

**TOWNSHIP OF CONEWAGO,  
Dauphin County, Pennsylvania**

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**ORDINANCE NO. 2006-4**

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**OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CONEWAGO, DAUPHIN COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, REQUIRING ALL OWNERS OF IMPROVED PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN THIS TOWNSHIP AND WHICH IS ADJOINING AND ADJACENT TO, AND WHOSE PRINCIPAL BUILDING IS WITHIN ONE HUNDRED FIFTY FEET OF, THE SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM TO BE CONSTRUCTED, OWNED AND OPERATED BY CONEWAGO MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY TO CONNECT SUCH IMPROVED PROPERTY WITH AND TO USE SUCH SEWER SYSTEM; REGULATING THE MANNER OF MAKING SUCH CONNECTIONS; AUTHORIZING THIS TOWNSHIP TO MAKE CONNECTIONS AT THE COST AND EXPENSE OF ANY OWNER OF IMPROVED PROPERTY FAILING TO MAKE SUCH CONNECTION; ADOPTING CERTAIN RULES AND REGULATIONS; PROHIBITING THE CONNECTION OF PRIVY VAULTS, CESSPOOLS, SINKHOLES, SEPTIC TANKS AND SIMILAR RECEPTACLES TO ANY SEWER; PROHIBITING THE MAINTENANCE OF CERTAIN RECEPTACLES AND REQUIRING ABANDONMENT THEREOF WHEN DIRECTED TO DO SO BY THIS TOWNSHIP; SETTING FORTH RELATED MATTERS; AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION.**

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The Board of Supervisors of the Township of Conewago, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, enacts and ordains as follows:

**ARTICLE I**

**Definitions**

**SECTION 1.01.** Unless the context specifically and clearly indicates otherwise, the meaning of terms and phrases used in this Ordinance shall be as follows:

A. “Authority” shall mean Conewago Municipal Authority, a municipality authority existing and governed pursuant to provisions of the Municipality Authorities Act (53 Pa.C.S. Ch. 56), as amended and supplemented, of the Commonwealth;

B. “Building Sewer” shall mean the extension from the sewage drainage system of any structure to the Lateral of a Sewer;

C. “Commonwealth” shall mean the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania;

D. “Improved Property” shall mean any property within this Township upon which there is erected a structure intended for continuous or periodic habitation, occupancy or use by human beings [or animals] and from which structure Sanitary Sewage or Industrial Wastes shall be or may be discharged;

E. “Industrial Establishment” shall mean any Improved Property located in this Township and used or intended for use, wholly or in part, for the manufacturing, processing, cleaning, laundering, or assembling of any product, commodity, or article, or any other Improved Property located in this Township from which wastes, in addition to, or other than, Sanitary Sewage, shall be discharged;

F. “Industrial Wastes” shall mean any and all wastes discharged from an Industrial Establishment, other than Sanitary Sewage;

G. “Lateral” shall mean that part of the Sewer System extending from a Sewer to the curb line or, if there shall be no curb line, to the property line or, if no such Lateral shall be provided, then “Lateral” shall mean that portion of, or place in, a Sewer that is provided for connection of any Building Sewer;

H. “Owner” shall mean any Person vested with ownership, legal or equitable, sole or partial, of any Improved Property;

I. “Person” shall mean any individual, partnership, company, association, society, trust, corporation, municipality, municipality authority, or other group or entity;

J. “Sanitary Sewage” shall mean normal water-carried household and toilet wastes from any Improved Property;

K. “Sewer” shall mean any pipe or conduit constituting a part of the Sewer System and used or usable for sewage collection purposes;

L. “Sewer System” shall mean all facilities, as of any particular time, for collecting, transmitting, treating, or disposing of Sanitary Sewage or Industrial Wastes, situate in or about this Township and owned by the Authority;

M. “Street” shall mean and shall include any street, road, lane, court, cul-de-sac, alley, public way, or public square; and

N. “Township” shall mean the Township of Conewago, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, a political subdivision of the Commonwealth, acting by and through its Board of Supervisors or, in appropriate cases, acting by and through its authorized representatives.

