

ORDINANCE NO. 1968-1

SEWAGE FACILITIES PERMITS

AN ORDINANCE requiring that a permit be obtained before installing, altering, repairing or extending an individual or community sewage disposal system or constructing any building in which an individual or community sewage disposal system is to be installed, requiring that plans and specifications be submitted, prescribing a fee for the permit and prescribing penalties for violation.

BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Bethel, Berks County, Pennsylvania, as follows:

SECTION I. Words and phrases when used in this Ordinance shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Act of January 24, 1966, P.L. (1965) 1535, known as the "Pennsylvania Sewage Facilities Act" as now in force or as hereafter amended, enacted or re-enacted except in those instances where the context clearly indicates a different meaning.

SECTION II. No person shall install, alter, repair or extend an individual or community sewage disposal system or construct any building in which an individual or community sewage disposal system is to be installed without first obtaining the permit required by the Department of Health of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania indicating that the site and the plans and specifications of such system are in compliance with the provisions of the Act of January 24, 1966, P.L. (1965) 1535, known as the "Pennsylvania Sewage Facilities Act". Such permit shall be issued by the Sewage Facilities Inspector of the Township upon the filing of an application with him, submission of plans and specifications, payment of a fee of Forty Five Dollars (\$45.00) and furnishing of evidence of intended compliance with the requirements of the "Pennsylvania Sewage Facilities Act" as aforesaid. Such fee may, in the discretion of the Sewage Facilities

Inspector, be fixed at less than Forty Five Dollars (\$45.00) in the case of an alteration, repair or extension of an existing sewage disposal system. Such permit shall be issued or denied by the Sewage Facilities Inspector within seven (7) days after the filing of the application with him.

SECTION III. Upon completion of the installation, alteration, repair or extension of the individual or community sewage disposal system or the construction of the building in which the individual or community sewage disposal system was to be installed under a permit granted as aforesaid, the holder of such permit shall report such completion to the Sewage Facilities Inspector of the Township. The Inspector shall, within forty eight (48) hours (excepting Sundays and holidays) of the receipt of such report, cause an inspection of the sewage disposal system to be made in accordance with the provisions of Section 7 of the "Pennsylvania Sewage Facilities Act" as aforesaid. If there is evidence that any requirement of the "Pennsylvania Sewage Facilities Act" or the standards, regulations or procedures adopted and promulgated pursuant thereto has not been complied with, the Sewage Facilities Inspector of the Township shall commence prosecution or an action to restrain the violation pursuant to the "Pennsylvania Sewage Facilities Act" as aforesaid or take the necessary steps to secure compliance otherwise. If all such requirements have been complied with, the fact of completion of the work shall be noted upon the original application for the permit which shall be kept on file.

SECTION IV. If any installation, alteration, repair or extension authorized by any permit issued under this ordinance shall not have been commenced within six (6) months after the

issuance of such permit, the Sewage Facilities Inspector of the Township shall require the permit holder to relinquish such unused permit which shall thereupon become invalid. Under such conditions, neither the permit fee nor any part thereof shall be returned to such permit holder and if at any future time such permit holder shall make application for another permit for the same installation, alteration, repair or extension, he shall follow the same procedure and pay the same fee as if no previous permit had been issued.

SECTION V. Any person who shall violate or fail to comply with any of the provisions of this ordinance shall, upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) and costs of prosecution and, in default of payment thereof, shall be committed to the Berks County Prison for a period of not more than thirty (30) days.

SECTION VI. This ordinance is enacted for the purpose of carrying into effect the provisions of the Act of January 24, 1966, P.L. (1965) 1535, known as the "Pennsylvania Sewage Facilities Act", and is in addition to or supplementary to the provisions of said Act, particularly Section 7 thereof.

SECTION VII. If any section or provision of this ordinance shall be found to be invalid, the other sections or provisions of the ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

SECTION VIII. Any ordinance or part of any ordinance in conflict with this ordinance is hereby repealed.

ENACTED AND ORDAINED into law by the Board of Supervisors of Bethel Township this 28 day of June, A.D. 1968.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF BETHEL TOWNSHIP

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