

TOWNSHIP OF EAST LAMPETER
LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

ORDINANCE NO. 205

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST LAMPETER, LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, REVISING ORDINANCE NO. 135 OF EAST LAMPETER TOWNSHIP, LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, ENACTED FEBRUARY 4, 1991, REQUIRING THE OWNERS OF CERTAIN REAL ESTATE IN EAST LAMPETER TOWNSHIP USED FOR CERTAIN COMMERCIAL OR INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES TO PROVIDE GREASE AND/OR SAND INTERCEPTORS ON SAID PROPERTIES WHEN SAID PROPERTIES ARE CONNECTED TO THE PUBLIC SEWERAGE SYSTEM OPERATED BY EAST LAMPETER TOWNSHIP, DEFINING THE TYPES OF GREASE AND SAND INTERCEPTORS AND THE MANNER OF THEIR CONNECTION, AND DEFINING THE SIZE AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS THEREOF, PROVIDING FOR PRIOR APPROVAL THEREOF BEFORE CONNECTION AND PROVIDING FINES AND PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF AND REPEALING ANY ORDINANCES OR RESOLUTIONS INCONSISTENT HEREWITH.

WHEREAS, East Lampeter Township (hereinafter "Township") has leased from the East Lampeter Sewer Authority (hereinafter "Authority") a municipal sewerage system;

WHEREAS, the Township, pursuant to Article VII, §702 of the Second Class Township Code, Act of May 1, 1993, Pamphlet Law 103, as amended, and other applicable laws and statutes, desires to regulate the installation, operation, maintenance, repair and replacement of sand and grease interceptors in drainage systems which convey sewage and other liquid waste into the Township's sewerage system;

WHEREAS, the Township, on February 4, 1991, adopted Ordinance No. 135 providing for the aforesaid regulation and now desires to revise said Ordinance.

NOW THEREFORE, be it hereby Ordained and enacted as follows:
Section 1. The following definitions shall apply to this Ordinance:

A. "Drainage System". The piping within public or private premises which conveys sewage or other liquid waste to the East Lampeter Township sewerage system.

B. "Grease Interceptor". A receptacle designed to separate and retain oils, grease and fatty substances from wastes normally discharged.

C. "Owner". Any person, corporation, partnership, or other entity or entities vested with ownership, legal or equitable, sole or partial, or the operating tenant or lessee of any establishment listed in this ordinance that discharges into the sewage system waste containing oils, fats, grease, sand, grit, heavy settleable solids or other flammable and deleterious materials.

D. "Sand Interceptor". A receptacle designed to separate and retain sand, grit or heavy settleable solids from wastes normally discharged.

E. "Township". East Lampeter Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, or duly constituted and elected municipal authorities thereof.

Section 2.

A sand and/or grease interceptor shall be installed in a waste water drainage system whenever, in the opinion of the Enforcement Officer, a hazard may exist from the careless disposal of waste material containing oils, fats, grease, sand, grit, heavy settleable solids and other flammable and deleterious materials.

Section 3.

A. A sand interceptor shall be installed in the drainage system of the following establishments: automobile service and repair facilities, garages where vehicles are washed or gasoline stored, dry cleaners using flammable solvents, aniline plants, tanneries, paint and varnish manufacturing plants, printing ink plants, shoe-polish plants, explosive plants, soap plants, cleaning fluid manufacturing plants, testing laboratories, or any place of manufacture where volatile flammable liquid is used and which by accident or otherwise may be admitted into the sewerage system.

B. A grease interceptor shall be installed in the waste line leading from sinks, drains or other fixtures in the following establishments: restaurants, hotel kitchens or bars, factory cafeterias or restaurants, clubs or other establishments with food preparation or kitchen facilities where oils, grease and fats may be introduced into drainage systems in quantities that may cause buildup in the lines, line stoppage, or otherwise hinder or have an adverse affect on efficient sewage disposal.

C. The Enforcement Officer, in addition to the other powers set forth in this Ordinance, shall have the authority to exempt from the requirements of this ordinance, existing establishments which now contain a functioning grease and/or sand interceptor which, after inspection, the Enforcement Officer determines is being effectively maintained and operated so as to prevent fats, grease, oils, sand, grit or heavy settleable solids from being deposited into the sewer system of East Lampeter Township. Said exemption shall apply for only so long as the Enforcement Officer

determines that said existing facilities are functioning properly and are being properly maintained and cleaned. The Enforcement Officer shall have the authority to require any owner to present a written certificate or other evidence acceptable to the Enforcement Officer of regular periodic cleaning of the system if he, in his discretion, deems that a problem may exist.

