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Patterson Heights Borough - Public Works***GENERAL PROVISIONS*****' 50.01 SEWER RENTAL/USAGE FEES.**

There is hereby imposed a sewer rental or charge for the use and maintenance of the borough sewers, sewer systems and for the treatment of such sewage, to be payable by the owners of all properties served by any of the sewers of the borough at the following rates:

(A) A minimum charge per quarter of \$15 will be assessed on each property for sewage generated up to and including 1,000 gallons for a given quarter year; and

(B) For sewage generated by a property in excess of 1,000 gallons in any quarter, an additional \$8 will be charged for that specific quarter. This \$8 charge will apply to each 1,000 gallon increment in excess of the initial 1,000 gallons in any given quarter.
(Ord. 259, passed - -2012; Ord. 280, passed 3-21-2018)

USE OF PUBLIC SANITARY SEWERS**' 50.15 PERMIT REQUIRED.**

From and after the passage and promulgation of this subchapter, it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to tap into or make any connection directly or indirectly, or in any manner to open any public sewer in the said borough or to make any use thereof in any manner whatsoever, whether upon a public street or upon private property, without first obtaining a permit from the Borough Council.
(Ord. 73, passed 7-1-1929) Penalty, see ' 50.99

' 50.16 APPLICATION.

Application for permission to tap into any part of the said sanitary sewer system shall be accompanied by a tap-in fee of \$500 for each residential unit to be connected to the sewer. Such application shall be submitted on a form approved by Borough Council. A plot plan shall be submitted with the application showing the location of all structures to be connected to the sanitary sewer and the proposed location of the sewer connection.
(Ord. 73, passed 7-1-1929; Ord. 180, passed 2-5-1979)

' 50.17 LIMITED TO ONE HOUSE, BUILDING OR STRUCTURE.

Only one house, building or structure shall be permitted to be connected to any public sewer on one line unless a group of houses or buildings shall desire to lay down its own main line and connection, and

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in all cases to proposed work, if Council action be favorable, shall be done under the supervision of the Engineer of the borough or an engineer designated or approved by the borough and to the satisfaction of the Borough Council. A deposit may be required to cover the expense of the Borough. No work shall be done until a permit is issued by Council.

(Ord. 73, passed 7-1-1929) Penalty, see ' 50.99

' 50.18 DEPOSIT.

In all cases where application is made by one whose property does not abut on a street on which a sewer is laid, if the action of Council is favorable, the applicant shall make a deposit of such additional sum to be estimated by Council, as shall cover all expenses the borough may be put to in the matter, whether the work is to be done by the borough or under its supervision. When the work is finished, the final cost to the applicant shall be all costs and expenses of any kind which the borough has had, and, in addition thereto, the applicant shall pay the difference in the cost for front foot of the original installation, but no deductions shall be made for the cost of connecting the house with main, or equivalent of main sewer.

(Ord. 73, passed 7-1-1929)

' 50.19 ENGINEER.

If at any time the same engineer is employed by the applicant as is employed by the borough, it is with the express understanding on the part of the applicant and the engineer that his or her service is first to the borough and secondarily to the applicant. In case the borough is not satisfied that the said engineer is so acting, it may employ another engineer at the expense of the applicant, whose decision shall be final, binding and conclusive on all engineering matters upon all parties.

(Ord. 73, passed 7-1-1929)

' 50.20 RESTRICTION OF STORM OR SURFACE WATER.

No storm or surface water shall be allowed to flow to the sanitary system of the borough.

(Ord. 73, passed 7-1-1929) Penalty, see ' 50.99

' 50.21 SEPTIC TANKS AND PRIVIES.

Septic tanks and outside toilets shall not be permitted to be used in said borough after January 1, 1930, and no connections through septic tanks or cesspools with said sewer system shall be permitted from and after the passage of this subchapter.

(Ord. 73, passed 7-1-1929) Penalty, see ' 50.99

Patterson Heights Borough - Public Works**' 50.22 INJURY OF PIPE, MANHOLE, FLUSH TANK OR PUBLIC SEWER SYSTEM.**

It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to break, remove or in any way injure any pipe, manhole, flush tank or any other part of the public system of sanitary sewers in the borough.
(Ord. 73, passed 7-1-1929) Penalty, see ' 50.99

' 50.23 INTERFERENCE WITH PIPE, MANHOLE, FLUSH TANK OR PUBLIC SEWER SYSTEM.

It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation, by excavation or otherwise, to remove or in any way interfere with the earth below any pipe, manhole, flush tank or any other part of the public system of sanitary sewers in said borough without first obtaining the consent of the Borough Council so to do, which shall not be granted excepting upon written request giving full particulars.
(Ord. 73, passed 7-1-1929) Penalty, see ' 50.99

' 50.24 TAMPING.

It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation, by tamping or in any other way to change the grade or alignment of any pipe, manhole, flush tank or any other part of the public system of sanitary sewers in said borough.
(Ord. 73, passed 7-1-1929) Penalty, see ' 50.99

' 50.25 PLACING OF OBJECT IN PIPE, MANHOLE, FLUSH TANK OR PUBLIC SEWER SYSTEM.

