

## FORD CITY BOROUGH

ORDINANCE NO. 421

AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING PROPERTIES TO BE CONNECTED TO ACCESSIBLE PUBLIC SEWERS, SANITARY, STORM AND COMBINED, IN THE BOROUGH OF FORD CITY; REGULATING THE MANNER OF MAKING SUCH CONNECTIONS AND PROVIDING A FEE FOR THE SAME; AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH TO MAKE CONNECTIONS AT THE EXPENSE OF THE PROPERTY OWNER FAILING TO DO SO; PROHIBITING THE CONNECTION OF PRIVY VAULTS, CESSPOOLS AND SIMILAR RECEPTACLES TO ANY SEWER OF THE BOROUGH; PROHIBITING THE MAINTENANCE OF ANY SUCH RECEPTACLE AND REQUIRING THE ABANDONMENT THEREOF WHERE A SEWER IS AVAILABLE; AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION.

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Town Council of the Borough of Ford City, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by authority of the same.

SECTION 1. Every land owner in Ford City Borough, which land adjoins or abuts on any street, avenue or alley or which land is a part of a lot in one of the several plans of lots within the Borough, and which lot adjoins or abuts upon any street, avenue or alley, in which a public sewer, whether sanitary, storm or combined, shall be connected with such sewer or sewers. The discharge of all fecal matter, human excrement, kitchen and laundry wastes, and any other sewage from the premises shall be connected to the sanitary sewer, if one exists, and otherwise, a combined sewer. The discharge of all storm and rain water from roofs of dwellings, and commercial buildings, drains or from any other source, shall be connected by suitable gutters and down spouts to the storm sewer, where one exists and otherwise to the combined sewer. All such sewage and storm water shall, after such connection, be conducted into the appropriate sewer. Every such property shall be connected separately and independently with the sewer through the house connection branch nearest thereto in a downstream direction. For the connecting of sanitary wastes, grouping of buildings upon one house sewer shall not be permitted, except under special circumstances, and for good sanitary reasons with special permission granted by Town Council upon recommendation from the Borough Engineer.

SECTION 2. If the owner of any property, after forty-five (45) days notice from the Borough to make such connection, shall fail to make the connection, the Borough may make such connection and collect the cost thereof from such owner by a municipal claim or in an action of assumpsit as is provided by law.

SECTION 3. Except when connection is made while public sewer is being constructed and before the excavation for the public sewer has been covered, no person shall make or cause to be made any connection of his property with any of the Borough sewers until he has fulfilled all of the following conditions:

(a) He shall notify Borough Engineer of his desire and intention to make such connection at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance from the time the connection is to be made in order that the Borough Engineer or his authorized agent may be present to supervise the work of the connection.

(b) He shall pay a sewer connection fee in an amount to be determined by Town Council from time to time payable to the Borough Secretary for the use of the Borough.

(c) He shall apply for and obtain a permit to excavate in the street in accordance with Borough Ordinances or regulations regulating the same.

SECTION 4. All work of making connections to any of the Borough sewers shall be done under the personal supervision of the Borough Engineer or his authorized agent, and shall conform to the following requirements: All sewer connections shall be made at the place where the Y in the Borough sewer is provided, but if no Y is provided in the Borough sewer, then the property owner making such connection shall, at his expense, install the Y making such connection; provided, however, that all connections to the Borough sewer, shall be made by a master plumber licensed by the Borough under the supervision of the Borough Engineer or his representative. All joints shall be sealed and made airtight, and shall be made smooth and clean inside, with all sewers in straight alignment and of proper grade, so as to provide free flow of sewage matter without any obstructions, and to be made in accordance with the Borough's specification for its sanitary sewers. All work pertaining to the connection with the Borough's sewers shall be, financially and otherwise, the responsibility of the owner of the property with which connection is made, subject to the right of supervision hereby reserved by the Borough.

SECTION 5. No person shall connect or cause to be connected with any of the public sewers in the Borough, directly or indirectly, any steam exhaust, boiler blow off,

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sediment drip, or any pipe carrying or constructed to carry hot water or acid, germicide, grease, brewery mash, gasoline, naphtha, benzine, oil or any other substance detrimental to the sewers or to the operation of the sewerage system of the sewage disposal works of the Borough.

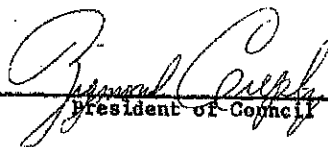
SECTION 6. No privy vault, cesspool or similar receptacle for human excrement shall at any time, now or hereafter, be connected with any of the Borough sewers.

SECTION 7. No privy vault, cesspool or similar receptacle for human excrement shall hereafter be maintained upon any premises from which connection with any of the Borough sewers shall have been made. Every such privy vault, cesspool or other receptacle shall, within thirty (30) days after final enactment of this ordinance in the case of premises now connected with a sewer, and within thirty (30) days after connection with a sewer, in the case of premises hereafter so connected, be abandoned, cleansed and filled under the direction and supervision of the Health Officer of the Borough. Any such privy vault, cesspool or other receptacle not abandoned, cleansed and filled as required by this section shall constitute a nuisance and such nuisance may be abated on order of the Board of Health as provided by law, at the expense of the owner of such property.

SECTION 8. Any person who shall violate or fail to conform to any of the provisions of this ordinance shall, upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than fifty dollars (\$50.00) and costs of prosecution, and, in default of payment of such fine and costs, to imprisonment for not more than thirty (30) days. Provided: each day's continuance of a violation, after notice thereof by the Borough Council, shall constitute a separate offense.

SECTION 9. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in consistent herewith are hereby repealed.

DONE, ORDAINED and ENACTED at a meeting of this Town Council of Ford City this 14th day of March, 1963.

  
President of Council

ATTEST:

  
Borough Secretary

Examined and approved this 15th day of March 1963.