

Upper Bern Township Ordinance Number 124 - 2012

An Ordinance of Upper Bern Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania, amending certain provisions contained within Ordinance 89-2007 relating to the requirements for operating, maintaining and inspecting grease traps that are required for non-residential uses.

Whereas, on May 9, 2007, the Upper Bern Township Board of Supervisors duly adopted the Sanitary Sewer Use Ordinance via Upper Bern Township Ordinance 89-2007, which established provisions for operating, maintaining and inspecting grease traps.

Be it and it is hereby enacted and ordained by the Upper Bern Township Board of Supervisors, Berks County, Pennsylvania as follows:

Section 1: Section 10.G of the Sanitary Sewer Use Ordinance, as referenced within Ordinance 89-2007 shall be amended and revised as follows:

Section 10.G: Grease traps shall be provided by the landowner for any non-residential use that generates liquid wastes containing excessive amounts of grease, fat, oil and kitchen waste, which may harm the municipal sanitary sewer system or create problems associated with the biological and disposal processes for wastewater treatment. All required grease traps shall be sufficiently designed, sized, permitted, and installed in an appropriate location on the property to allow for regular maintenance and inspection. All designated landowners shall furnish Upper Bern Township with maintenance records for the grease trap in accordance with the compliance schedule specified by Section 10.H of this Sanitary Sewer Use Ordinance.

Section 2: Section 10.H of the Sanitary Sewer Use Ordinance, as referenced within Ordinance 89-2007 shall be amended and revised as follows:

Section 10.H: Where grease traps are required for non-residential uses, the following provisions for operation, maintenance and inspection shall apply:

- (1) The grease trap shall be maintained, pumped and cleaned by a qualified professional who is certified to perform such duties. All liquid and solid wastes from the grease trap shall be disposed of or discarded in a manner that is permitted by Upper Bern Township and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection.
- (2) The grease trap shall only be maintained and inspected by a qualified professional who is certified to perform such duties. The required maintenance and inspection duties shall be conducted on a quarterly basis with the compliance months being designated as March, June, September and December of each calendar year. The designated maintenance and inspection periods shall only be modified depending upon the disposal needs of the use, which shall be subject to the review and approval by the Board of Supervisors.
- (3) The qualified professional shall provide the landowner with a certified receipt indicating that the grease trap has been inspected, maintained and is operating as per the manufacture's specifications and the wastewater disposal requirements of Upper Bern Township. The landowner or proprietor shall submit the certified receipt(s) to the Upper Bern Township Secretary within thirty (30) days after the compliance month has concluded.

- (4) Upper Bern Township shall have the right, but not the duty, to inspect any grease trap if the landowner and/or proprietor of the use does not comply with the provisions that are specified under Sections 10.G and/or 10.H of this Sanitary Sewer Use Ordinance.

Section 3: Ratification: All of the remaining provisions of the Sanitary Sewer Use Ordinance are hereby ratified and confirmed.

Section 4: Repealer: All Ordinances or Resolutions, or parts of Ordinances or Resolutions, insofar as they are inconsistent herewith, shall be in the same or hereby repealed.

Section 5: Validity: If any Section or part of a Section of this Ordinance shall be declared invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the remaining parts or Sections of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared to be the legislative intent that this Ordinance would have been enacted as if such invalid Section or portion thereof had not been included therein.

Section 6: Effective Date: This Ordinance shall become effective within five (5) days after adoption.

Section 7: Municipal Enactment: Ordained and enacted on this 14th day of November, 2012, by a vote of 3 Yes 0 No 0 Abstained 0 Absent.

Upper Bern Township Board of Supervisors

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Attest:

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Upper Bern Township Secretary