

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WORCESTER TOWNSHIP**

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

ORDINANCE NO. 2012-236

"Infiltration Testing Ordinance"

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WORCESTER, CHAPTER 130 (SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT), ARTICLE V (DESIGN STANDARDS), SECTION 130-24 (STORMWATER MANAGEMENT), PARAGRAPH "B" (STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN), SUBPARAGRAPH (4) (RUNOFF CONTROL MEASURES), SUB-SUBPARAGRAPH (e) (DESIGN STANDARDS FOR SEEPAGE BEDS) TO ESTABLISH INFILTRATION TESTING REQUIREMENTS FOR SEEPAGE BEDS.

The Board of Supervisors of Worcester Township does hereby **ENACT and ORDAIN** as follows:

SECTION I. – Amendment to Code

The Code of the Township of Worcester, Chapter 130 (Subdivision and Land Development), Article V (Design Standards), Section 130-24 (Stormwater Management), Paragraph "B" (Stormwater Management Plan), Subparagraph (4) (Runoff Control Measures), Sub-subparagraph (e) (Design Standards for Seepage Beds) is hereby amended to add the following additional requirements:

- [12] Seepage beds intended to receive runoff from impervious surface associated with residential land use and/or pervious surface runoff associated with both residential uses and nonresidential uses shall be constructed on soils which have the following characteristics:
 - [a] A minimum depth of twenty-four (24) inches between the intended bottom of facility and the seasonal high water table and/or bedrock (limiting zones).

- [b] Infiltration rate shall be in accordance with the Pennsylvania Stormwater “Best Management Practices” manual, Appendix C, Infiltration System Guidelines.
- [13] Infiltration BMPs intended to receive runoff from impervious surface associated with nonresidential uses shall be constructed on soils which have the following characteristics:
- [a] A minimum depth of twenty-four (24) inches between the intended bottom of facility and the seasonal high water table and/or bedrock (limiting zones).
 - [b] Infiltration rate shall be in accordance with the Pennsylvania Stormwater “Best Management Practices” manual, Appendix C, Infiltration System Guidelines.
- [14] Infiltration BMPs intended to receive rooftop runoff shall be constructed on soils that have a minimum depth of twenty-four (24) inches between the intended bottom of the facility and the seasonal high water table and/or bedrock (limiting zones) and have infiltration rate in accordance with the Pennsylvania Stormwater “Best Management Practices” manual, Appendix C, Infiltration System Guidelines.

SECTION II. – Severability

The provisions of this Ordinance are intended to be severable, and if any section, sentence, clause, part or provision hereof shall be held illegal, invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision of the court shall not affect or impair the remaining sections, sentences, clauses, parts or provisions of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared to be the intent of the Board that this Ordinance would have been adopted even if such illegal, invalid or unconstitutional section, sentence, clause, part or provision had not been included herein.

SECTION III. – Failure to Enforce not a Waiver

The failure of the Township to enforce any provision of this Ordinance shall not constitute a waiver by the Township of its rights of future enforcement hereunder.

SECTION IV. – Effective Date

This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its approval as required by the law.

SECTION V. – Repealer

All other ordinances and resolutions or parts thereof insofar as they are inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION VI. – Comprehensive Plan

To the extent the Township Comprehensive Plan is in any way inconsistent with the Zoning map Amendment embodied in this Ordinance, the Land Use Plan in the most recent draft of the Township Comprehensive Plan is hereby modified to reflect a proposed land use consistent with the Zoning Map Amendment embodied in this Ordinance.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Board of Supervisors of Worcester Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, this 20th day of June, 2012.

WORCESTER TOWNSHIP

By: 

Arthur C. Bustard, Chairman,
Board of Supervisors

Attest: 

F. Lee Mangan, Secretary

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Board of Supervisors of Worcester, at its public meeting on June 20, 2012, at 7:30p.m. at the Worcester Township Community Hall, 1031 Valley Forge Road, Fairview Village, Worcester, Pennsylvania, will hold a public hearing on and could vote to adopt an ordinance entitled "Infiltration Testing Ordinance" amending the Code of the Township of Worcester Chapter 130 (Subdivision and Land Development), Article V (Design Standards), Section 130-24 (Stormwater Management), Paragraph "B" (Stormwater Management Plan), Subparagraph (4) (Runoff Control Measures), Sub-subparagraph (e) (Design Standards for Seepage Beds) to establish infiltration testing requirements for seepage beds.

Copies of the proposed Ordinance are available for examination during normal business hours at the offices of *Times Herald*, 410 Markley Street, Norristown, Pennsylvania 19404, the Montgomery County Law Library, Court House, Norristown, Pennsylvania 19401, and the Worcester Township Building, 1421 Valley Forge Road, Worcester, Pennsylvania 19490 where a copy of the proposed Ordinance may be obtained for a charge not greater than the cost thereof.

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