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**PART 1**  
**SEWER SYSTEM CONNECTIONS**

**§ 18-101. Definitions. [Ord. 2012-89, 11/20/2012]**

Unless the context specifically and clearly indicates otherwise, the meaning of the terms used in this Part shall be as follows:

**AUTHORITY** — The New Oxford Municipal Authority, Adams County, Pennsylvania, or as the context may require, the Authority Board (in connection with matters requiring action of the Board) or such officers or employees of the Authority as are authorized to act for the Authority on the premises.

**BUILDING SEWER** — The pipe connecting the sewage drainage system of any structure to the service lateral.

**CUSTOMER** — The person, whether owner or tenant, utilizing sewer service furnished by the Authority to a property.

**EQUIVALENT DWELLING UNIT (EDU)** — A dwelling place occupied by one family, whether a single, double or multiple row house; an apartment, condominium or townhouse; a commercial or industrial connection with domestic and/or industrial wastes each having an estimated waste flow of 250 gallons per day.

**IMPROVED PROPERTY** — Any property within the Township upon which there is erected a structure intended for continuous or periodic use, habitation or occupancy by human beings or animals and from which structure sanitary sewage and/or industrial waste shall be or may be discharged.

**INDUSTRIAL WASTE** — Any solid, liquid or gaseous substance, rejected or escaping in the course of any industrial, manufacturing, trade or business process or in the course of the development, recovery or processing of natural resources which is discharged into the sewer system as distinct from sanitary sewage.

**OWNER** — Any person vested with ownership, legal or equitable, sole or partial, of any property located in the Township.

**PERSON** — Any individual, partnership, company, association, society, corporation or other group or entity.

**PLUMBING CODE** — The BOCA Plumbing Code prepared by the Building Officials Conference of America currently in effect and as from time to time is revised, amended, or superseded.

**SANITARY SEWAGE** — The type of toilet and other water-carried waste normally discharged from residential properties.

**SERVICE LATERAL** — That part of a sewer system extending from a collecting sewer main to the street curb or, if there is no street curb, then to the property line.

**SEWER** — Any pipe or conduit constituting a part of the sewer system used or usable for sewage collection purposes.

**SEWER SYSTEM** — All facilities, as of any particular time, for collecting, pumping and disposing of sanitary sewage and industrial waste situated in the Township and owned and/or operated by the Authority.

**STREET** — Includes street, avenue, boulevard, road, highway, freeway, parkway, lane, alley, viaduct and any other ways used or intended to be used by vehicular traffic or pedestrians, whether public or private.

**TOWNSHIP** — The Township of Oxford, Adams County, Pennsylvania, or, as the context may require, Township Board of Supervisors (in connection with matters requiring action of the Board) or such officers or employees of the Township as are authorized to act for the Township in the premises.

**§ 18-102. Connection Required When Service Available. [Ord. 2012-89, 11/20/2012]**

1. **Connection Required Upon Availability of Service and Failure of On-Lot System.** If the property shall be connected to a functioning on-lot system in use at the time of the adoption of this Part 1 and is within 200 feet of the collection sewer line in existence at the time of the adoption of this Part 1, then, in such instance, upon a failure of the on-lot system, the owner shall be required to connect his or her premises with the sewer system without delay in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Authority currently in effect covering such connections, said rules and regulations to be adopted by the Township by ordinance, from time to time. In no instance shall the owner be permitted to repair and/or replace the failing on-lot system in substitution for the mandatory connection requirements herein.
2. **Connection Required Upon Future Availability of Service.** As from time to time sewer service becomes available to additional properties within the Township limits by reason of the improvements abutting or adjoining or accessible to the sewer system, or by reason of additional extension of the sewer system so as to make sewer service available to additional improved properties accessible to and whose principal building is within 200 feet from any collection sewer line of said sewer system, said property owners shall, upon receipt of written notice of the Authority ordering connection, be required to connect his or her premises with the sewer system without delay in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Authority currently in

effect covering such connections, said rules and regulations to be adopted by the Township by ordinance, from time to time. In this instance, the property owner shall not be excused from mandatory connection as a result of being connected to a functioning on-lot system.

**§ 18-103. Authority May Cause Connection Upon Default of Owner. [Ord. 2012-89, 11/20/2012]**

If any owner of improved property accessible to and whose principal building is within 200 feet from a collection sewer line of said sewer system neglects or refuses to connect with said sewer system after written notice so to do. the Authority, pursuant to its rules and regulations, may make such connection upon failure of such owner to make the required connection the applicable period. The Authority or its agents may, in accordance with the provisions of the Authority's rules and regulations and the Pennsylvania Authorities Act, enter upon such property and construct such connection and, upon completion of the work, send an itemized bill of the cost of construction to the property owner, which bill shall be payable as required in the Authority's rules and regulations.

**§ 18-104. Penalty for Failure to Connect. [Ord. 2012-89, 11/20/2012]**

If any owner of improved property within the Township shall have failed to connect his or her property with the sewer system as required by § 18-102 of this Part, then the Authority shall have given such owner written notice pursuant to the Authority's rules and regulation, and such owner shall be subject to the enforcement remedies therein.

