

Chapter 208

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[HISTORY: Adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge 12-26-1975 by Ord. No. 700 as Chapter XII of the 1975 Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Wood-Ridge. Amendments noted where applicable.]

GENERAL REFERENCES

General penalty — See Ch. 1, Art. II.

Board of Health — See Ch. 37.

Street openings — See Ch. 218, Art. I.

Subdivision of land — See Ch. 220.

§ 208-1. Permitted wastes.

The borough sewer system shall be used to carry refuse from kitchen or slop sinks, bath or laundry tubs, urinals or other like sources and the wastes from toilets.

§ 208-2. Steam exhaust prohibited.

No owner of any building or place shall allow or permit the exhaust from any steam engine or boiler to discharge directly into the sewer.

§ 208-3. Prohibited wastes.

No person, without special permission of the Council, shall discharge or cause or suffer to be discharged into the sewer system any refuse or wastes other than those specified in § 208-1, nor any rain or stormwater, surface or subsoil or cellar drainage waters, nor wastewater from any water motor.

§ 208-4. Permits for business uses.

Special permission may be granted by the Council to the owners or occupants of mills, factories or other places of business to discharge into the sewer system any water or other fluids that will not deposit a sediment or obstruction, but in each case such permission shall be upon such conditions and terms as the Council shall fix and determine. Every permit shall at all times be revocable at the pleasure of the Council.

§ 208-5. Injury to sewer system prohibited.

Except by permission of the Borough Council, no person shall injure, break, remove or meddle with any portion of any manhole, lamp hole, flush tank, catch basin or other appliance of the sewer system; and no person shall throw, discharge or cause to be thrown in or into any sewer opening or receptacle connected with the sewer system any garbage, offal, dead animals, vegetable parings, ashes, cinders, rags or other articles, things or matters which are liable to injure the sewer system or to obstruct the flow of sewage therein.

§ 208-6. Compliance with standards; license required prior to doing plumbing work.

No person shall lay, alter or repair any house drain or sewer or do any plumbing work with the sewer system unless the work shall comply with state and county requirements and unless he shall have first obtained a license therefor and also a permit as hereinafter required.

§ 208-7. Application for license. [Amended 1-3-1983 by Ord. No. 25-8310-20-1986 by Ord. No. 86-16]

The applicant shall file with the Borough Clerk an application in writing, duly signed, in which shall be stated the business, style and address of the applicant and whether he is an individual, copartnership or corporation. If the applicant is a copartnership, he shall give the full name and residence of each

copartner composing the same. The application shall be accompanied by a statement signed by the local Board of Health or an officer thereof setting forth the fitness of the applicant.

§ 208-8. Bond required.

With the application, the applicant shall deliver to the Borough Clerk a bond in a penal sum of \$500 duly executed by the applicant and with two sufficient sureties. The terms and conditions of the bond shall be as set forth in the form therefor prescribed by the Council.

§ 208-9. Term of licenses; expiration.

No license to make sewer connections shall be granted for a longer term than one year, and all licenses shall expire on April 30 in each year.

§ 208-10. Issuance of licenses.

Licenses shall be in the form prescribed by the Council and shall be issued by the Borough Clerk only when the foregoing provisions of this chapter have been in all respects complied with.

§ 208-11. Permit required to open street or connect with system.

No person shall open or dig up any street or public place within the borough in order to make a connection with the sewer system, nor shall anyone tap or make a connection with the sewer system or any part thereof without first obtaining a permit therefor.

§ 208-12. Conditions for issuance of permit.

