

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT
ORDINANCE NO. 2012- 1**

WHEREAS, the Washington Township Regional Sewer District owns and operates a sewage works for the purpose of collecting treating and discharging sewage within the District, and for the purpose of properly protecting the health, well-being and property within the District and its inhabitants within the District; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors adopted Ordinance No. 1-2010 in 2010 amending the schedule of rates and charges in order to meet the reasonable financial requirements and the necessary capital improvements of the utility;

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 1-2010 adopted a minimum bill of \$18.10 for all customers including all vacant lots within the district due to a term of a Promissory Note with a lending institution that required the Board to collect fees from all vacant lots within the District;

WHEREAS, the debt underlying the aforementioned Promissory Note has been fully repaid;

WHEREAS, it may be appropriate in some circumstances to waive the minimum fee for certain vacant lots within the District

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT:

Section 1. The Board of Trustees of the Washington Township Regional Sewer District shall not charge a fee to customers for properties it determines to be qualified vacant lots.

Section 2. A “qualified vacant lot” is defined as any lot within the district that is vacant, that does not contain a structure, whose owner has abandoned its sewer connection for a period of time of twelve (12) months or more and can verify that he or she has properly capped its sewer lines.

Section 3. A customer may seek a determination by the Board that a lot is a qualified vacant lot by submitting an application containing the following information:

- (a) The customer’s name and telephone number;
- (b) the address of the property;
- (c) the billing address, if different from the address of the property;
- (d) the date that the sewer connection was last used;
- (e) a certification that the customer has discontinued use of the sewer connection and that the customer does not intend to use sewer services;
- (f) a description of what actions have been taken to cap the sewer lines;
- (g) an authorization for the District to conduct the necessary investigation to

(h) any supporting documentary evidence or other statements supporting the customer's assertion that the lot is a qualified vacant lot.

Section 4. The Board shall review an application for a determination that a lot is a qualified vacant lot within thirty (30) days of its submission to the Board. After reviewing the application the Board shall take one of the following actions:

(a) The Board may determine upon its review of an application that a lot is a qualified vacant lot;

(b) The Board may determine upon its review of an application that a lot is not a qualified vacant lot;

(c) The Board may determine that the application does not contain sufficient information for it to determine whether or not the lot is a qualified vacant lot;

Section 5. (a) The Board shall send notice of its determination to the customer within seven (7) days of its decision;

(b) If the Board determines that a lot is not a qualified vacant lot or that the customer did not submit enough information for the Board to determine whether or not the lot is a qualified vacant lot, the customer may request a hearing with the Board to present evidence in support of its application within thirty (30) days of the Board's notification of its decision.

(c) The Board shall schedule a hearing on the application for its next regular meeting and make a final determination at that meeting based upon the evidence submitted to it.

Section 6. The Board shall provide service to a lot it previously determined to be a qualified vacant lot upon request and only upon the following conditions:

(a) Payment of the current tap fee;

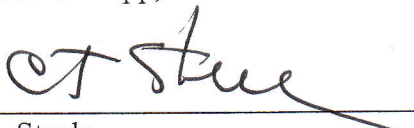
(b) an agreement by the customer that the lot to be serviced is no longer a qualified vacant lot; and

(c) an agreement by the customer to pay for service according to the District's standard schedule of fees.

ADOPTED on this 14th day of May, 2012.



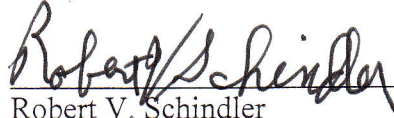
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