**§ 18-105. Unlawful Sewage Receptacles. [Ord. 2012-89, 11/20/2012]**

It shall be unlawful, for any person 1) To own, maintain, operate, or use within the Township a privy, cesspool, vault, septic tank or similar receptacle for sanitary sewage upon any property now or hereafter improved, in violation of the Authority's rules and regulations; 2) To connect any such privy, cesspool, vault, septic tank or similar receptacle with any such sewer in violation of the Authority's rules and regulations; or 3) To discharge sewage into any storm sewer or other sewer or outlet other than in accordance with the Authority's rules and regulations.

**§ 18-106. Penalties for Owning or Operating Unlawful Sewage Receptacles. [Ord. 2012-89, 11/20/2012]**

Any person violating § 18-105 of this Part shall be subject to the enforcement remedies contained in the Authority's rules and regulations.

**§ 18-107. Unlawful Disposal. [Ord. 2012-89, 11/20/2012]**

It shall be unlawful for any individual or entity of any nature to dispose or cause to be disposed, or drain or cause to be drained, any downspout, sump pump, or other nonsewerage polluted waters into the lines of the Authority's municipal sanitary sewerage system in violation of the Authority's rules and regulations. Violators of the aforesaid provision shall be subject to the enforcement remedies thereof.

**§ 18-108. Manner of Notification. [Ord. 2012-89, 11/20/2012]**

Notices to property owners under sections of this Part shall be given in accordance with the Authority's rules and regulations.

**§ 18-109. Penalties. [Ord. 2012-89, 11/20/2012]**

Penalties shall be in accordance with the Authority's rules and regulations.

**§ 18-110. Sewer Line Blockages. [Ord. 2012-89, 11/20/2012]**

The provisions related to sewer line blockages in the Authority's rules and regulations are hereby adopted.

**§ 18-111. Application for Service Connection. [Ord. 2012-89, 11/20/2012]**

A written application for a sewer connection permit shall be made to the Authority, as provided by the Authority's rules and regulations, by all property owners desiring to be connected with the sewer system.

**§ 18-112. Sewer Connection Usage and Service. [Ord. 2012-89, 11/20/2012]**

Sewer connection, usage and service shall be in accordance with the Authority's rules and regulations.

**§ 18-113. Privilege to Investigate. [Ord. 2012-89, 11/20/2012]**

Should the Township have reasonable cause to believe that any premises is in violation of this Part, the Township, by its duly authorized agents, shall have the right of access at all reasonable hours to all parts of any premises connected with the sewer system for the purpose of examining and inspecting the connections and fixtures or for disconnecting service or for any proper cause.

**§ 18-114. Request for Abatements. [Ord. 2012-89, 11/20/2012]**

Customers desiring abatement from sewer charges due to vacancies shall give notice in writing to the Authority for consideration under the Authority's rules and regulations.

**§ 18-115. Changing Rules and Variances. [Ord. 2012-89, 11/20/2012]**

The Township reserves the right to change or amend, from time to time, this Part 1 in accordance with revisions or amendments in the Authority's rules and regulations and applicable law.

**§ 18-116. Sewer System Charges. [Ord. 2012-89, 11/20/2012]**

1. Tapping Fee. Tapping fees shall be established by the Authority in accordance with its rules and regulations.



2. Sewer Rental Charges. All sewer rental charges (rates) shall be established by the Authority in accordance with its rules and regulations.

**§ 18-117. Permit and Inspection Fees. [Ord. 2012-89, 11/20/2012]**

Fees shall be charged in an amount to be established, from time to time, by the Authority in accordance with its rules and regulations.

**§ 18-118. Industrial Waste. [Ord. 2012-89, 11/20/2012]**

1. Industrial Waste Discharge. All industrial waste is subject to regulations by the Authority, and industrial waste users must comply with all current rules and regulations of the Authority in effect at the time of application and are subject to future revisions and/or additions to the same as may be applicable to their particular use or connection.
2. Industrial Waste Surcharge. All industrial process waters may be subject to a waste surcharge, which the Authority shall adopt, from time to time, and shall be computed in accordance with the formula established by the Authority pursuant to its rules and regulations.

**§ 18-119. Administration of Fees and Surcharges. [Ord. 2012-89, 11/20/2012]**

1. The Authority as owner and operator of the wastewater treatment plant is solely responsible for its operation and maintenance and for its effluent meeting the discharge standards established by Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. Therefore, the Authority will administer all requirements for issuing wastewater discharge permits, determining the amount of any and all surcharges and determining whether or not pretreatment of industrial wastes will be required before discharging into the sewer system.
2. The Authority may adopt charges and fees for reimbursement of costs for the development, implementation and operation of the Authority's industrial pretreatment program as provided in its regulations and impose these fees upon users who discharge industrial waste into the Authority's system.
3. All wastewater discharge permits, surcharges and other fees determined by the Authority's regulations are payable directly to the Authority.
4. Industrial waste applicants must comply with all rules and regulations of the Authority in effect at the time of application and are subject to future revisions and/or additions to the same, as may be applicable to their particular use or connection.

