

**TOWNSHIP OF WEST BRADFORD
CHESTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

ORDINANCE 11-04

**AN ORDINANCE AS TO THE MAINTENANCE, REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT OF
GRINDER PUMPS; SETTING FORTH PERMITTED AND PROHIBITED DISCHARGES
TO THE SEWER SYSTEM; ESTABLISHING CHARGES FOR DAMAGES CAUSED
BY PROHIBITED DISCHARGES TO THE SEWER SYSTEM AND THE MISUSE OF
SEWAGE FACILITIES**

WHEREAS, West Bradford Township (the "Township") owns and operates a sanitary sewage collection and treatment system and related facilities (collectively, the "Sewer System") within parts of the Township; and,

WHEREAS, grinder pumps are an integral part of the Sewer System, providing for the proper and controlled conveyance of sanitary wastes to treatment facilities; and,

WHEREAS, the Township desires to ensure that grinder pumps are maintained and operated in accordance to best management practices.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED AND ENACTED, by the Board of Supervisors of the Township, as follows:

Section I: Purposes

This Ordinance is adopted and enacted for the following purposes:

- A. To protect and provide for the public health, safety and general welfare of the citizens of the Township.
- B. To protect the surface and subsurface waters within the Township from degradation and pollution.

Section II: Grinder Pump Maintenance, Repair and Replacement; Permitted and Prohibited Discharges; Charges for Prohibited Discharges and Misuse; Prohibited Connections

- A. For all grinder pumps that are owned by the Township, the Township shall provide for their repair and replacement as required by the normal operations of the grinder pump. Such repair and replacement shall be made at no cost to the Property Owner.

- B. Unless prior written authorization is obtained by the Township to discharge other materials into the sanitary sewer system, the following materials only may be discharged into the sanitary sewer system:
- (1) human waste and toilet paper;
 - (2) grey water from showers, sinks, tubs and dishwashers;
 - (3) conventional food wastes, not including grease, as processed through an in-sink garbage disposal unit; and,
 - (4) laundry washing machine discharge.
- C. All materials discharged into the sanitary sewer system not included in Section II.B above are deemed unauthorized materials. Unauthorized materials include, but are not limited to, “flushable” wipes, diapers, feminine products, plastics, latex and grease.
- D. In the event a grinder pump must be repaired or replaced due to the discharge of unauthorized materials and/or as the result of the misuse, negligence or intentional acts of the Property Owner, the Township shall provide for the required repair or replacement and the Property Owner shall reimburse the Township for all labor, material and contracted service costs incurred by the Township, plus a 10% administration charge.
- E. Should a Property Owner refuse to reimburse the Township for all labor, material, contracted service costs and administrative charges incurred in the repair or replacement of a grinder pump, the Township may file a lien against the affected property for these expenses, plus attorney fees and all other fees, costs and expenses incurred by the Township in its efforts to collect this debt, or the Township may bring suit against the Property Owner for the collection of this debt.
- F. It is unlawful to connect sump pumps, downspouts, and water softener backwashes to the sanitary sewer system.
- G. Each Property Owner shall immediately cease discharges into the sanitary sewer system if the grinder pump becomes inoperable.
- H. The Property Owner shall indemnify and hold the Township, its officers, agents, employees, and representatives free and harmless from any liability or responsibility for all injury, loss or damage that may result directly or indirectly from the installation, connection, repair or replacement of the grinder pump.

Section III: Validity and Effective Date

- A. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.
- B. The invalidity of section, clause, sentence, or provision of this Ordinance shall not affect the validity of any other part of this Ordinance, which can be given effect without such invalid part or parts. It is hereby declared to be the intention of the Township that this Ordinance would have been adopted had such invalid section, clause, sentence, or provision not been included therein.

C. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon enactment.

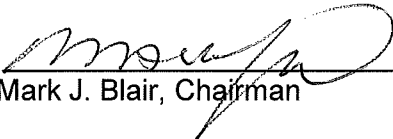
ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Supervisors of the Township of West Bradford, Chester County, Pennsylvania on the 9th day of August, 2011.

Attest:

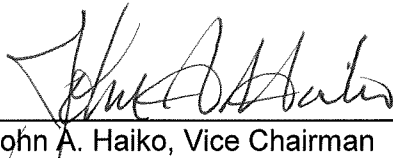


Tommy Ryan, Secretary

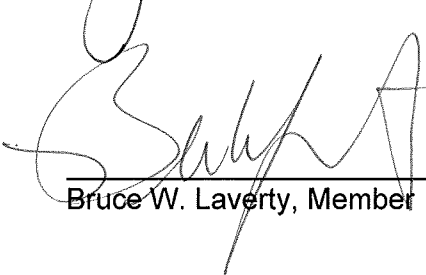
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