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Part 1**Discharge of Waste Materials into Sewers****§18-101. Definitions.**

1. For the purpose of this Part, the following terms shall have the meanings hereinafter designated:

Interference—any inhibition or disruption of the ALCOSAN facilities, its treatment processes or operations, its sludge processes, use or disposal, or of any sewer pipe or other conveyance located in the Borough, and transmitting substances into the ALCOSAN facilities, which is a cause of and significantly contributes to either a violation of any requirement of ALCOSAN’s National Pollution Discharge Elimination System Permit (hereinafter called “NPDES Permit”) including an increase in the magnitude or duration of a violation or to the prevention of sewage sludge use or disposal by ALCOSAN in accordance with the following statutory provisions and rules, regulations or permits issued thereunder: Pennsylvania Sewage Facilities Act, 35 P.S. §750.1 *et seq.*, Pennsylvania Clean Streams Act, 35 P.S. §691.1 *et seq.*, Pennsylvania Solid Waste Management Act, 35 P.S. §6018.101, Federal Water Pollution Control Act, 33 U.S.C. §1251 *et seq.*, including Title II, more commonly referred to as the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act and including all Commonwealth of Pennsylvania statutes and Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources regulations prepared pursuant to Subtitle D of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, the Clean Air Act, 42 U.S.C. §6901 *et seq.*, and the Toxic Substances Control Act, 15 U.S.C. §2601 *et seq.*, County of Allegheny Health Code and the pollution control standards of the Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission. (All such statutory provisions, rules, regulations or permits are hereinafter collectively called “laws.”) A user significantly contributes to such a permit violation or prevention of sludge use or disposal in accordance with the above-cited laws whenever such user:

(1) Discharges daily pollutant loading in excess of that allowed by permit or by contract with ALCOSAN or by Federal, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, County of Allegheny, ALCOSAN or Borough laws, ordinances, rules or regulations.

(2) Discharges wastewater which substantially differs in nature or constituents from the user’s average discharge.

(3) Knows or has reason to know that its discharge, alone or in conjunction with discharges from other sources, would result in violation of ALCOSAN’s NPDES Permit or prevent sewage sludge use or disposal in accordance with the above-cited laws as they apply to ALCOSAN’s selected method of sludge management.

Pass through—any discharge of pollutant through the facilities of ALCOSAN into navigable waters or any stream in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in quantities or concentrations which are a cause of and significantly contribute to a violation of any requirement of ALCOSAN’s NPDES Permit (including an increase in the magnitude or duration of a violation). A user significantly contributes to such

a permit violation where it:

(1) Discharges a daily pollutant loading in excess of that allowed by permit or by contract with ALCOSAN or by Federal, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, County of Allegheny, ALCOSAN or Borough laws, ordinances, rules or regulations.

(2) Discharges wastewater which substantially differs in nature or constituents from the user's average discharge.

(3) Knows or has reason to know that its discharge, alone or in conjunction with discharges from other sources, would result in a permit violation.

(4) Knows or has reason to know that ALCOSAN is, for any reason, violating its final effluent limitations in its permit and that such user's discharge either alone or in conjunction with discharges from other sources, increases the magnitude or duration of ALCOSAN's violations.

(Ord. 798, 9/19/1984, §1)

§18-102. Prohibited Discharges.

No person, firm, association or corporation shall introduce or cause to be introduced, directly or indirectly into the facilities of ALCOSAN or into any sewer, pipe or other conveyance located in the Borough and transmitting substances into the facilities of ALCOSAN, any toxic substance, pollutant or other wastewater which will (A) cause interference with the operation or performance of ALCOSAN's treatment plant or other facilities or (B) pass through ALCOSAN's treatment plant or other facilities.

(Ord. 798, 9/19/1984, §2)

§18-103. Additional Prohibited Discharges.

No person, firm, association or corporation shall introduce, permit or cause to be introduced, directly or indirectly, into the facilities of ALCOSAN or into any sewer, pipe or other conveyance located in the Borough and transmitting substances into the facilities of ALCOSAN any of the following:

A. Any pollutant or wastewater which will interfere with or substantially adversely affect the operation or performance of the ALCOSAN treatment plant, or pass through said plant into navigable waters or streams of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in quantities or concentrations which are a cause of and significantly contributes to a violation of any requirement of the above-cited laws or the ALCOSAN NPDES Permit, or adversely affect the use or disposal of ALCOSAN sludge or other residues.

B. Any substance which will endanger the life, health or safety of the treatment plant, sewer maintenance and plant operations personnel or which would preclude safe entry into the sewer system or any portion of the treatment plant.