**§ 18-120. Sewer Extension by Real Estate Developers/Builders. [Ord. 2012-89, 11/20/2012]**

1. Requests for Sewer Service and Reserved Capacity Agreements.
  - A. All builders and real estate or commercial developers applying for sewer service in Oxford Township will be subject to all applicable provisions of these rules and regulations of the Authority.
    - (1) Requests for Sewer Service. Real estate developers/builders requesting sewer service for property not previously subdivided or approved for sewer service should make application to the Authority prior to the submission of the subdivision sketch plan or preliminary plan if a sketch plan is not required.
    - (2) Reserved Capacity Agreement. Real estate developers/builders may negotiate with the Authority to reserve treatment capacity in the Authority's wastewater treatment plant. These agreements will generally require the payment of the sewer tapping fee in effect at the time for each EDU reserved.

**§ 18-121. Township Requirements for Developer-Built Sewers. [Ord. 2012-89, 11/20/2012]**

1. Preliminary Approval of Sewer Line Plans. The Oxford Township Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance requires submission of a preliminary plan of all subdivisions which includes detailed information on all existing and proposed sewers, together with a feasibility report concerning the availability and adequacy of sewer and water facilities in or near a proposed land development. In addition to review by the Township Planning Commission and other municipal officials, the Township Engineer may review the submittal for adequacy of design and suitability of the proposed sewer lines or may defer such review to the Authority's engineer. To be acceptable for review by the Township, the plans must contain at least the following information regarding sewer lines:
  - A. The location of said lines, together with pipe sizes, distance between manholes, pipe grade, and manhole rim and invert elevations shown on the plan. In addition, all sewer plans, including force mains, shall show detailed profiles of the proposed construction, with manhole rim and invert elevations, pipe size, grade and length of run.
  - B. If a pump station is part of the submission, design data shall be furnished, including number of services, flow data, type of station, proposed pump capacities, location of station and force main details. Pump station and wet-well construction details, dimensions and elevations shall also be included.

- C. Where a right-of-way is to be utilized or a pump station site is to be provided, there shall also be furnished with the preliminary plans a complete description and property plat of the proposed right-of-way or site.
  - D. All sewer designs shall conform to at least the minimum requirements of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection.
2. Review Fees. There shall be a fee for review of the sewer design by the Township Engineer, in an amount to be established, from time to time, by resolution of the Board of Supervisors, which must accompany the preliminary plans. The fee shall be in addition to other required subdivisions fees.
  3. Construction in Accordance With Authority Specifications. All construction of sewer lines which shall ultimately be taken over and/or connected to the Authority's sewer system shall be constructed in strict accordance with the Authority's rules and regulations.
  4. Inspection of Construction.
    - A. All sewer construction by developers is required to be inspected. The degree and length of the inspection will vary from project to project, but it is required that no work shall be backfilled unless approval is given to do so by the Township representative or the Authority.
    - B. Developers must pay all costs of inspection, and for purposes of estimating costs for any inspections performed by the Township, a minimum of two hours per day inspection of such construction should be assumed. The cost of inspection shall be at the rate to be established, from time to time, by resolution of the Board of Supervisors per hour, with a minimum daily charge in an amount to be established, from time to time, by resolution of the Board of Supervisors. Inspection costs will be billed by the Township for actual time on the project and may often exceed the minimum \$60 per day. The developer will not be billed for days when no inspection is provided. The cost of inspections by the Authority is governed by the Authority's rules and regulations.
  5. Independent Testing and Certification of Sewer Lines. Independent testing and certification are the responsibility of the Authority and are governed by the Authority's rules and regulations.



**PART 2**  
**PERMITS REQUIRED FOR INDIVIDUAL OR COMMUNITY SEWAGE**  
**SYSTEMS**

**§ 18-201. Purpose. [Ord. 33, 1/7/1980, § 1]**

The purpose of this Part is to require and to specify those instances when it is necessary for a person in Oxford Township to apply for and obtain a permit for the installation of an individual sewage system or a community sewage system.

**§ 18-202. Definitions. [Ord. 33, 1/7/1980, § 2]**

The definitions used under this Part are to have the same meaning as in the Pennsylvania Sewage Facilities Act, as amended.

**§ 18-203. Permit Required. [Ord. 33, 1/7/1980, § 3]**

No person shall install, construct, request bid proposals for construction of or alter an individual sewage system or community sewage system, or construct, request bids for construction of, install, or occupy any building or structure for which an individual sewage system or a community sewage system is to be installed on property located within Oxford Township, Adams County, Pennsylvania, without first obtaining a permit indicating that the site and the plans and specifications of such system are in compliance with this Part and the Pennsylvania Sewage Facilities Act, as amended. Such a permit shall be required in all instances without regard to the amount of acreage involved and whether or not the property is a rural residence under the aforesaid act.

