

SUPERVISORS OF GREENE TOWNSHIP
GREENTOWN
PIKE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA 18426

WATER WELL ORDINANCE #33

An ordinance providing for the registration, regulation and control of all water systems which may be constructed for obtaining water for domestic and industrial purposes in Greene Township, Pike County, Pennsylvania.

Section I: Purpose:

The intent of this Ordinance is to insure and protect the quality and suitability of domestic water supply and to secure and maintain the minimum required isolation distances between water supplies and sewage disposal systems or other sources of contamination.

SECTION II: Definitions:

Person: Any individual, firm, trust partnership, public or private association or corporation or other entity.

Well: Any excavation that is drilled, cored, bored, washed, driven, dug or otherwise constructed for the location diversion of acquisition of underground waters or charging of water into underground strata.

Underground Waters: Means waters of underground streams, channels, artesian basis, or other bodies of water in or under the ground whether percolating or not.

Well Driller: Any water well contractor, his employees or representative in responsible charge of drilling or otherwise constructing a well. This includes any person/persons who self constructs a well.

SECTION III: Permits:

3.1 It shall be unlawful for any person to locate, drill or have drilled or construct any well to install or have installed any related pumping equipment, to alter an existing well or its' pumping equipment until a permit for such location, drilling, construction, installation or alteration shall have been issued by the duly designated appointee or administrative officer. (Note: No permit is required for the ordinary repair or replacement of pumping equipment that failed in service.)

3.2 A permit shall be obtained from the Township Secretary, or other duly designated person by the Township Supervisor,s before any approval is given to the applicant for the construction or installation or alteration of any individual water supply system. Prior to the issuance of a permit the applicant must submit a plot plan of the property and the proposed location on said plan of the water supply system to include lines, and the distances between said system and any existing or proposed sewage treatment tanks, sewer lines, and subsurface absorption area. Also all individual water supply systems shall be located in accordance with the minimum isolation distances set forth in SECTION V below.

3.3 A copy of Notice of Intent to Drill as required by Act 610 (Water Well Drilling Lot Act) shall be presented when making application for a permit. Additionally, Department of Environmental Resources Form WW-1 shall be forwarded to the Township Secretary within 30 days following completion of the well.

3.4 A fee of \$10.00 will be charged for each permit application. The Board of Township Supervisors shall, from time to time when deemed necessary, by resolution, establish the fees charged for permits covered by this ordinance.

3.5 Permits will be valid for one year from the date application is approved. Renewal of the permit is required in the event that construction, installation, or alteration of any individual water supply systems has not been started or work is not in process during the cited one (1) year period.

SECTION IV: Inspection:

4.1 Upon receipt of an application for a well permit the Township through its duly authorized Inspecting Office shall within thirty (30) days perform an inspection of the premises on which the well construction, installation or alteration is to take place. The inspection shall be in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance and the provisions of the Township Sewage Ordinance. Upon completion of the inspection, the Inspection Office shall either (a) issue a permit indicating the approved location, and special instructions for the construction, installation, or alteration if any; or (b) refuse to issue the requested permit, stating in writing the reason(s) for such refusal.

4.2 A final inspection will be made upon completion of the well and receipt of the water sample analysis required in Section VI below. Well shall not be placed in service until final approval is granted.

SECTION V: Construction, Installation, or Alteration of Individual Water Supply Systems.

A. All installers must comply with the standards set forth in the "Construction Standards for Individual Water Supplies", Pennsylvania DER; 1961 "AWWA Standards for Deep Wells", (AWWA Publication" A1-58), American Water Works Assn. "Manual of Individual Water Supply Systems" Environmental Protection Agency, 1973, and amendments thereto.

B. All individual water supply systems or water supply system suction line shall be located in accordance with the **following stated minimum isolation distances: between the features named:**

1. Sewage disposal system subsurface absorption area: 100 feet.
2. Sewage disposal treatment tank: 50 feet.
3. Sewage disposal treatment tank and water supply line under pressure: 10 feet.

SECTION VI: Water Sampling:

Upon completion of the construction, installation or alteration of the individual water supply system, intended for commercial or public use, the installer will furnish to the township's duly designated person an analysis of the water as conducted by a recognized laboratory or water testing service.

SECTION VII: Waste Disposal:

No well shall be drilled nor any existing well used for the purpose of disposal of domestic or industrial waste.

SECTION VIII: Abandonment of Wells:

The owner of any well shall upon abandonment of any existing well, or test hole effectively seal and fill such well and test holes using material and methods that will not contaminate underground water supplies. A dug well not in operation or improperly maintained to prevent contamination is deemed abandoned and shall be capped with concrete to a minimum of 6 inches.

SECTION IX: Penalties:

Any person who fails to comply with any or all of the requirements or provisions of this ordinance or who fails or refuses to comply with any notice, order, or direction of the Greene Township Inspection Officer or any other authorized employee of the Municipality shall pay a fine to the

Greene Township of not less than \$25.00 nor more than \$300.00 plus costs of prosecution. In default of such payment, such person shall be imprisoned in the county prison for a period not to exceed 10 days. Each day during which any violation of this ordinance continues shall constitute separate offences. In additions to the above penalties, all other actions are hereby reserved, including any action in equity for the proper enforcement of this ordinance. The imposition of a fine or penalty for any violation of or non-compliance with this ordinance shall not excuse the violation or non-compliance, or permit it to continue; and all such persons shall be required to correct or remedy such violations and non-compliance within a reasonable time. Any well or water system installed not in compliance with this ordinance may be declared by the Greene Township Supervisors to be a public nuisance and abatable as such.

SECTION X: Severability Clause:

If any section, paragraph, sentence or phrase of this ordinance should be declared invalid for any reason whatsoever such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this ordinance which shall remain in full force and effect. For this purpose the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

SECTION XI: Variance Clause:

Any person who feels they are aggrieved by this ordinance shall have the right to request a variance. The variance shall be reviewed by the Inspection Officer, and then the Supervisors for their approval or disapproval.

SECTION XII: Effective Date:

This ordinance shall become effective on December 1, 1979, and shall remain in force until modified, amended, or rescinded by the Supervisors Greene Township, Pike County, Pennsylvania.

Adopted this 21st day of November, 1979

Signed: John B. Price

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