C. Any ignitable, reactive, explosive or corrosive waste.

D. All wastes that are defined or listed as hazardous under the regulations enacted by agencies of the Federal Government or the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

E. Any wastewater with a temperature great enough to inhibit biological activity in the ALCOSAN treatment plant.

F. Any waste which exceeds the naturally occurring background levels for either alpha, beta or gamma radiation and/or any wastewater containing any radioactive wastes or isotopes of such half-life or concentration not in compliance with applicable State or Federal regulations.

G. Any solids or viscous substances capable of causing obstruction to the flow in sewers or other interference with the proper operation of ALCOSAN's facilities or facilities discharging into the ALCOSAN's system.

H. Any noxious or malodorous liquids, gases or solids which either singly or by interaction with other wastes may create a public nuisance or adversely affect public health or safety.

I. Pathological wastes from a hospital or other medial establishment.

J. Garbage, whether ground or not, except properly shredded food waste garbage resulting from the proper use of a garbage grinder or disposer of a type approved by ALCOSAN and maintained in good operating condition.

K. Sludges or other materials from septic tanks or similar facilities or from sewage or industrial waste treatment plants or from water treatment plants; unless the discharge of such sludges and other materials is specifically approved by ALCOSAN.

L. Any substance which violates discharge regulations as established by authorized agencies of the Federal Government, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission, Allegheny County or ALCOSAN.

(Ord. 798, 9/19/1984, §3)

§18-104. Violation of Standards.

No person, firm, association or corporation shall introduce or cause to be introduced, directly or indirectly, into the facilities of ALCOSAN or into any sewer, pipe, or other conveyance located in the Borough and transmitting substances into the facilities of the sanitary authority, any toxic substance, pollutant or other wastewater, in violation of a National Categorical or General Pretreatment Standards promulgated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency pursuant to §§307(b) and (c) of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, 33 U.S.C. §1317(b) and (c).

(Ord. 798, 9/19/1984, §4)

§18-105. Violation of Act or Agency.

No person, firm, association or corporation shall take any action or do or cause to be done anything in violation of any provisions of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act or of any regulation promulgated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency pursuant thereto.

(Ord. 798, 9/19/1984, §5)

§18-106. Violation of Rules of ALCOSAN.

No person, firm, association or corporation shall take any action or do or cause to

be done anything in violation of any rule or regulation of ALCOSAN or of laws, ordinances, rules or regulations of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the County of Allegheny, the Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission of the Borough pertaining to sewage discharge, introduction or treatment.

(*Ord. 798, 9/19/1984, §6*)

§18-107. Penalties.

Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any provision of this Part, upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$1,000 plus costs and, in default of payment of said fine and costs, to a term of imprisonment not to exceed 30 days. Each day that a violation of this Part continues or each Section of this Part which shall be found to have been violated shall constitute a separate offense.

(*Ord. 798, 9/19/1984, §7; as amended by Ord. 846, 9/18/1991, §18-107; and by Ord. 978, 5/31/2011*)

Part 2**Sewer Connections****A. Permit.****§18-201. Sewer Connections Required.**

Every person or persons, firm or corporation, owning in the Borough any property abutting on or adjoining any street or alley in which there is a public sewer, shall make connection with such sewer in the manner and under the regulations provided in applicable ordinances, rules and regulations, for the purpose of discharging thereinto from their property all fecal matter, sink water and other sewage matter. Sewer connections shall be made in accordance with the Allegheny County Plumbing Code and as specified in this Section.

(*Ord. 112, 6/9/1902, §1; as amended by Ord. 618, 6/20/1962, §1; and by Ord. 978, 5/31/2011*)

§18-202. Authority for Borough to Make Connection and Collect Cost Thereof.

In case any owner of any property as provided in §18-201 of this Part fails to connect with said sewer as aforesaid within 45 days after notice of this Part requiring them to make said connection, then the Borough shall make the connection and collect the cost thereof from the owner as provided by law.

(*Ord. 112, 6/9/1902, §2; as amended by Ord. 618, 6/20/1962, §1*)

§18-203. Definitions and Interpretation.

In §§18-203–18-212 of this Part, the word “person” shall mean and include any natural person, partnership, association, firm or corporation. The singular shall include the plural and the masculine shall include the feminine and the neuter.

(*Ord. 645, 6/20/1962, §1*)

§18-204. Sewage to Be Disposed of Through Sanitary Sewers Only.

It shall be unlawful for any person to dispose of any sewage within the Borough except through the sanitary sewer system of the Borough.

(*Ord. 645, 6/20/1962, §2*)

§18-205. Permit Required to Uncover or Make Connection with Sewer.