**§ 18-204. Conditions for Obtaining Permit. [Ord. 33, 1/7/1980, § 4]**

All permits for the construction, installation, alteration or change of an individual sewage system or community sewage system shall be obtained from the Oxford Township Sewage Enforcement Officer, and the permits shall be subject, to all the conditions that may be required by any rules and regulations adopted by the Township of Oxford, County of Adams, and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania concerning the issuance of sewage permits.

**§ 18-205. Penalties. [Ord. 33, 3/16/1981, § 5; as amended by Ord. 8/6/1996; and by Ord. 2003-31, 10/21/2003, § 1]**

Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any provision of this Part, upon conviction thereof in an action brought before a district justice in the manner provided for the enforcement of summary offenses under the Pennsylvania Rules of Criminal Procedure, shall 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 90 days. Each day that a violation of this Part continues or each Section of this Part which shall be found to have been violated shall constitute a separate offense.

**§ 18-206. Nuisance and Abatement. [Ord. 33, 1/7/1980, § 6]**

In addition to any other remedies provided in this Part, any violations of this Part shall constitute a nuisance and may be abated by the Township of Oxford by either seeking appropriate equitable or legal relief from a Court of competent jurisdiction.

**PART 3**  
**HOLDING TANKS**

**§ 18-301. Purposes. [Ord. 1/3/1994B, § 301]**

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

**§ 18-302. Definitions. [Ord. 1/3/1994B, § 302]**

Unless the context specifically and clearly indicates otherwise, the meaning of terms used in this Part shall be as follows:

**AUTHORITY** — The Board of Supervisors of Oxford Township, Adams County, Pennsylvania.

**HOLDING TANK** — A watertight receptacle, whether permanent or temporary, which receives and retains sewage conveyed by a water carrying system and is designed and constructed to facilitate ultimate disposal of the sewage at another site.

**IMPROVED PROPERTY** — Any property within the Township upon which there is erected a structure intended for continuous or periodic habitation, occupancy or use by human beings and from which structure sewage shall or may be discharged.

**MUNICIPALITY** — Oxford Township, Adams County, Pennsylvania.

**OWNER** — Any person vested with ownership, legal or equitable, sole or partial, of any property located in the Township.

**PERSON** — Any individual, partnership, company, association, corporation or other group or entity.

**SEWAGE** — Any substance that contains any of the waste products or excrement or other discharge from the bodies of human beings or animals or any noxious or deleterious substances being harmful or inimical to the public health or to animal or aquatic life or to the use of water for domestic water supply or for recreation.

**§ 18-303. Rights and Privileges Granted. [Ord. 1/3/1994B, § 303]**

The Authority is hereby authorized and empowered to undertake within the Township the control and methods of holding tank use, sewage disposal and sewage collection and transportation thereof.

**§ 18-304. Rules and Regulations. [Ord. 1/3/1994B, § 304]**

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

**§ 18-305. Rules and Regulations to be in Conformity with Applicable Law. [Ord. 1/3/1994B, § 305]**

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.

**§ 18-306. Rates and Charges. [Ord. 1/3/1994B, § 306]**

The Authority shall have the right and power to fix, alter, 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.

**§ 18-307. Exclusiveness of Rights and Privileges. [Ord. 1/3/1994B, § 307; as amended by Ord. 2003-31, 10/21/2003, § 1]**

1. The collection, transportation and disposal of all sewage from any improved property utilizing a holding tank 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 Protection of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
2. The Authority will receive, review and retain pumping receipts from permitted holding tanks.
3. The Authority will complete and retain annual inspection reports for each permitted tank.

**§ 18-308. Duties of Improved Property Owner. [Ord. 1/3/1994B, § 308]**

The owner of an improved property that utilizes a holding tank shall:

- A. Maintain the holding tank 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 inspect holding tanks on an annual basis.
- C. Permit only the Authority or its agent to collect, transport and dispose of the contents therein.



**§ 18-309. Violations. [Ord. 1/3/1994B, § 309; as amended by Ord. 8/6/1996; and by Ord. 2003-31, 10/21/2003, § 1]**

Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any provision of § 18-308, upon conviction thereof in an action brought before a district justice in the manner provided for the enforcement of summary offenses under the Pennsylvania Rules of Criminal Procedure, 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 90 days. Each day that a violation of this Part continues or each Section of this Part which shall be found to have been violated shall constitute a separate offense.

**§ 18-310. Abatement of Nuisances. [Ord. 1/3/1994B, § 310]**

In addition to any other remedies provided in this Part, any violation of § 308 shall constitute a nuisance and shall be abated by the Township or the Authority by either seeking mitigation of the nuisance or appropriate equitable or legal relief from a court of competent jurisdiction.

