

ORDINANCE NO. 860

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 5 OF PENN TOWNSHIP  
ORDINANCE 633 PROVIDING FOR THE METHOD OF MEASURING  
VOLUME OF SEWAGE AND WASTE

The Penn Township Board of Commissioners, York County, Pennsylvania, enacts and ordains as follows:

**Section 1.** Section 5 of Penn Township Ordinance 633 is amended to read as follows:

**SECTION 5: MEASURING VOLUME OF SEWAGE AND WASTE**

A **Methods of measuring volume.**

In cases where the property owner or water user purchases all water used on the property from the water supplier the volume of water used, as determined by the readings of the water supplier, shall be used in computing the sewer rental.

In cases where the property owner or water user has a separate source of water supply which discharges into the sewer system, or into a sewer owned by the Borough, and purchases no water or part of the water used upon the property from the water supplier, the sewer rents shall be charged at the flat rate unless, in the case of commercial or industrial establishments, the property owner or user shall elect to install or the Township shall require the installation of, at the expense of the property owner or user, a separate or additional water meter on the source of supply. The total amount of water consumed, as shown by readings of such separate or additional meters and, where the property is also served by the water supplier, by readings of its meters, will be used in computing the metered sewer rental.

In cases where establishments use water from the water supplier and/or from an independent supply for industrial purposes and/or for cooling or air conditioning purposes, such that all or any part of the water so used is not discharged into the sewer system or into a sewer owned by the Borough, the quantity of water used to determine the sewer rental shall be computed by one (1) of the following methods:

- (a) Method No. 1. By placing a meter or measuring device on the sewer connection. The readings from this meter or measuring device shall be used in computing the sewer rental.
- (b) Method No. 2. By placing a meter or measuring device on the effluent not discharging into the sewer system or into a sewer owned by the Borough. The readings from this meter or measuring device will then be deducted from the total water meter readings and the remainder will be used in computing the sewer rental.
- (c) Method No. 3. When it is not practical, in the opinion of the Wastewater Superintendent, to install measuring devices to continuously determine the quantity of water not discharged into the sewer system or into a sewer owned by the Borough, the Wastewater Superintendent will determine, in such manner and by such methods

as he or she may prescribe, the percentage of metered water discharged into the sewer system or into a sewer owned by the Borough, and the quantity of water used to compute the sewer rental shall be the percentage so determined of the quantity measured by the water meter or meters. Any dispute as to the estimated amount shall be submitted to the Township Board of Commissioners after notice of the estimate, whose decision on the matter shall be final for the current calendar year.

B. Measuring devices.

All meters or measuring devices not provided by the water supplier but permitted or required to be used under the provisions of this Article shall be installed at the cost of the property owner in accordance with the requirements of the Township, shall be under the control of the Township and may be tested, inspected or repaired by Township employees whenever it is deemed necessary, The owner of the property upon which a measuring device is installed shall be responsible for its maintenance and safekeeping, and all repairs thereto shall be made at the property owner's expense, whether such repairs are made necessary by ordinary wear and tear or by other causes. Bills for such repairs, if made by the Township, shall be due and payable at the same time and collected in the same manner as are the bills for sewer services. Such bills from and after their due date shall constitute a lien upon the property upon which such measuring device is installed.

C. Residential and single purpose use measuring devices.

In the case of a single-family dwelling unit or single purpose use, where there is a separate source of water supply that is not controlled and measured by the water supplier, the installation of a water meter on the separate source of water or the installation of a meter to measure the discharge of sewage shall be strictly prohibited for the purpose of calculating sewer rent. In such cases, sewer rents shall be charged at the flat rate.


**Section 2.** All ordinances or parts thereof that are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent inconsistent.

ENACTED AND ORDAINED this 18<sup>th</sup> day of December 2023.

Board of Commissioners of Penn Township

By:   
Mark R. Elksnis, Vice-President

Attest:

  
Donna M. Sweeney, Township Secretary