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## ARTICLE II

### Use of Public Sewers Required

**SECTION 2.01.** A. The Owner of any Improved Property which is adjoining and adjacent to a Sewer, and whose principal building is within one hundred fifty feet from a Sewer, shall connect such Improved Property with such Sewer, in such manner as the Authority may require, within 60 days (or such other longer period of time as may be prescribed by the Authority in its discretion) after notice to such Owner from this Township, or from the Authority on its behalf, to make such connection, for the purpose of discharging all Sanitary Sewage and Industrial Wastes from such Improved Property; Subject, however, to such limitations and restrictions as shall be established herein or otherwise shall be established by the Authority, from time to time.

B. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 2.01.A, this Township shall not require any commercial or industrial business to connect to the Sewer System when such commercial or industrial business is operating a sewer treatment plant under mandate of any agency of the federal or state Government. This exemption shall last as long as such sewer treatment plant continues to meet the specifications and standards mandated by such federal or state agency and for forty-five (45) days thereafter. If, during the days immediately subsequent to the day a business’ sewer treatment plant is determined to be below federal or state mandates, repairs cannot be made to bring the system back up to satisfactory condition, this Township may require such business to connect to the Sewer System. In such case, the full costs of connection to, and any necessary refurbishing of, the Sewer System shall be borne by such business.

C. The exemption provided for in Section 2.01.B shall not be available in any situation where the business seeking to use it had notice, either actual or constructive, prior

to construction of such sewage treatment plant, of this Township's intention to construct, or cause to be constructed, a sanitary sewer system and to require that business to connect with the Sewer System.

**SECTION 2.02.** All Sanitary Sewage and Industrial Wastes from any Improved Property, after connection of such Improved Property with a Sewer shall be required under Section 2.01, shall be conducted into such Sewer; Subject, however, to such limitations and restrictions as shall be established herein or otherwise shall be established by the Authority, from time to time.

**SECTION 2.03.** No Person shall place, shall deposit, or shall permit to be placed or to be deposited upon public or private property within this Township any Sanitary Sewage or Industrial Wastes in violation of Section 2.01.

No Person shall discharge or shall permit to be discharged to any natural outlet within this Township any Sanitary Sewage or Industrial Wastes in violation of Section 2.01, except where suitable treatment has been provided that is satisfactory to the Authority.

**SECTION 2.04.** No privy vault, cesspool, sinkhole, septic tank, or similar receptacle shall be used or shall be maintained at any time upon any Improved Property that has been connected to a Sewer or that shall be required under Section 2.01 to be connected to a Sewer.

Every such privy vault, cesspool, sinkhole, septic tank, or similar receptacle in existence shall be abandoned and, at the discretion of the Authority, shall be cleansed and shall be filled, at the expense of the Owner of such Improved Property, unless otherwise provided for by the Authority, under the direction and supervision of the Authority; and any such privy vault, cesspool, sinkhole, septic tank, or similar receptacle not so abandoned and, if required by the Authority, not cleansed and filled shall constitute a nuisance, and such nuisance may be abated, as provided by law, at the expense of the Owner of such Improved Property.

**SECTION 2.05.** No privy vault, cesspool, sinkhole, septic tank, or similar receptacle at any time shall be connected with a Sewer.

**SECTION 2.06.** The notice by this Township, or by the Authority on this Township's behalf, to make a connection to a Sewer, referred to in Section 2.01, shall include a reference to this Ordinance, including any amendments or supplements at the time in effect, in a written or printed document requiring the connection in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance and specifying that such connection shall be made within 60 days (or such other longer period of time as may be prescribed by the Authority in its discretion) from the date such notice is given or served. Such notice may be given or served at any time after a Sewer is in place that can receive and can convey Sanitary Sewage and Industrial Wastes for treatment and disposal from the particular Improved Property. Such notice shall be given or served to the Owner by personal service or registered (certified) mail, in accordance with 53 P.S. §67502.

