

TOWNSHIP OF MAPLE SHADE

Ordinance 2019-08

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTERS 160 SEWERS AND 200 WATER TO CLARIFY OWNERSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES OF CONNECTIONS

WHEREAS, upon the recommendations of the Township water and sewer utility, the Township Council has reviewed Chapters 160 Sewer and 200 Water and has determined to amend certain provisions to clarify property owner responsibilities; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Council of the Township of Maple Shade that the Township Code is hereby amended as follows: (*Revisions are indicated as underlined and deletions by strike-through.*)

Section 1.

Ordinance 160-1 Definitions is amended as follows:

160-1 Definitions and Property Owners Responsibilities

Property Owners Responsibilities: Property Owner to supply service pipes and attachments; inspections.

- A. The service pipe and all attachments and appurtenances used in conveying wastewater from the premises to the municipal sanitary sewer main must be supplied by the owner of the premises and must be of sufficient size for the anticipated volume of wastewater. The entire service pipe from the premises to the municipal sanitary sewer main is the property of property owner. It is the property owner's responsibility to ensure that the service pipe remains in proper working condition, with no breaks or flow obstructions, at all times.
- B. No service pipe shall be covered until inspected by the Water and Sewer Utility Superintendent, or designated representative, and wastewater cannot be conveyed through the service pipe unless and until the service pipe and connection to the main has been approved by him or her.

Section 3.

Ordinance 200-6 is amended as follows

- A. The minimum residential size for corporation stops are one inch inside diameter. No one but the duly authorized agent of the Utility Department shall be permitted to tap the mains. All corporation stops used shall be furnished by the Utility Department, and no others will be permitted to be used in the mains.

Section 4.

Ordinance 200-8 Owner to supply service pipes and attachments; inspections is amended as follows:

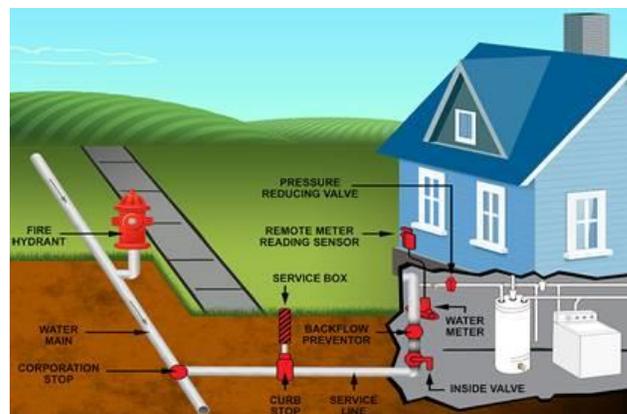
200-8 Owner to supply service pipes and attachments; inspections.

- A. The service pipe and all attachments and appurtenances used in supplying water from the corporation stop at the main to the point of delivery must be supplied by the owner of the premises and must be of sufficient strength and be in proper condition so as to withstand at any time the pressure put upon the mains when all water outlets are closed and not in use. The entire service pipe from the corporation stop to the point of delivery, with the exception of the water meter, is the property of the property owner. The property owner is responsible for the maintenance and repair of the service pipe.

The service box above the curb stop is the property of the property owner. The property owner is responsible for ensuring that the curb stop is accessible through the service box at all times. Maple Shade Utilities may attempt to remove any dirt which may have entered the service box at the request of the property owner as a courtesy. If the service box cannot be cleared by the utility or if the service box has shifted, the property owner is responsible for correcting the condition within 10 days.

The curb stop is the property of the property owner. As a courtesy, Maple Shade Utilities may operate the curb stop at the request of the property owner or in an emergency to turn water service on or off, however, the utility cannot be held responsible for any damage to the curb stop, or failure of the curb stop, resulting from attempting to operate the curb stop.

- B. No service pipe shall be covered until inspected by the Water and Sewer Utility Superintendent, or designated representative, and water shall not be furnished unless and until the service pipe and connections from the main to and including the water meter shall have been approved by him or her.



Section 5.

Repealer. Any and all other ordinances inconsistent with any of the terms and provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistencies.

Section 6.

Severability. In the event that any section paragraph, clause phrase, term, provision or part of this ordinance shall be adjudicated by a court of competent jurisdiction to be involved or unenforceable for any reason, such judgment shall not effect, impair or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the section, paragraph, clause, term, provision or part thereof directly involved in the controversy in such judgment shall be rendered.

Section 7.

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption and publication according to law.

NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION

The foregoing ordinance was introduced at a meeting of the Maple Shade Township Council, held on May 9, 2019 and was read for the first time.

This ordinance will be further considered for final passage at a Regular Meeting of the Township Council to be held on May 23, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. at 200 Stiles Avenue, Maple Shade, NJ 08052.

Copies of this ordinance will be made available at the Municipal Clerk's office to members of the general public who request same during normal operating hours.

All interested persons will be given the opportunity to be heard concerning the ordinance.

Andrea T. McVeigh, RMC
Maple Shade Township