It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to place or caused to be placed any matter or thing in any pipe, manhole, flush tank or any other part of the public sewer system of said borough which can in any way injure the said system or any part thereof, or which tends to impede the flow of sewage through the same.
(Ord. 73, passed 7-1-1929) Penalty, see ' 50.99

' 50.26 APPROVAL OF CONTRACTOR, PLUMBER OR OTHER PERSON.

No contractor, plumber or other person shall be employed by any person, firm or corporation to open or tap the said public sewer even though a permit shall be issued, unless the said contractor, plumber or other person shall be approved by the Borough Council to do such work.
(Ord. 73, passed 7-1-1929)

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' 50.27 EXCAVATIONS.

All excavations made by anyone authorized to make any connection with said sewer shall be refilled by such person, in such manner and to the satisfaction of the Borough Council and in accordance with " 96.01 through 96.22 of this code of ordinances, and the applicant for whom the said work shall be done shall not be relieved from responsibility until the said excavations have been refilled to the satisfaction of the Borough Council.

(Ord. 73, passed 7-1-1929) Penalty, see ' 50.99

' 50.28 POLES, TREES, SHRUBBERY AND THE LIKE AND INTERFERENCE WITH SYSTEM.

No person, firm or corporation shall erect poles or permit trees, shrubbery or anything whatsoever to interfere with the public sewer system of the said borough. If the roots of any trees or the location of any pole or any other thing shall cause any damage to said sewer, the owner of said pole or trees or other thing shall pay any damage to the said borough caused by it and remove the same.

(Ord. 73, passed 7-1-1929) Penalty, see ' 50.99

' 50.29 GREASE TRAPS.

The Borough Council may require any user of the said sewer system, in its reasonable discretion, to install suitable grease traps.

(Ord. 73, passed 7-1-1929) Penalty, see ' 50.99

' 50.30 TRAPS AND STRAINERS.

All fixtures connected with the sewers leading into the said systems shall be provided with suitable traps and strainers to prevent the introduction of improper substances into the sewer.

(Ord. 73, passed 7-1-1929) Penalty, see ' 50.99

' 50.31 OPENING OF TRENCH.

In opening any trench for the laying of any connection to the sewer, the earth shall be placed so as not to dam up the gutters and so as to cause the least possible inconvenience to the public. The street shall not be permitted to remain open longer than is reasonably necessary to do the said work. The cost of inspection to see that this section is complied with shall be paid by the applicant. Whenever, in the opinion of Council, the depth of the trench is such that it may cave in, the applicant or his or her contractor or workers shall be required to shore up the ditch and prevent caving in.

(Ord. 73, passed 7-1-1929) Penalty, see ' 50.99

Patterson Heights Borough - Public Works**' 50.32 BARRIERS AND DANGER SIGNALS.**

Barriers and danger signals shall be maintained on all banks of the trench and pile of earth during the progress of the work, both night and day to protect the public against accidents, and not more than 100 lineal feet of trench shall be open at any one time.

(Ord. 73, passed 7-1-1929) Penalty, see ' 50.99

' 50.33 UNSATISFACTORY WORK.

If any work or material be unsatisfactory to the engineer or inspector representing the borough, work shall not go on until the same be made satisfactory.

(Ord. 73, passed 7-1-1929) Penalty, see ' 50.99

' 50.34 CONNECTION WITHOUT COMPLIANCE.

If any person, firm or corporation shall make a connection with the said sanitary sewer system without having complied with the provisions of this subchapter, the connection shall be broken by the borough or its representative without abatement of the penalty provided in ' 50.99.

(Ord. 73, passed 7-1-1929) Penalty, see ' 50.99

' 50.35 INJURIOUS CONNECTION.

If any person, firm or corporation uses the said sanitary sewer system in a manner or for a purpose injurious to the system, his, her or its connection with the said system shall be broken by the borough and not restored until all damages and expenses have been paid.

(Ord. 73, passed 7-1-1929) Penalty, see ' 50.99

' 50.99 PENALTY.

(A) If any person, firm or corporation shall undertake to use septic tanks, cesspools or outside toilets or permit the same to be used on its premises in said borough after January 1, 1930, the borough may, in addition to any other action provided herein, proceed to connect such premises to the sewer system of said borough and to collect all expenses and fees incurred thereby together with 10% additional against the property so connected, which sum may be collected either by municipal lien filed against the property connected or by an action of assumpsit against the owner thereof, as the borough may determine. Likewise, the amounts required to be paid under ' 50.18, or any other section of this subchapter, may be collected by municipal lien filed against the property affected or an action of assumpsit against the owner thereof, as the borough may determine.

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(B) Any person, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions of " 50.15 through 50.35 shall, upon conviction before the Mayor of said borough or any magisterial district justice of the county, be sentenced to pay the expenses caused by the violation and a fine of not more than \$50 and to undergo imprisonment in the lock-up of the borough or in the county jail for a period not to exceed five days; provided that fine or imprisonment may be remitted by the magistrate.
(Ord. 73, passed 7-1-1929)

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