## ARTICLE III

### Building Sewers and Connections

**SECTION 3.01.** No Person shall uncover, shall connect with, shall make any opening into, or shall use, shall alter, or shall disturb, in any manner, any Sewer or any part of the Sewer System without first obtaining a permit, in writing, from the Authority.

**SECTION 3.02.** Application for a permit required under Section 3.01 shall be made by the Owner of the Improved Property served or to be served or by the duly authorized agent of such Owner.

**SECTION 3.03.** No Person shall make or shall cause to be made a connection of any Improved Property with a Sewer until such Person shall have fulfilled each of the following conditions:

A. Such Person shall have notified the designated representative of the Authority of the desire and intention to connect such Improved Property to a Sewer;

B. Such Person shall have applied for and shall have obtained a connection permit as required by Section 3.01;

C. Such Person shall have given such designated representative of the Authority at least 48 hours' notice of the time when such connection will be made so that the Authority may supervise and inspect or may cause to be supervised and inspected the work of connection and necessary testing; and

D. If applicable, such Person shall have furnished satisfactory evidence to such designated representative of the Authority that any tapping fee or other charge imposed by the Authority against the Owner of each Improved Property who connects such Improved Property to a Sewer has been paid.

**SECTION 3.04.** Except as otherwise provided in this Section 3.04, each Improved Property shall be connected separately and independently with a Sewer through a Building Sewer. Grouping of more than one Improved Property, or more than one structure discharging sewage on a single Improved Property, on one Building Sewer shall not be permitted, except under special circumstances and for good sanitary reasons or other good cause shown, but then only after special permission of the Authority, in writing, shall have been secured and only subject to such rules, regulations and conditions as may be prescribed by the Authority.

**SECTION 3.05.** All costs and expenses of construction of a Building Sewer and all costs and expenses of connection of a Building Sewer to a Sewer shall be borne by the Owner of the Improved Property to be connected; and such Owner shall indemnify and shall save harmless this Township and the Authority from all loss or damage that may be occasioned, directly

or indirectly, as a result of construction of a Building Sewer or of connection of a Building Sewer to a Sewer.

**SECTION 3.06.** A Building Sewer shall be connected to a Sewer at the place designated by the Authority and where, if applicable, the Lateral is provided.

The invert of a Building Sewer at the point of connection shall be at the same or a higher elevation than the invert of the Sewer. A smooth, neat joint shall be made and the connection of a Building Sewer to the Lateral shall be made secure and watertight.

**SECTION 3.07.** If the Owner of any Improved Property which is located within this Township and which is adjoining or adjacent to a Sewer, and whose principal building is within one hundred and fifty feet from a Sewer, after 60 days (or such other longer period of time prescribed by the Authority) notice, in accordance with Section 2.01, shall fail to connect such Improved Property and use the Sewer System, as required, this Township, or the Authority on its behalf, may make such connection and may collect from such Owner the costs and expenses thereof in the manner permitted by law.

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## ARTICLE IV

### **Rules and Regulations Governing Building Sewers and Connections to Sewers**

**SECTION 4.01.** Where an Improved Property, at the time connection to a Sewer is required, shall be served by its own sewage disposal system or sewage disposal device, the existing house sewer line shall be broken on the structure side of such sewage disposal system or sewage disposal device and attachment shall be made, with proper fittings, to continue such house sewer line as a Building Sewer.

**SECTION 4.02.** No Building Sewer shall be covered until it has been inspected and approved by the Authority. If any part of a Building Sewer is covered before so being inspected and approved, it shall be uncovered for inspection at the cost and expense of the Owner of the Improved Property to be connected to a Sewer.

**SECTION 4.03.** Every Building Sewer of any Improved Property shall be maintained in a sanitary and safe operating condition by the Owner of such Improved Property.

