for an extension of up to an additional 6 months to complete said remediation.

(Ord. 1937, 6/9/1997, §206)

§26-107. Hardship.

In the event the owner, lessee or occupier of the premises who has established severe economic hardship is unable to effectuate the necessary remediation within the time permitted, including any extension thereof, the Girtys Run Sanitary Authority and/or the Township of Ross may, but is not required to, undertake to have the necessary remediation completed at the expense of the owner, lessee or occupier of the premises and to make any necessary arrangements for the payment of said work by the owner, lessee or occupier of the premises on an installment basis, which arrangement shall be mutually satisfactory to the owner, lessee or occupier. The owner, lessee or occupier, in these circumstances, must agree, in writing, to the filing of a municipal claim against the offending property.

(Ord. 1937, 6/9/1997, §207)

§26-108. Severe Economic Hardship.

A "severe economic hardship" shall be defined as any person or persons who qualifies as having a level of income considered to be a low/moderate income under Federal guidelines.

(Ord. 1937, 6/9/1997, §208)

§26-109. Inspections.

All inspections will be made between the hours of 7 a.m., prevailing time, and 5 p.m. pt and upon prior 7 days written advanced notice.

(Ord. 1937, 6/9/1997, §209)

§26-110. Terms or Provisions.

Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any provision of this Part, upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than \$1,000 plus costs and, in default of payment of said fine and costs, to a term of imprisonment not to exceed 30 days. Each day that a violation of this Part continues shall constitute a separate offense.

(Ord. 1937, 6/9/1997, §210; as amended by Ord. 2288, 4/12/2010)

§26-111. Connection of Roof Leaders and Other Private Storm Sewers and French Drains.

It shall be the general principle that discharge of surface water and sub-surface water collected on private property shall be discharged in a manner that minimizes the impact on the site, abutting property, and the public right of way. The discharge shall also be done in a manner that promotes evapotranspiration and infiltration at the site.

Where possible, discharge shall be directed to rain gardens (bio retention systems), bio-swales, rain barrels and/or infiltration sumps. If the discharge is from an existing roof leader, sheet flow discharge to; large lawn areas, the natural waterway or to hill sides not having substantial neighboring development, may be appropriate. All discharge locations shall be stabilized in a manner so that they do not create erosion. In areas of the Township that have a high density of development or where the other methods may not be appropriate or may cause property damage, the Building Code Official, upon written request from the property owner, may allow discharges from existing roof leaders to be directed to the public storm sewer or curb line (if a storm sewer does not exist). If the discharge is to be directly piped to a State or County Storm Sewer the developer must obtain the permits required prior to connection. Stormwater practices shall conform to the design requirements contained in the Township Stormwater Management Ordinance [Chapter 23].

(Ord. 2267, 6/30/2008, §4; as amended by Ord. 2288, 4/12/2010)

