

# CONNOQUENESSING BOROUGH

228 Constitution Ave, PO Box 471  
Connoquenessing PA 16027  
Phone 724-789-9097  
Fax 724-789-7900

www.connoquenessingboro.com

email: connoqboro@zoominternet.net

---

## **Sewage Information**

Per Borough Ordinance #18 on sewage tap-ins, the following rules and regulations concerning sewage must be followed.

Mandatory connection means: Owner or owners of all occupied buildings located on any premises, which now or in the future becomes accessible to the Borough sewage system. (Accessible means: 175 feet from right-of-way to the nearest point of the foundation of the building.)

Owner or owners that do not have gravity flow to said sanitary sewer, shall install, or cause to be installed, a semi-positive displacement type grinder pump, with the specification established by the Borough.

### Grinder Pumps:

Where grinder pumps are required for properties with buildings not having gravity flow, such grinder pumps shall be of the type and specification established by the Borough, and will be attached to the owner's service connection line, in accordance with the specifications established by the Borough. Owners shall purchase a grinder pump, meeting the Borough's specifications, from a specified manufacturer or distributor, and employ a registered plumber or contractor to transport and install the grinder pump, its accessories, and its electrical and control wiring and hardware. The grinder pumps, its accessories, and its electrical and control wiring and hardware shall be the property of the Owner of the property to which they are connected. Any and all repairs to the grinder pump, its accessories, and its electrical and control wiring and hardware shall be made at the expense of the property Owner, who shall have the responsibility to maintain and keep the grinder pump, its accessories, and its electrical and control wiring and hardware in good repair.

### **Installation**

It shall be unlawful after connection has been made with the Borough sewage system for the owner of any property to maintain any on-lot sewage disposal system.

Septic tanks must be by-passed and no connection of any type through septic tanks is permitted. Upon connection to the Borough sewage system, any and all private septic tanks must be pumped out and either filled with stone or sand or collapsed in.

It shall be the responsibility of the property owner for installation of the laterals from the sewage line to the residence or building to be connected. All costs associated with the lateral shall be borne by the property owner.

Service line shall be as per specifications in the Borough Installation Detail Drawing, and no service line pipe shall have a curve exceeding 45 degrees. If service line exceeds 150 feet in length, cleanouts shall be installed every 100 feet.

A trench box will be necessary for tap connections in the event the lines are deeper than 5 feet.

No basement seepage, surface water, storm water, rainwater, roof downspouts, french drains, or ground water shall be discharged to the Borough sewage system. No customer shall discharge into sewage system any food products, garbage, grease, dangerous or hazardous foreign materials.

All sewage and gray water (including bathtubs, sinks, laundry) must be connected to Borough sewage system.

House plumbing should include system vents and traps.

A copy of the Borough installation detail can be either picked up at the Borough Office on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. – 12 Noon, or, by calling the Borough Office at (724) 789-9097 and requesting a copy be mailed to you. If you call to leave a message at the Borough Office, please state why you are calling and leave your complete name and mailing address.

### **Inspection**

No person except a Borough representative shall tap any Borough sewage line.

The Borough shall have the right of free access to all buildings and to any premises connected to the Borough sewage system for the purpose of inspecting the sewage facilities employed with the use of the sewage system.

**Prior to covering the lateral line** between occupied homes or other buildings and the public sewer lines, the property owner shall request an inspection by the Borough representative and shall pay the cost of \$55.00 for such inspection.

Use SAND OR STONE free of large stone (those over 2") when backfilling.

Find attached a copy of the Sanitary Sewer Connection Inspection Checklist which will be used when the Borough representative is performing inspections.

### **Application for Service and Tapping Fee**

Prior to tapping into the Borough sewage lines, the person shall submit an application for sewage service and payment for tapping fee. This tap-in application can be obtained at the Borough office on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. – 12 Noon, or, by calling the Borough Office at (724) 789-9097 and requesting a copy be mailed to you. If you call to leave a message at the Borough Office, please state why you are calling and leave your complete name and mailing address.

The tapping fee for a 6" sewage connection for a single-family residence is \$2801.00 in Leslie Farms and Hidden Springs developments and \$3,500.00 in all other locations in the Borough. Tapping fees for other buildings (townhouse, condominium, multi-family residential, commercial, industrial) may be obtained by contacting the Borough office. The inspection fee of \$55.00 mentioned above is included in this total amount.

No connection less than 6" in diameter will be permitted in Borough right-of-way. Connection fee for connections larger than 6" will be determined at actual cost. Laterals shall not be reduced to less than 4" from right-of-way to building.

Each sewage tapping fee shall be a debt to the Borough. If the tapping fee is not paid within 30 days after it is due and payable, this fee with a penalty of 10 percent and a reasonable attorney's fee will be recovered by the Borough in a civil action.

This tapping fee will also be made a charge against the property and a lien will be levied and collected against the property in the name of the owner.

### **Billings and Collections**

A single-family residential dwelling shall use a standard unit of consumption based on 4,000 gallons of water per month.

The following schedule of fees shall be charged:

Minimum	2000 gallons	@	\$ 35.78 per month
	2001 – 8999 gallons	@	\$ 7.69/1000 gal. per month
	9000 gallons and over	@	\$ 6.36/1000 gal. per month

Sewage invoices will be rendered as a joint invoice with the water bill on a monthly basis.

All amounts invoiced shall be payable monthly to Pennsylvania American Water Company.

For any problem that arises concerning service, all such complaints shall be directed in writing to the

Connoquenessing Borough  
P.O. Box 471  
Connoquenessing, PA 16027

Borough Council will attempt to answer all questions/complaints in a timely manner.