**SECTION 4.04.** Every excavation for a Building Sewer shall be guarded adequately with barricades and lights to protect all Persons from damage and injury. Any Street, sidewalk and other property disturbed in the course of installation of a Building Sewer shall be restored, at the cost and expense of the Owner of the Improved Property being connected, in a manner satisfactory to the Authority.

**SECTION 4.05.** If any Person shall fail or shall refuse, upon receipt of a written notice of the Authority, to remedy any unsatisfactory condition with respect to a Building

Sewer within thirty (30) days (or other period of time prescribed by the Authority) of receipt of such notice, the Authority may refuse to permit such Person to discharge Sanitary Sewage and Industrial Wastes into the Sewer System until such unsatisfactory condition shall have been remedied to the satisfaction of the Authority.

**SECTION 4.06.** This Township reserves the right to adopt, from time to time, additional rules and regulations as it shall deem necessary and proper relating to connections with a Sewer and with the Sewer System, which additional rules and regulations, to the extent appropriate, shall be and shall be construed as part of this Ordinance.

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**ARTICLE V**

**Enforcement**

**SECTION 5.01.** Any Person who shall violate this Ordinance shall be subject, upon being found liable therefor in an appropriate legal enforcement proceeding commenced by this Township, or the Authority on its behalf, to a penalty of not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000), together with all court and related costs, and reasonable attorney fees, incurred by this Township and the Authority. Each day that a violation shall continue shall be deemed and shall be taken to be a separate offense and the violating party shall be liable as such.

**SECTION 5.02.** Penalties, fines, and costs imposed under provisions of this Ordinance shall be enforceable and recoverable in the manner at the time provided by applicable law.

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**ARTICLE VI**

**Effective Date**

**SECTION 6.01.** This Ordinance shall become effective in accordance with law.

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**ARTICLE VII**

**Severability**

**SECTION 7.01.** In the event any provision, section, sentence, clause, or part of this Ordinance shall be held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect or impair any remaining provision, section, sentence, clause, or part of this Ordinance, it being the intent of this Township that such remainder shall be and shall remain in full force and effect.

**ARTICLE VIII**

**Declaration Of Purpose**

**SECTION 8.01.** It is declared that enactment of this Ordinance is necessary for the protection, benefit and preservation of the health, safety and welfare of inhabitants of this Township.

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**ARTICLE IX**

**Repealer**

**SECTION 9.01.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances and all resolutions or parts of resolutions that are inconsistent with this Ordinance shall be and the same expressly are repealed.

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**DULY ENACTED AND ORDAINED**, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2006, by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Conewago, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, in lawful session duly assembled.

TOWNSHIP OF CONEWAGO,  
Dauphin County, Pennsylvania

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Vice) Chairman of the  
Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

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(Assistant) Secretary

(SEAL)

**CERTIFICATE**

I, the undersigned, Secretary of the Township of Conewago, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania (the “Township”), certify that: the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Ordinance No. 2006-4 of the Board of Supervisors of the Township (the “Board of Supervisors”) which duly was enacted by affirmative vote of a majority of all members of the Board of Supervisors at a meeting of the Board of Supervisors duly convened and held according to law on November 8, 2006, at which meeting a quorum was present; said Ordinance duly has been recorded in the Ordinance Book of the Township; said Ordinance duly has been published as required by law; and said Ordinance is in full force and effect, without amendment, alteration or repeal, as of the date of this certificate.

I further certify that the Board of Supervisors of the Township met the advance notice and public comment requirements of the Sunshine Act, 65 Pa.C.S. Ch. 7, by advertising said meeting, by posting prominently a notice of said meeting at the principal office of the Township or at the public building in which said meeting was held, and by providing a reasonable opportunity for public comment at said meeting, all in accordance with such Act.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I set my hand and affix the official seal of the Township, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_.

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Secretary

(SEAL)