**§ 18-311. Enforcement and Collection. [Added by Ord. 2007-63, 8/21/2007]**

1. Lien. All fees imposed by this Part shall be a lien on the improved property connected to the sewer system and shall be enforced and collected in the manner provided for in the Municipal Lien Law.<sup>1</sup> In addition, the payment of such fees may be enforced by any appropriate action at law or equity.
2. Attorney's Fees.
  - A. Any bill, charge, or defaulted payment agreement amount which remains unpaid after 180 days, and which shall be entered as a lien pursuant to the Municipal Lien Law, shall include a one-time penalty of 10%, simple interest at a rate of 10% per annum beginning 30 days after its due date, costs, and attorney's fees, which are hereby determined to be fair and reasonable compensation for the services set forth below, as follows:

<b>Legal Services</b>	<b>Fee For Services</b>
Initial review	\$25
Sending demand letter	\$25
Record owner search	\$15
Present owner search	\$45
Title search	\$150
Processing, filing and removing of lien	\$45
Preparation and service of writ of scire facias	\$300

<sup>1</sup>Editor's Note: See 53 P.S. § 7101 et seq.

<b>Legal Services</b>	<b>Fee For Services</b>
Required additional notice and presentation of related motions regarding federal tax liens, judgments and mortgages	\$150
Prepare motion for alternative service	\$200
Obtain re-issued writ	\$50
Prepare and mail letter under Pa. R.C.P. § 237.1	\$50
Prepare motion for summary judgment and related judgment	\$150
Prepare and file writ of execution and attendance at initial Sheriff's sale	\$750
Preparation of documents and attendance at second Sheriff's sale	\$500
Review schedule of distribution and resolve distribution issues	\$250
Services not covered above	Hourly amount equal to Solicitor's regular charges to Township

B. There shall be added to the above amounts the reasonable out-of-pocket expenses of counsel in connection with each of these services, as itemized in the applicable counsel bills, which shall be deemed to be part of the fees.

3. The following collection procedures are hereby established:

A. At least 30 days prior to assessing or imposing attorney fees in connection with the collection of an account, the Township shall mail or cause to be mailed, by certified mail, return receipt requested, a notice of such intention to the taxpayer or other entity liable for the account.

B. If within 30 days after mailing the notice in accordance with Subsection 3A, the certified mail is refused or unclaimed or the return receipt is not received, then at least 10 days prior to the assessing or imposing such attorney fees, the Township shall mail or cause to be mailed, by first class mail, a second notice.

C. All notices required by this Section shall be mailed to the last known post office address as recorded in the records or other information of the Township or such other address as it may be able to obtain from the County Office of Assessment and Revision of Taxes.

D. Each notice, as described above, shall include the following:

- (1) The type of tax or other charge, the date it became due and the amount owed, including penalty and interest.
- (2) A statement of the Township's intent to impose or assess attorney fees within 30 days after the mailing of the first notice or within 10 days after the mailing of the second notice.
- (3) The manner in which the assessment or imposition of attorney fees may be avoided by payment of the account.
- (4) The place of payment for accounts and the name and telephone number of the Township official designated as responsible for collection matters.



**PART 4****ON-SITE WASTE DISPOSAL SYSTEM****§ 18-401. Purpose.**

The purpose of said subchapter, § 201 et seq., is to provide for the proper maintenance and care of all on-site waste disposal systems within Oxford Township; to provide for the routine pumping out of said systems; to provide for Township inspections of said systems; to authorize intervention by the Township in situations involving health hazards; and to insure Township compliance with the Pennsylvania Sewage Facilities Act and other appropriate health and safety laws.

**§ 18-402. Definitions.**

**ADMINISTRATIVE WARRANT** — A duly obtained warrant to authorize the entry of Township or its agents or employees for the purpose of inspecting the on-site waste disposal system of any property.

**ON-SITE WASTE DISPOSAL SYSTEM** — Includes all individual sewage systems, community sewage systems, holding tanks and other authorized systems for the disposal of waste which are permitted by statute or rule and regulation. Said systems shall include, but not limited to, septic tanks, sand mounds and holding tanks.

**OWNER** — Any natural person, corporation or partnership owning the property or properties served by an on-lot system, even if said entity does not reside on said property.

**SEWAGE PERMIT** — Authorization from Township to build, create, modify or alter an on-site waste disposal system. Such permit shall only issue if the owner is in compliance with all statutes, ordinances, rules and regulations governing said systems including, but not limited to, the provisions of this Chapter.

**TOWNSHIP** — Oxford Township, Adams County, the Oxford Township Board of Supervisors, or any person or entity acting under the due authority of said Township. All other definitions or words and terms used in this Part shall have the same meanings as set forth in Chapter 73, "Standards for Onlot Sewage Treatment Facilities," of Title 25, rules and regulations, Department of Environmental Protection.

**§ 18-403. Installation of System.**

The sewage enforcement officer of the Township shall not authorize the issuance of a permit for any on-site sewage system without a completion inspection and the compliance by the person applying for said permit with all rules and regulations adopted by Township concerning the issuance of sewage permits. Upon the issuance of each permit the sewage enforcement officer is authorized to make yearly visual inspections of said system in order to ensure the proper maintenance and care: of

said system. Each sewage permit shall state that the issuance of said permit is conditioned upon the agreement to such yearly inspections.