It shall be unlawful for any person to uncover any of the sanitary sewers of the Borough for any purpose or to make connection therewith or to uncover any connection branch thereof, or to make connection therewith, or to open any manhole or flush tank unless with the prior written permit from the Code Enforcement Officer, and under the supervision of the Code Enforcement Officer of the Borough or other officer or employee of the Borough designated for the purpose by the Borough Council.

(*Ord. 645, 6/20/1962, §3; as amended by Ord. 978, 5/31/2011*)

§18-206. Application for Permit; Conditions Thereof.

Application for a permit under §§18-205–18-212 of this Part shall be made in writing by the owner of the property or his authorized agent. Such application shall give the precise location of the property, the name of the owner, and the name of the person employed to do the work, and shall be filed with the Code Enforcement Officer at least 14 days prior to the opening of the trench or the commencement of the work. Before a permit shall be granted for connection of any private drain or sewer with the Borough sewer system, the applicant for the connection shall prove to the satisfaction of the Code Enforcement Officer that no substance will be drained through such connection in violation of any ordinance of the Borough relative thereto.

(*Ord. 645, 6/20/1962, §4; as amended by Ord. 978, 5/31/2011*)

§18-207. Specifications for Sewer Connections.

All work incidental to the connection of house sewers with the public sewer shall be in accordance with such specifications as shall be established, from time to time, by resolution of Borough Council or as modified by the Borough Engineer for good cause shown.

(*Ord. 645, 6/20/1962; as added by Ord. 978, 5/31/2011*)

§18-208. Buildings to Be Connected Separately; Exception.

No more than one building shall be connected with the public sewer through one drain.

(*Ord. 645, 6/20/1962, §9; as amended by Ord. 978, 5/31/2011*)

§18-209. Vent Pipes Required.

Every sewer connection shall be provided with a proper vent pipe, and no trap or any manner of obstruction to the flow of air through the whole course of the drain shall be allowed between such vent pipe and the main sewer.

(*Ord. 645, 6/20/1962, §10*)

§18-210. Catch Basin May Be Required.

Whenever in the judgment of the Code Enforcement Officer it is necessary, a suitable catch basin shall be constructed according to plans to be made by the Borough Engineer.

(*Ord. 645, 6/20/1962, §11; as amended by Ord. 978, 5/31/2011*)

§18-211. Enforcement by Code Enforcement Officer.

It shall be the duty of the Code Enforcement Officer to enforce full compliance with all the terms of §§18-203–18-212 of this Part.

(*Ord. 645, 6/20/1962, §12; as amended by Ord. 978, 5/31/2011*)

§18-212. Penalties.

Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any provision of this Part, upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than

\$1,000 plus costs and, in default of payment of said fine and costs, to a term of imprisonment not to exceed 30 days. Each day that a violation of this Part continues or each Section of this Part which shall be found to have been violated shall constitute a separate offense.

(*Ord. 645*, 6/20/1962, §13; as amended by *Ord. 846*, 9/18/1991, §18-215; and by *Ord. 978*, 5/31/2011)

B. Tap-In Fee.

[Reserved]

Part 3**Delinquent Sewage Bills****A. Wilkinsburg-Penn Joint Water Authority****§18-311. Termination of Water Service.**

1. All the powers and provisions of the Act of April 14, 1949, P.L. 482, 53 P.S. §2261 *et seq.*, and its amendments are herewith adopted and to be used for the purpose of collecting delinquent sewerage accounts in accordance with the procedure herein provided.

2. The proper officers or designated employees of the Borough are herein directed to send the notices as provided for in said Act to all said delinquent accounts; that the proper officers or designated employees are herewith directed and authorized to request and direct the Wilkinsburg-Penn Joint Water Authority to shut off the supply of water to such premises until all such over-due rentals, rates, charges and shut-off and turn-on costs, together with any penalties and interest thereon shall be paid.

3. The Borough hereby authorizes and agrees to pay to the Wilkinsburg-Penn Joint Water Authority a reasonable sum for shut-off and turn-on services in an amount to be agreed upon between the Borough and the Wilkinsburg-Penn Joint Water Authority.

4. The Borough also agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the said Wilkinsburg-Penn Joint Water Authority from any claim arising out of the shutting off or turning on of water on the properties affected in the operation of this Part.

(*Ord. 867, 11/16/1994, §1*)

Part 4**Sewer Maintenance Fee****§18-401. Sewer Maintenance Fee.**

The fee for sewer maintenance shall be in such amounts as established, from time to time, by resolution of Borough Council.

(*Ord. 925, 12/27/2001; as amended by Ord. 978, 5/31/2011*)