A permit to make a sewer connection shall be issued by the Borough Clerk only when the following requirements have been complied with:

- A. The owner of the property for which the connection is desired shall apply therefor in writing, stating the name of the owner, the character and dimensions of the building to be connected, a description of the lot or curtilage whereon the building is located, the precise location of the building thereon and the name of the person to do the work of making such connections. The tenor and form of the application shall be as prescribed by the Council.
- B. Before final connection with the sewer system, a statement from the Board of Health that the plumbing in the building is in accordance with the rules or is approved by the Board of Health shall be filed with the Clerk.
- C. Fees. **[Amended 6-15-1987 by Ord. No. 87-11]**
 - (1) The permit fee as set forth in § 126-3A(2)(c) and (d) shall accompany the application and statement to make a sewer connection.
 - (2) In addition to the fees collected in accordance with Subsection C(1) above, there shall be collected a fee from each user representing a fair payment toward the cost of the sewer system, as per Subsections D and E hereof.
- D. As referenced hereinabove in Subsection C, the following permit fees shall apply as a one-time charge on new structures built within the Borough having a connection to any public sewer system, in addition to other connecting fees permitted by Borough ordinance: **[Added 1-17-2012 by Ord. No. 2012-5¹]**

1. Editor's Note: With this ordinance, former Subsections D through F were redesignated as Subsections E through G.

- (1) Single-family structure: \$1,000.
- (2) Multifamily structure*: \$1,500 per unit.
- (3) Commercial and Industrial.
 - (a) Zero to 500 gallons per day: \$750.
 - (b) Five hundred one to 1,000 gallons per day: \$1,000.
 - (c) One thousand one to 2,000 gallons per day: \$1,500.
 - (d) Over 2,001 gallons per day: \$2,500.

*Multifamily structures are to be billed per each unit and shall include apartments, apartment buildings, condominiums and any detached or attached home, townhome, row-house, etc. which contains more than one livable unit.

E. Classes of users. **[Added 6-15-1987 by Ord. No. 87-11]**

- (1) There shall be a division of classes of users based upon the average flow of gallons of sewage per day within each of said classes.
- (2) The classes of users shall be:
 - (a) Class I, Residential (one-, two- and multifamily).
 - (b) Class II, Commercial.
 - (c) Class III, Industrial.
- (3) The classes above shall be further divided into subclasses, as follows:

- (a) Class I, Residential.
 - [1] Single-family.
 - [2] Two-family.
- (b) Class II, Commercial.
 - [1] Zero to 999 gallons per day (gpd).
 - [2] One thousand to 1,999 gpd.
 - [3] Greater than 2,000 gpd.
- (c) Class III, Industrial.
 - [1] Zero to 4,999 gpd.
 - [2] Five thousand to 9,999 gpd.
 - [3] Greater than 10,000 gpd.
- (4) The average flow of gallons of sewage per day within Class I shall, for the purposes of setting the fees herein, be considered a single "unit."
- (5) Units within each class and subclass shall be updated by the Borough Engineer in his/her sole discretion, as the same may be necessary, and this chapter shall be amended accordingly.
- (6) The number of units within each class or subclass shall be as follows:
 - (a) Class I.
 - [1] One unit.
 - [2] One unit.
 - [3] Actual number of dwelling units in the building.
 - (b) Class II.

- [1] Five units.
- [2] Nine units.
- [3] Based on flow calculations.

(c) Class III.

- [1] Twenty-three units.
- [2] Forty-seven units.
- [3] Based on flow calculations.

F. The fee charged to each new connecting user, in addition to that charged pursuant to Subsection C hereof, shall be computed as follows: **[Added 6-15-1987 by Ord. No. 87-11]**

- (1) The amount representing all debt service, including but not limited to sinking funds, reserve funds, the principal and interest on bonds, and the amount of any loan and interest thereon, paid by the borough authority to defray the capital cost of developing the system as of the end of the immediately preceding fiscal year of the borough shall be added to all capital expenditures made by the borough not funded by a bond ordinance or debt for the development of the system as of the end of the immediately preceding fiscal year of the authority.
- (2) Any gifts, contributions or subsidies to the borough received from, and not reimbursed or reimbursable to any federal, state, county or municipal government or agency or any private person, and that portion of amounts paid to the borough by a public entity under a service agreement or service contract which is not repaid to the public entity by the borough shall then be subtracted.
- (3) The remainder shall be divided by the total number of service units served by the borough at the end of

the immediately preceding fiscal year of the borough and the results shall then be apportioned to each new connector according to the number of service units attributed to that connector, to produce the connector's contribution to the cost of the system.

(4) The cost per unit shall be set forth at § 126-3A(2)(d)[7], as amended.