**§ 18-404. Inspections.**

1. The annual visual inspections provided for in § 18-403 shall be conducted, whenever reasonable, in the presence of the property owner or resident. Said inspection shall be limited to an on-site visual observation of the ground immediately above and surrounding area of the system. Said inspection shall not proceed further without administrative warrant or without consent of the property owner or resident.
2. Where complaints are received by the Township concerning on-site sewage systems, where problems or malfunctions are discovered pursuant to Subsection 1, where property owners fail to comply with the pumping and maintenance provisions of § 18-405 or where the Township is in receipt of other competent information concerning problems, malfunctions or improper care and maintenance of on-site sewage systems the Township sewage enforcement officer shall obtain an administrative search warrant to conduct any and all necessary examinations of said systems. Said warrant shall authorize the least restrictive and intrusive means possible for the necessary examination of said system.

**§ 18-405. Maintenance. [Ord. 8/7/1990; Ord. 2013-93, 1/15/2013, § 1]**

1. The septic tanks of subsurface waste disposal systems shall be pumped out every four years or at other reasonable intervals, as established by the Township, which are commensurate with the type and location of said system. Said pumping shall be performed by an authorized septage waste hauler.
2. The required interval for mandatory pumping out shall be a condition for the issuance of a sewage system permit, and said interval shall appear on each permit hereinafter issued.
3. Each property owner shall be responsible for the continuing care and maintenance of the on-site sewage system, and issuance of a sewage system permit shall be conditioned upon the continued care and maintenance of said system.
4. At the time of pump out, the authorized septage waste hauler shall perform a general visual inspection of the septic tank and drain field to ensure that they are in good working order.
5. Failure to comply with Subsections 1, 3 and 4 above shall result in the revocation of the owner's permit to use and operate said systems.

**§ 18-406. Proof of Compliance. [Ord. 8/7/1990; Ord. 2013-93, 1/15/2013, § 2]**

Each time a septic is pumped out, the property owner shall provide the Township with proof of said pumping and inspection on forms provided by the Township. Said forms shall contain the following:

- A. Date of pumping/inspection and number of gallons pumped.
- B. Name and address of owner.
- C. Waster hauler's name and license number.
- D. Results of inspection.
- E. List of other maintenance performed.

**§ 18-407. Failure to Provide Proof. [Ord. 8/7/1990; Ord. 2013-93, 1/15/2013, § 3]**

Failure of any owner to provide proof of pumping/inspection as required in § 18-406 at least as often as the interval established in § 18-405 shall serve as competent and sufficient evidence of failure to perform necessary maintenance and care and shall serve as the basis for the Township to obtain an administrative search warrant in order to inspect said system.

**§ 18-408. Rehabilitation of Malfunctioning Systems. [Ord. 8/7/1990; as amended by Ord. 2003-31, 10/21/2003, § 1]**

1. Any onlot waste disposal system or component thereof which is found to be malfunctioning and causing pollution of ground or surface waters, contamination of private or public drinking water supply, a nuisance, or a hazard to the public health, shall be repaired, modified, or replaced, pursuant to the order of the Township or its authorized agent to correct the condition which caused the malfunction. Rehabilitation shall be performed in accordance with Chapter 73, "Standards for Onlot Sewage Treatment Facilities" of Title 25, Rules and Regulations, Department of Environmental Protection. The Sewage Enforcement Officer shall inspect rehabilitation and certify compliance with State and local standards. The Township shall retain final authority for the conditions and issuance of sewage permits.
2. The Township shall have the authority to order the repair of any existing onlot waste disposal system including, but not limited to, the installation of a new conventional drainage field, the construction of elevated sand mounds to replace an existing disposal field, spray holding tanks, irrigation system, the addition of dosing tanks and distribution boxes to the system, the replacement of any component of the system, and the replacement of an existing septic system with a completely different system such as an aerobic system or waterless toilet. The Township shall also have the authority to require two or more buildings serviced by malfunctioning septic tanks and subsurface drainage fields to hook up to a small community system.

3. Rehabilitation of onlot waste disposal system ordered by the Township shall commence construction within 30 days of issuance of said order and shall be completed within 180 days unless seasonal conditions mandate a longer period, in which case the Township shall set the extended completion date.
4. The owner of an on-lot waste disposal system shall not undertake any independent repair, modification, or replacement of the system without a sewage permit. Upon completion, the Sewage Enforcement Officer shall inspect the rehabilitated system and certify its compliance with State and local standards prior to its use.

#### **§ 18-409. Prohibited Materials.**

Only normal domestic wastes shall be discharged into the on-site waste disposal system. The following wastes shall not be discharged into said systems:

- A. Industrial waste.
- B. Fats, grease and garbage grindings.
- C. Automobile oil and other nondomestic oils in excessive amounts.
- D. Toxic or hazardous substances, materials or chemicals, including, but not limited to, pesticides, disinfectants, acids, paint, paint thinners, herbicides or solvents.

#### **§ 18-410. Disposal of Septage. [Ord. 8/7/1990; as amended by Ord. 2003-31, 10/21/2003, § 1]**

All septage originating within the Township shall be disposed of at sites and facilities approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection and operated in accordance with statute and regulation.

