

Ordinance No. 1 of 2019

Foster Township, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1 OF 2012 AMENDING THE SEWER SYSTEM RULES AND REGULATIONS TO ESTABLISH A PROCEDURE TO DISCONNECT USERS OF THE PUBLIC SEWER SYSTEM DUE TO FAILURE TO PAY THEIR SEWER BILLS AND TO REQUIRE THE INSTALLATION OF A BACKWATER VALVES ON ALL NEW SEWER LATERALS

WHEREAS, the failure of sewer customers to pay their sewer bills in a timely manner places an under burden on Foster Township; and

WHEREAS, the Foster Township hereby establishes the following additional procedure for the collection of delinquent accounts; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION IX, entitled BILLS, PAYMENT AND TERMINATION OF SERVICE, is hereby amended to include the following:

TERMINATION OF SERVICE

PROCEDURE FOR DISCONNECTION OF SEWER SERVICE

1. All customers of Foster Township who are provided sewer services and have no public water, shall have thirty (30) days from invoice date to pay any service charges, fees, or costs due on account to the Township.
2. A late fee will be charged and a past due notice shall be sent to the customer on day thirty-one (31). The customer (s) shall have seven (7) days to pay all services charges, fees, or costs due on account.
3. If payment in full is not received within those seven (7) days (day 38 from invoice date) a notice shall be posted on the customer's structure at the delinquent address. The notice shall detail the account owed and provide that the customer(s) shall have two (2) days to pay all service charges, fees, or costs due on account to the Township or the sewer line shall be disconnected on day forty-one (day 41 from invoice date).
4. All customers of Foster Township who are past due as of the date of adoption of this Ordinance, shall have thirty (30) days from a date to be established by the Township to pay their past due amount in its entirety. On day thirty-one (31), if the past due amount has not been paid, a notice shall be posted on the customer's structure at the delinquent address. The notice shall detail the amounts owed and provide that the customer(s) shall have two (2) days to pay all service charges, fees, or costs due on account to the Township or the sewer line shall be disconnected on day thirty-three (33).

COSTS OF DISCONNECTION

1. The delinquent customer(s) shall be responsible for all costs associated with the disconnection of the sewer line through the installation of a sewer backwater valve (plug) at the lateral that connects to the main. The approximate cost range to disconnect any sewer line shall be \$850-\$3500 (amount will vary depending on the excavation costs); which shall include the costs of a valve, fittings, riser pipe, and cap; installation of a backwater valve or sewer lug, and a disconnect fee. These costs shall be

payable to Foster Township. The customer(s) shall be responsible for the said costs if the installation process has begun. The payment of all past due service charges, fees, or costs shall not prohibit the Township from collecting the fee for disconnecting the delinquent customer(s) sewer line and installing a sewer backwater valve (plug).

RECONNECTION OF SEWER SERVICES

1. Upon payment in full of all past due service charges, fees, or costs due on account to the Township, the sewer service shall be reconnected within two (2) days. There shall be a fee \$75 charged by the Township to reconnect any sewer service. The customer(s) shall be responsible to remove any blockages that may have occurred in their sewer lateral at their own cost.

INSTALLATION OF SEWER PLUG

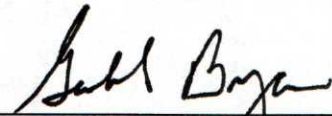
1. A sewer backwater valve (plug) shall be installed on every lateral closet to the main service line on all new laterals. The Township shall supply the sewer backwater valve (plug) to the customer(s) and the customer (s) shall be responsible to have the sewer backwater valve (plug) installed in conformity with the Township's specifications. The customer shall be responsible for the costs of the sewer backwater valve (plug) and any necessary items to have the backwater valve (plug) property installed. Upon installation of the sewer backwater valve (plug), the Township shall have the right to inspect the backwater valve (plug) to ensure proper installation has been made.

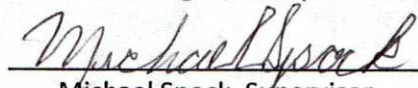
ENACTED AND ORDAINED this 10th day of July, 2019, by the Foster Township Board of Supervisors.

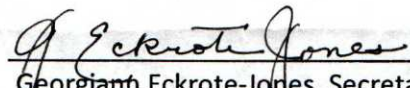
ATTEST:


Georgiann Eckrote-Jones, Secretary

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