

**BOROUGH OF ORWIGSBURG**

**SCHUYLKILL COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

**ORDINANCE NO. 399**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF ORWIGSBURG, SCHUYLKILL COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, APPROVING SEWER RATES FOR ROOF LEADERS, SUMP PUMPS AND FOUNDATION/FLOOR DRAINS IN THE SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM.

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Orwigsburg operates a Wastewater Collection and Treatment System, and

**WHEREAS**, The Borough of Orwigsburg must insure sound and safe operations of the Wastewater collection and Treatment System, and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Orwigsburg finds that the discharge of any clean surface water, including water from roof or cellar drains, springs, basement sump pumps and French drains contributes to the flooding and overloading of the Borough of Orwigsburg Wastewater Collection and Treatment Systems. Such overloading may result in sewage flowing into basements and/or residences, businesses and over land creating hazardous public health conditions and significant damage to properties.

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Orwigsburg prohibits discharging roof downspouts, foundation drains, floor drains and sump pumps into the Wastewater Collection System

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED** by the Borough Council of the Borough of Orwigsburg, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, and it is hereby enacted and ordained by the Authority of the same as follows:

**SECTION 1.00 – PROHIBITED WATER**

A. It is unlawful for any owner, occupant or user of any premises to direct into or allow any storm water, surface water or ground water to drain into the Wastewater Collection System. No roof downspouts or other form of surface drainage and no foundation drainage or sump pump shall be connected or discharged into any Wastewater Collection System.

**SECTION 2 – SUMP PUMP, ROOF DOWNSPOUTS & FLOOR/FOUNDATION DRAINS**

A. A discharge pipe shall be installed through the outside foundation wall of the building with rigid pipe without valves or quick connections that would

alter the path of discharge. The discharge shall be directed away from the foundation wall.

B. No discharge shall be directed so as to impact neighboring properties.

### **SECTION 3 - INSPECTIONS**

A. Subject to constitutional provisions, property owners shall allow Borough of Orwigsburg employees or a designated representative to inspect the buildings to confirm that there is no prohibited discharge into the Wastewater Collection System. The Borough may periodically re-inspect any building or premises to determine compliance with the requirements of this Ordinance. For the purpose of enforcing this Ordinance, the Borough Officer or its designee may seek to obtain a search warrant issued by a competent authority for the purpose of compelling an inspection of a residential unit.

### **SECTION 4.00 - SURCHARGE**

A. A surcharge is hereby imposed on every sewer bill to property owners for the following conditions

<u>Violation</u>	<u>Surcharge</u>
Sump Pump(s) connected to the wastewater collection system	1 EDU
Roof downspouts connected to the wastewater collection system	1 EDU
Floor drain(s) connected to the wastewater collection system	1 EDU
Foundation drain(s) connected to the wastewater collection system	1 EDU

B. Each customer must have their property inspected by the deadline established for their section of the Borough to confirm compliance with this ordinance. If a customer either refuses to allow an inspection or does not respond to a request to inspect, the sewer billing for that customer will be based upon having a sump pump, roof leader, floor drain and foundation drain connected along with the standard billing for the respective customer.

### **SECTION 5.00 - Repealer**

A. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances which are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

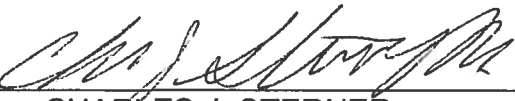
### **SECTION 6.00 - Severability**

A. If any sentence, clause, section or part of this Ordinance is for any reason found to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, such unconstitutionality, illegality or invalidity shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, sentences, clauses, sections or parts of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared as

the intent of the Borough of Orwigsburg that this Ordinance would have been adopted had such unconstitutional, illegal or invalid sentence, clause, section or part thereof not be included herewith.


DULY PRESENTED, ORDAINED AND ENACTED into an Ordinance this 9th day of June, 2010 A.D. by the council of the Borough of Orwigsburg, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania in lawful session duly assembled.

BOROUGH OF ORWIGSBURG  
SCHUYLKILL COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

BY:   
CHARLES J. STERNER  
COUNCIL PRESIDENT

ATTEST:   
SHERRY M. EDWARDS  
BOROUGH SECRETARY

EXAMINED AND APPROVED THIS 9<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JUNE 2010 A.D.

  
AUSTIN SCANDIBER  
MAYOR OF ORWIGSBURG