#### **§ 18-411. Personnel.**

Township shall have the authority to contract with, employ or appoint any persons, partnerships, corporations or agencies in order to fulfill the requirements of this Part. Reasonable fees for said actions may be passed on to the owners involved.

#### **§ 18-412. Appeals.**

1. Appeals from decisions of Township employees or authorized agents under this Part shall be made to the Township in writing within 30 days from the date of the decision concerning frequency of maintenance and disposal of septage.
2. The appellant shall be entitled to a hearing before the Township Board of Supervisors at its next regularly scheduled meeting if made at least 14 days prior to the meeting. If made within 14 days of the next meeting, the appeal shall be heard at the subsequent meeting. The Township shall thereafter



reverse, modify, or affirm the aforesaid decision. The hearing may be postponed for good cause shown by the appellant or the Township. Additional evidence may be introduced at the hearing provided it is submitted with the written notice of appeal.

3. A decision shall be rendered within 35 days of the date of hearing. If a decision is not rendered within 35 days, the relief sought by the appellant shall be deemed granted.

**§ 18-413. Penalties. [Ord. 8/7/1990; as amended by Ord. 2003-31, 10/21/2003, § 1; and by Ord. 2013-93, 1/15/2013, § 4]**

Any malfunctioning system which is not repaired within 30 days of notice from the Township or owner who fails to comply with the pumping/inspection and proof requirements of §§ 18-405 and 18-406, upon conviction thereof in an action brought before a District Justice in the manner provided for summary offenses under the Pennsylvania Rules of Criminal Procedure, 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 90 days. Each day that a violation of this Part continues or each Section of this Part which shall be found to have been violated shall constitute a separate offense.



**PART 5**  
**GRINDER PUMPS**

**§ 18-501. Purpose. [Ord. 2-1999, 4/6/1999, § 601]**

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

**§ 18-502. Definitions. [Ord. 2-1999, 4/6/1999, § 602]**

Unless the context specifically and clearly indicates otherwise, the meaning of terms used in this Part shall be as follows:

**AUTHORITY** — The Supervisors of Oxford Township, Adams County, Pennsylvania.

**GRINDER PUMP** — A watertight receptacle, whether permanent or temporary which receives sewage conveyed by a water carrying system, and a pump situated therein designed and constructed to convey received sewage to the Township sewage collection system.

**IMPROVED PROPERTY** — 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.

**MUNICIPALITY** — Oxford Township, Adams County, Pennsylvania.

**OWNER** — Any person vested with ownership, legal or equitable, sole or partial of any property located within the Township.

**PERSON** — Any individual, partnership, company, association, corporation or other group or entity.

**SEWAGE** — 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 for domestic water supply or for recreation.

**§ 18-503. Right and Privileges Granted. [Ord. 2-1999, 4/6/1999, § 603]**

That the Authority is hereby authorized and empowered to undertake within the Township the control and methods of grinder pump use, sewage disposal and sewage collection and transportation thereof.

**§ 18-504. Rules and Regulations. [Ord. 2-1999, 4/6/1999, § 604]**

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.

**§ 18-505. Rules and Regulations to be in Conformity with Applicable Law. [Ord. 2-1999, 4/6/1999, § 605]**

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.

**§ 18-506. Rates and Charges. [Ord. 2-1999, 4/6/1999, § 606]**

The Authority shall the right and power to fix, alter, 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.

**§ 18-507. Grinder Pumps. [Ord. 2-1999, 4/6/1999, § 607; as amended by Ord. 2003-31, 10/21/2003, § 1]**

If a property cannot be served by a gravity sewer system and "grinder pumps" are needed to remove sewage from any property in the jurisdiction of the Authority, the following procedures shall be followed:

- A. No person shall use a grinder pump without a permit and such person shall apply to the Township for a permit.
- B. A one time permit fee in an amount as established from time to time, by resolution of the Board of Supervisors shall be paid with the application for permission to use a grinder pump.
- C. The application shall set forth the type and make of the pump and such other information as required by the Township Engineer. The grinder pump system shall meet the following minimum requirements.
  - (1) The grinder pump system shall be a factory assembled basin package incorporating a grinder pump with a 2 HP, 3450 RPM motor connected for operation on a 230 volt, 60 HZ, single phase service. The motor shall be an integral part of the pumping unit. The pump discharge size shall be 1 1/4 inches. The grinder unit shall be capable of shearing and reducing to a fine slurry all material normally found in domestic and commercial sewage such as sanitary napkin, disposable diapers, cloth diapers, wash rags, wood, plastic, etc. The slurry shall be capable of freely passing through a 1 1/4 inch piping system including check and gate valves.
  - (2) The pump shall be of the centrifugal type with the rotating cutter mounted on the pump shaft directly against the impeller. The

stationary cutter shall have slots to facilitate better flow. The bottom plate shall be cast with grooves threading outward from the center opening of the plate to the outer diameter. The impeller shall be a multiple vane centrifugal type. The cutter material shall be similar to an ANSI 440C stainless steel with the addition of cobalt, vanadium, and molybdenum for superior abrasion resistance and a hardness of 58-62 Rockwell C. The common pump and motor shaft shall be 420 stainless steel supported on the impeller end by a heavy duty single row ball bearing, or a heavy duty double row ball bearing. The opposite end of the shaft shall be supported on a sealed single row ball bearing. The cutting elements and impeller shall be designed to keep the overhung load distance to a minimum. All fasteners shall be 304 stainless steel.