Section 4.

Sand interceptors shall be installed in addition to grease interceptors in any of the establishments referenced in the immediately preceding Section that also discharge into the sewerage system of the Township liquid wastes containing sand, grit or heavy settleable solids.

Section 5.

A. A grease interceptor shall be a two stage grease interceptor consisting of two separate tanks or one tank divided into two segments by grease trapping baffles.

B. A sand interceptor shall consist of a single or multi-stage vented interceptor baffled or fitted with flow directing pipes and having suitable solid storage for adequate containment between cleaning.

Section 6.

A. The size and capacity of two stage grease interceptors shall be in accordance with the following criteria, and the formula requiring the largest size shall be used:

1. Five gallons of capacity for every restaurant seat.
2. Two and one half gallons per food customer served per peak day of operation, or anticipated peak day of

operation in the case of new business.

§. Minimum size shall be a 500 gallon tank divided into two segments by grease trapping baffles.

Section 7.

All grease and sand interceptors shall be constructed of impervious materials capable of withstanding abrupt and extreme changes in temperature. The interceptors shall be of substantial construction, water-tight, and equipped with easily removable covers. The interceptor's outlet shall be oversized or vented to prevent siphonage of tank contents.

Section 8.

All drawings, sketches, catalog information showing location, dimensional sizes, distances, and construction materials and any other pertinent information, along with sizing calculations of all proposed interceptors, must be submitted to the Township for its review and approval before any interceptor may be installed.

Section 9.

The Township Sewer Superintendent is hereby designated as the Enforcement Officer for the enforcement of the terms, conditions and restrictions of this Ordinance, is hereby clothed with police power when acting in such regard, and is authorized to bring prosecutions for any violations of this Ordinance on behalf of the Supervisors of the Township and to bring, in the name of the Township, any action at law or equity to compel compliance with this Ordinance, and to enjoin or abate any prohibited conduct under this Ordinance. The Township from time to time may, by Resolution or Motion, add, delete or change the person/s designated as

Enforcement Officer.

Section 10.

The Enforcement Officer shall have the following additional authority and responsibility:

A. To inspect the installation of all grease and sand interceptors to be installed or reinstalled pursuant to the preceding paragraphs.

B. To prosecute any violations of the terms and conditions of this Ordinance or any rules and regulations adopted pursuant to the Ordinance.

C. To promulgate rules and regulations for the maintenance and operation of sand and grease interceptors under this Ordinance which rules and regulations shall become effective when presented to and approved by motion of the Supervisors of the Township at any regularly scheduled meeting.

D. To enter, from time to time, any premises containing any sand and/or grease interceptor with or without a warrant to insure compliance with this Ordinance.

Section 11.

All owners who are required under this Ordinance to install sand and/or grease interceptors shall be totally responsible for the maintenance, upkeep, repair, replacement and operation of said interceptor(s) and shall keep the same in good operation and repair and shall be responsible or liable for any loss or damage occurring from any failure to operate, maintain and replace when needed, said interceptor(s).

Section 12.

Any owners failing to comply with any provision of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a summary offense and shall be subject to a fine or penalty not exceeding Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) per day, which fine may be collected by suit or by summary proceedings brought in the name of the Township before any District Justice or by such other civil action in law or equity as may be deemed advisable by the Township.

Section 13.

All fines and penalties collected for the violation of this ordinance shall be paid into the Township treasury.

Section 14.

Any prior ordinance inconsistent with this Ordinance is hereby deemed repealed, but only to the extent of such inconsistency.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED this 19th day of August 1997, by the Board of Supervisor of East Lampeter Township.

EAST LAMPETER TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Attest:


(seal) Secretary

By: 
Chairman

CERTIFICATION

I, Ralph M. Hutchinson, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of an Ordinance of the Township of East Lampeter, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania duly adopted at a regular meeting of its Supervisors held at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 19, 1997 at which a quorum was present and voted in favor thereof.

Date: August 19, 1997



Ralph M. Hutchinson, Secretary