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§101. DEFINITIONS.

AUTHORITY - the Municipal Authority of the Borough of Bedford, County of Bedford, Pennsylvania, and its duly authorized representatives and employees.

BOROUGH - the Borough of Bedford, County of Bedford, Pennsylvania, and its duly authorized representatives and employees.

BUILDING - each single-family dwelling unit, multiple dwelling unit, multiuse unit, store, shop, office, business, institutional, commercial or industrial unit contained within any structure, erected and intended for continuous periodic habitation, occupancy or use by human beings or animals and from which structure wastewater or pollutants may be discharged into the Authority's POTW.

CONNECTION - that part of the wastewater system extending from the end of the service line to the plumbing fixtures in the building.

MAY - is permissive.

PERSON - includes any person, partnership, firm, organization and corporation.

POLLUTANT - any dredged spoil, solid waste, incinerator residue, sewage, garbage, sewage sludge, munitions, chemical wastes, biological materials, radioactive materials, heat, wrecked or discharged equipment, rock, sand, cellar dirt and industrial, municipal and agricultural waste discharged into water.

PUBLICLY OWNED TREATMENT WORKS (POTW) - a treatment works as defined by §212 of the Act (33 U.S.C. §1292) which is owned in this instance by the Municipal Authority of the Borough of Bedford. This definition includes any sewers that convey wastewater to the POTW treatment plant, but does not include pipes, sewers or other conveyances not connected to the facility providing treatment. For the purposes of this Part, "POTW" shall also include any sewers that convey wastewater to the POTW from persons outside the Borough of Bedford who are, by contract or agreement with the Municipal Authority of the Borough of Bedford, users of the Municipal Authority's POTW.

SANITARY SEWER MAIN - that part of the POTW which collects wastewater from the service lines and conveys it to the treatment plant.

SERVICE LINE - that part of the POTW including the wye, saddle and pipe from the sanitary sewer main to the property line (connection).

SHALL - is mandatory.

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WASTEWATER - the liquid and water-carried domestic or industrial wastes from dwellings, commercial buildings, industrial facilities and institutions, together with any groundwater, surface water and stormwater that may be present, whether treated or untreated, which is contributed into or permitted to enter the POTW.

(Ord. 2-2001, 7/2/2001)

§102. SEWER CONNECTIONS REQUIRED; TIME LIMIT FOR MAKING CONNECTION; AUTHORITY FOR BOROUGH TO MAKE CONNECTION AT EXPENSE OF PROPERTY OWNER.

All owners of property abutting or adjoining any street, lane, avenue, alley, highway or public right-of-way in the Borough of Bedford in which there is a sanitary sewer main owned, operated or maintained by the Municipal Authority of the Borough of Bedford are hereby required to and shall connect at their own cost, in accordance with the regulations and charges of the Authority and the Borough, the buildings erected on their respective properties to such sewer main within 90 days after receiving notice, in writing, by the Secretary of the Borough of Bedford to make connection and, upon his, her, their or its failure to make connection within such period, the Borough of Bedford may and shall make the same and collect the costs thereof from the owner of such property by municipal claim or in an action assumpsit. Posting of notice upon the premises for said period shall be equivalent of written notice.

(Ord. 2-2001, 7/2/2001)

§103. TAPPING PERMIT REQUIRED.

Any person hereby required to connect to said Sanitary sewer main shall make application for a tapping permit to the Secretary of the Municipal Authority of the Borough of Bedford or such person as may be designated by the Municipal Authority of the Borough of Bedford, on forms provided by the Authority and shall pay to the Authority a tapping fee in accordance with its rent schedule and shall not open any street, lane, avenue, alley, highway or public right-of-way, or make any connection to the sanitary sewer system main until a written tapping permit has been issued and fee paid.

(Ord. 2-2001, 7/2/2001)

§104. CERTAIN RECEPTACLES UNLAWFUL WHERE SEWER CONNECTION REQUIRED.

From and after passage of this Part and 90 days after receiving notice as provided in §102, it shall be unlawful for any person or property abutting or adjoining any street, lane, avenue, alley, highway or public right-of-way in which a sanitary sewer system is available to erect, construct or maintain or use any privy, cesspool, septic tank or similar receptacle on such premises for receiving sewage.

(Ord. 2-2001, 7/2/2001)

§105. TIME LIMIT FOR REMOVAL OF PROHIBITED RECEPTACLES.

Upon notice from the Borough or Authority to persons maintaining or using privies, cesspools, septic tanks or similar receptacles in violation of this Part, such persons shall immediately cease such maintenance and use, and each 10 day period such privies, cesspools, septic tanks or similar receptacle so maintained and/or used after receipt of such notice shall be deemed a separate offense of this Part.

(Ord. 2-2001, 7/2/2001)

§106. CERTAIN MATERIALS NOT TO BE DISCHARGED INTO SEWER SYSTEM.

After 10 days written notice, or after notice has been posted upon the premises for said period, it shall be unlawful for any person to discharge or permit to be discharged into the sewer system any pollutant or wastewater which will interfere with the operation or performance of the POTW. The pollutant and wastewater discharge parameters are contained in the rules and regulations as adopted by the Municipal Authority of the Borough of Bedford and the laws or rules and regulations as enacted or promulgated by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the United States of America.

(Ord. 2-2001, 7/2/2001)

§107. ACCESS TO PREMISES BY BOROUGH AND AUTHORITY PERSONNEL.

Agents, servants or employees of the Borough or Authority shall have access at all reasonable hours of the day to all parts of the premises which discharge waste into the POTW.

(Ord. 2-2001, 7/2/2001)

§108. PENALTY FOR VIOLATION.

Any person, partnership, firm, organization or corporation who shall violate any provision of this Part shall, upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than \$100 nor 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. 2-2001, 7/2/2001)