- (3) Each pump shall be equipped with two shaft seals. The lower seal (pump side) shall be of the mechanical type with silicon carbide faces. The upper seal shall be a lip type seal. The seals shall be separated by an oil chamber providing cooling and lubrication of the seals, and a barrier between the pumped fluid and the dry motor chamber. An electronic probe shall be provided in the oil chamber to detect the presence of water in the oil. A solid-state device mounted in the pump control panel or in a separate enclosure shall send a low voltage, low amperage signal to the probe. If water enters the oil chamber in sufficient quantity to warrant concern, the probe shall activate a warning light in the control panel.
- (4) The motor shall be of the submersible type rated for 2 HP at 3450 RPM. The full load current shall not exceed 12.5 amps at 230 volts. Single phase motors shall be of the capacitor start capacitor run type for high starting torque. The motor shall be air-filled and shall have Class "F" insulation. The rotor and stator shall be enclosed in a cast iron outer housing. Bimetallic thermal switches shall be imbedded in each phase of the winding to sense high temperature. The rating of the switch shall be  $130^{\circ} \text{C.} \pm 5^{\circ} \text{C.}$  The control circuit shall be connected through the bimetallic switches so the motor is shut down should a high temperature condition exist. The switches shall be self-resetting when the motor cools. Power cables shall be treated for explosion proof environment.
- (5) The basin shall be molded of fiberglass reinforced polyester resin using a lay-up and spray technique which will assure that the interior surface is smooth and resin-rich. The basin shall have a nominal wall thickness of 1/4 inch. All cover and access hardware shall be stainless steel including all nuts, bolts, washers, etc. which penetrate the cover on the basin. The basin shall be free of imperfections, sound, watertight and of high quality workmanship. One four-inch diameter inlet hub shall be provided within the basin. One 1 1/2 inch NPT stainless steel discharge coupling shall be provided. Internal piping

shall be provided to this discharge coupling. The depth of the discharge coupling (center line of coupling to finish grade) shall be 48 inches. Basin shall be at least 24 inches diameter and 84 inches deep. An anti-flotation collar shall be provided as an integral part of the basin. A galvanized steel lifting chain shall be securely fastened to the top of the pump and to the top of the basin to facilitate removal of the pump.

- (6) Discharge piping shall be 1 1/4 inches in diameter galvanized steel, completely assembled to the pump and terminating at the access plate with a 1 1/4 inches NPT flange. A 1 1/4 inches diameter bronze swing check valve shall be installed in the discharge line from the basin.
  - (7) Sealed float-type mercury switches shall control sump level and alarm signal. The mercury type switches shall be sealed in a solid polypropylene float for corrosion and shock resistance. The support wire shall have a heavy Neoprene jacket. A weight shall be attached to cord above the float to hold switch in the sump. Weight shall be above the float to effectively prevent sharp bends in the cord when the float operates. The float switches shall hang in the sump supported only by the cord that is held to the support bracket. Two float switches shall be used to control level. One for pump turn-on, one for pump turn-off. A third switch shall be provided for high water alarm.
  - (8) A separate remote electrical control panel shall be installed where directed by the Owner. Panel shall contain the manufacturer's standard items and as specified. In addition the panel shall be UL listed as an assembly. The panel shall have an adjustable overload relay and the auxiliary contact of the overload relay must be connected in series with the motor contactor coil to switch off the contactor in event of overload. The enclosure shall contain an inner back panel for mounting of the internal components. The enclosure shall be fully gasketed, hinged, NEMA 4X fiberglass design with inner hinged deadfront panel. Unit will have a stainless steel closing latch and locking hasp.
- D. The Township Engineer shall review the application and shall ensure that the type, size, and make of the "grinder pump" is adequate for the anticipated grinder pumping need.
- E. The Township may, if they deem it appropriate, require the applicant to purchase a back up pump which shall be placed with the Township for emergency repair.
- F. The Township may impose any other condition that they deem necessary to pursue the health, safety, and welfare of the property owner or any other person.

- G. Oxford Township does hereby accept responsibility for abating any nuisance or public health hazard that may occur in any privately owned pressure lines or grinder pump units.
- H. The Township is hereby authorized to inspect any privately owned grinder pump unit or pressure line at reasonable hours and to declare the same as a public or private nuisance.
- I. Should the Township declare any grinder pump or pressure line a nuisance, owner shall have 10 days in which to abate the nuisance or the permit to use a grinder pump shall be revoked and appropriate legal proceedings shall be initiated by the Township Solicitor to abate the nuisance.
- J. All grinder pumps and pressure sewer lines shall be owned and maintained by Oxford Township except where the pumps are located outside the Township right-of-way and are on private property where Oxford Township shall control the type of pumps and conditions of use.

