

**Conemaugh Township
Somerset County, Pennsylvania**

**Sanitary Sewer System
Connections to New Project Collection Sewers
Condensed Rules and Regulations**

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**Conemaugh Township
1120 Tire Hill Road
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1. The following is condensed from Rules and Regulations of **Conemaugh Township**. Not all of the Rules and Regulations are included, but only those that may be of guidance to an individual homeowner or property owner in making initial sanitary sewer connection to the **Township's** system. In the event of any conflict between the condensed version form and the Rules and Regulations as adopted by the **Township**, the said Rules and Regulations as adopted by the **Township** shall control. Copies of the Rules and Regulations of the **Township** as adopted are available at the office of the **Township**.

2. The following definitions are applicable to the sanitary sewer system of the **Township**:

SEWAGE. Shall mean a combination of water-carried wastes from residences, business buildings, institutions and industrial and commercial establishments, together with such ground, surface or storm water as may be present.

SEWER. Shall mean a pipe or conduit for carrying sewage.

SANITARY SEWAGE. Shall mean the normal water-carried household and toilet waste from residences, business buildings, institutions, industrial and commercial establishments, exclusive of storm runoff, surface water or ground water.

OCCUPIED BUILDING. Shall mean any structure erected and intended for continuous or periodic habitation (complete with water service), occupancy or use by human beings and from which structure sanitary sewage and industrial waste, or either thereof, is or may be discharged.

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Shall mean any real estate abutting on or adjoining or having access to any street, alley or right of way in which a sewer is located which ultimately connects to the public sanitary sewer system.

SERVICE LATERAL. Shall mean that part of the sewer system extending from a collection sewer to the property line, or, if no such service lateral shall be provided, then Service Lateral shall mean that portion of, or place in, a collection sewer which is provided for connection of any building sewer.

BUILDING SEWER Shall mean the extension from sewer drainage system of any structure to the service lateral of a collection system.

BUILDING DRAIN. Shall mean that part of the lowest horizontal piping of the drainage system of the residence or structure which receives the discharge of waste and sanitary sewage from the residence or structure and conveys it to the building connection.

COLLECTION SEWER. Shall mean the **Township's** collection sanitary sewers located under highways, roads, streets, and rights-of-way with branch service laterals that collect and convey sanitary sewage or industrial wastes or a combination of both and into which storm, surface and ground waters are not intentionally admitted.

3. Upon completion of the new project's sanitary sewer system construction by the **Township**, including the completion of the construction of the main sewer line and the sewer lateral to an individual property, an individual whose property abuts the sewer system will be directed to connect to the sanitary sewer system within 60 days as required by the ordinances adopted by the **Township of Conemaugh**. If the connection cannot be completed within the 60-day period due to causes beyond his/her control, he/she may apply for an extension of time of not more than six months within which to connect.
4. Application for late connection shall include an agreement on the part of the applicant to agree to commence paying the regular monthly sewer rate immediately even though actual connection will not be completed until some later date within the six month extension period.
5. After completion of the **Township's** initial construction phase, customers desiring to connect any property to the sanitary sewer system must file a written application on forms furnished by the **Township**.
6. No privy vault, cesspool, septic tank, mine hole or similar receptacle for sanitary sewage shall at any time be connected to or emptied or pumped into the sanitary sewer system. Septic tanks must be abandoned, properly drained and filled with sand or alternate approved material.
7. No roof drains shall be connected to the sanitary sewer system at any time. No storm water, foundation drain water, spring water or surface drain water shall be allowed to enter the sanitary sewer system. Each property shall have their building drains properly tested to insure only sanitary sewage will drain to the building connection. Such testing shall be witnessed by an authorized representative of the **Township** and be performed by a qualified plumber. The testing procedures are outlined in Article XIX of the **Township's** Rules and Regulations appended hereto. If it is determined the existing building drains underground (or under existing floor slabs) are not watertight, then the **Township** will not permit the drains to discharge to the sanitary sewer. The drains that failed the test may continue to be discharged to surface waters; however, grey water (from washing machines, sinks, etc.) or sanitary sewage wastes are **not** permitted by municipal ordinance to be discharged to surface waters. Their separate discharges would have to be either removed or redirected from the drains that failed the test to the sanitary sewer system.

8. After a connection notice has been given to any person, failure to connect shall, upon conviction before a magistrate, result in a fine or penalty.
9. All individual property owners and users of the sanitary sewer system are responsible for the proper observance of the **Township's** Rules and Regulations and applicable provisions of law.
10. Connection to the sanitary sewer system and the construction of the building sewer connection shall be the sole responsibility and expense of the individual property owner. This condensed rules and regulations is specific for gravity service lateral/building sewer requirements - if a grinder pump installation is required, then the applicant should consult the complete form **Township's** rules and regulations.
11. All building sewer connections installed shall be constructed of 4-inch diameter pipe, constructed with a slope or fall of 1/4 inch per foot (2% slope) or greater or 6-inch diameter pipe with a grade or fall of 1/8 inch per foot (1% slope) or greater. A larger size may be required depending upon the conditions of an individual property. All commercial/industrial connections that serve greater than 2 EDU's shall be a minimum 6" diameter service lateral and building sewer.
12. The Specifications for pipe for individual house connection lines are as follows:

PVC polyvinyl chloride (PVC) plastic sewer pipe (ASTM D-3034) with SDR 35. PVC Schedule 40 is also acceptable. Such polyvinyl chloride plastic pipe must be installed with either a rubber ring joint or a solvent cemented joint.
13. All pipe must meet the latest applicable ASTM specifications for conditions encountered in the installation of the individual property.
14. All connections to the building sewer and the house lateral may be made with a flexible pipe adaptor approved by the **Township**, if required.
15. Each building sewer connection line shall include an inspection viewport constructed at the property line, a vent line constructed no more than five feet from the foundation wall of the building and a trap. Refer Detail Plate I.
16. After any property shall be connected to the sanitary sewer system, all existing cesspools, privies, vaults, septic tanks, cisterns or other depositories shall be disconnected and any inlet and outlet shall be capped with a watertight seal, if required. Refer Detail Plate II.
17. The building sewer connection line shall be constructed as shown on Detail Plate III. The pipe zone bedding material shall be approved stone aggregate material or sand. The backfill material above the pipe zone shall be approved excavated material from the trench (no stones larger than 3" in any dimension, no frozen material, no organic material, etc.) tamped in 6" layers to the surface.

18. No alterations or additions to any building sewer connection line shall be made without written permission from the **Township** specifying the alterations or additions to be made. No property owner or user or occupier of any property shall permit any other person or premises to use or connect with his building sewer connection line except with the prior written permission of the **Township**.
19. No connection shall be made to the sanitary sewer system and the cap on the wye connector shall not be removed until an authorized representative of the **Township** has inspected the new building sewer connection line. No building sewer connection line (including any new constructed pipe or any existing pipe) shall be backfilled or covered until approved by an authorized representative of the **Township**.
20. If, upon inspection, it is determined that the building sewer connection line does not comply with the **Township's** Rules and Regulations, and a reinspection of the premises is required, there shall be a charge for each such reconnection.

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