G. The connection fee shall be recomputed at the end of each fiscal year of the borough after a public hearing. **[Added 6-15-1987 by Ord. No. 87-11]**

§ 208-13. Separate permit required for each separate building. [Amended 10-20-1986 by Ord. No. 86-16]

A separate permit shall be obtained for each separate building for which a connection is desired.

§ 208-14. Effect of permit.

No permit shall be deemed to authorize anything to be done which is not stated in the application therefor.

§ 208-15. Grounds for suspension or revocation of permit.

Any person licensed to make any sewer connections who shall proceed with any work under a permit obtained by an application containing any material misrepresentation shall be liable to have his license suspended or revoked as the Council may determine.

§ 208-16. Connection and pipe standards.

A. All connections with the sewer system shall be made carefully and in a workmanlike manner.

- B. The pipe shall be of iron or salt-glazed petrified earthenware of good quality.
- C. The pipe shall be all laid true to grade as nearly as possible in a straight line, except for the connection with a sewer main where curved pipe must probably be used.

§ 208-17. Disposal of excavated materials.

All openings and excavated material shall be disposed of so as not to inconvenience travel on the affected streets, obstruct the free flow of water along gutters or interfere with immediate access to fire hydrants.

§ 208-18. Notice of excavations required.

- A. No person shall open any street or other public place in which sewers were laid in order to lay therein any pipe for water, gas, steam or other purpose unless he shall give the Borough Clerk at least 24 hours' notice before making such opening. The notice shall state the character of the work to be done and the method to be employed.
- B. All work shall be done under the supervision and direction of the Street Committee, which is empowered to direct and control the method employed in such work. Any failure to observe and obey such directions shall constitute a violation of this chapter.

§ 208-19. Cesspools.

All cesspools upon properties connected with sewers shall, after such connection is made, be abolished and the vaults cleaned and filled in the manner required by the Board of Health.

§ 208-20. Disconnection of injurious discharges.

The Council, without liability to answer in any manner therefor, may direct to be stopped and disconnected any sewer, pipe or drain from which anything is discharged that is likely to injure or obstruct the sewer system.

**§ 208-21. Rules and regulations and enforcement.
[Amended 7-20-1992 by Ord. No. 92-15]**

- A. The Rules and Regulations of the Bergen County Utilities Authority are hereby incorporated into and made a part of this section.
- (1) All references to "Rules and Regulations of the Bergen County Utilities Authority" shall mean and refer to the rules and regulations governing the use of public and private sewers, an industrial cost recovery system and a user charge system contained within a code entitled "Bergen County Utilities Authority Rules and Regulations for the Direct and Indirect Discharge of Wastewater to the Bergen County Utilities Authority Treatment Works," as approved by the United States Environmental Protection Agency, which are hereby adopted and incorporated herein by reference and which may, from time to time, be amended.
 - (2) At least three copies of the Rules and Regulations of the Bergen County Utilities Authority have been and are filed in the office of the Clerk of the Borough of Wood-Ridge.
 - (3) The use and operation of all sanitary sewers within the Borough of Wood-Ridge shall be in compliance with the Rules and Regulations of the Bergen County Utilities Authority, which may, from time to time, be amended.
 - (4) Any conflict or inconsistency between the requirements of this chapter and the applicable rules

and regulations of the Bergen County Utilities Authority, which may, from time to time, be amended, shall be resolved in favor of the more restrictive requirements.

- (5) The Borough Engineer may adopt rules and regulations consistent with the provisions of this chapter for the purpose of ensuring compliance with the provisions of this chapter, and any violation of any such rule or regulation shall be deemed to constitute a violation of this chapter.

- B. The Borough Council, Borough Engineer and such inspectors or superintendents of streets and sewers as may from time to time be appointed are authorized and charged to enforce the provisions of this chapter and to give directions in respect to any matter likely to result in injury to the sewer system or to the proper management and operation thereof.

§ 208-22. Violations and penalties. [Added 10-20-1986 by Ord. No. 86-16]

Any violation of the provisions of this chapter shall be punishable as provided in Chapter 1, General Provisions, Article II.