

ORDINANCE NO. 179  
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON  
WATER CONSERVATION

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Washington Township hereby finds and determines that in order to conserve and protect its water supply for the greatest public benefit, it is necessary to reduce the demand for water in the manner hereinafter set forth; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this ordinance is to insure continued availability and service of water to Washington Township residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Supervisors of Washington Township as follows:

SECTION 1: General Policy. No water shall be provided for internal or external use to any residential, commercial, industrial, agricultural, recreational, governmental, or public building or structure of any kind which is constructed or remodeled and in which plumbing, water piping or water fixtures are to be installed, extended or altered in any way, and for which construction a permit is required to be obtained from Washington Township (or would be required but for an exemption from a permit requirement for public or governmental agencies) unless the new, extended or altered plumbing, water piping and other water using fixtures therein conform to the requirements and standards to Section Two of this Ordinance. The provisions of this Ordinance shall apply to any such building or

structure for which such a building or structure for which such a building permit is issued, or would otherwise be required to be issued but for such an exemption, on or after the effective date hereof.

SECTION 2: Water Conservation Performance Standards for Plumbing Fixtures and Fittings.

Article 1 - Water Closets and Associated Flushing Mechanisms. The water conservation of water closets shall not exceed an average of 1.6 gallons per flush cycle over a range of test pressures from 20 to 80 psi. The fixture shall perform in accordance with the test requirements of the ANSI A112.19.2M and ANSI A112.19.6M.

Article 2 - Urinals and Associated Plumbing Mechanisms. Urinal water consumption shall not exceed an average of 1.5 gallons per flush cycle over a range of test pressures from 20 to 80 psi. The fixtures shall perform in accordance with the test requirements of ANSI A112.19.2M and ANSI A112.19.6M.

Article 3 - Showerheads. Showerhead discharge rates shall not exceed 3.0 gallons of water per minute over a range of test pressures from 20 to 80 psi. The fixture shall perform in accordance with the test requirements of ANSI A112.18.1M.

Article 4 - Faucets. Sink and lavatory faucet discharge rates shall not exceed 3.0 gallons of water per minute over a range of test pressures from 20 to 80 psi. The fixture shall perform in accordance with the test requirements of ANSI A112.18.1M.

SECTION 3: Special Provisions.

Article 1 - Special Purpose Equipment. The performance standards of Section Two shall not apply to fixtures and fittings such as emergency showers, aspirator faucets and blowout fixtures that, in order to perform a specialized function, cannot meet the specified standards.

Article 2 - Exemptions. Any person(s) may apply to Washington Township for an exemption to the terms of this Ordinance, which may be granted by the Board of Supervisors, upon proof that some other device, system or procedure will save as much or more water as those set forth herein, or that those set forth herein cannot be complied with, without undue hardship.

SECTION 4: Official Review and Modification. The Board of Supervisors may, from time to time, modify, add to, or remove from the standards and restrictions herein by Resolution.

SECTION 5: Penalties. It shall be a Misdemeanor for any person to use or apply water within Washington Township contrary to or in violation of the restrictions herein, and upon conviction thereof, such persons shall be punished by being imprisoned in the county jail for not more than thirty (30) days or by fine of not more than THREE HUNDRED AND 00/100 (\$300.00) DOLLARS, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Supervisors of the Township of  
Washington, County of Northampton, and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
this 8th day of April, 1992.

ATTEST:

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF  
SUPERVISORS

Barbara J. Hallet  
Barbara J. Hallet, Secretary

By Ignatz Klausz, Jr.  
Ignatz Klausz, Jr. Chairman

By Clayton D. Rutt  
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