

*Township of Cinnaminson, NJ
Thursday, April 22, 2021*

Chapter 459. Sump Pumps and Drainage Devices

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Cinnaminson 7-15-1992 by Ord. No. 1992-12 (Sec. 1.120 of the 1995 Code). Amendments noted where applicable.]

GENERAL REFERENCES

Stormwater control — See Ch. **444**.
Stormwater management — See Ch. **446**.
Sewer connections — See Ch. 605.

§ 459-1. Findings; approval required.

[Amended 2-18-2004 by Ord. No. 2004-4]

- A. The Township of Cinnaminson ("Township") finds that the reduction of the amount of extraneous flow to its sanitary sewer system is an important public concern and is necessary in order to comply with the New Jersey Pollution Discharge Elimination System ("NJPDES") permit issued to the Township of Cinnaminson Sewerage Authority ("Sewerage Authority"). A portion of this extraneous flow enters the sanitary system via sump pumps, roof drains and other drainage devices connected directly to the Sewerage Authority's sanitary sewer system.
- B. The Township also finds that control and prohibition of sump pump discharges onto sidewalks, streets and roads of the Township is important to the protection of public health and safety. Extraneous and uncontrolled discharges from sump pumps have resulted in water ponding on the surfaces of sidewalks, streets and roads of the Township, which, during certain times of the year, freezes causing a substantial hazard to both vehicles and pedestrians. In addition, extraneous flow from sump pump discharge has the potential to enter the Township's stormwater collection system, through a number of possible entry points, including manholes and catch basins, which if the sump pump discharge has become contaminated with oil, grease or other pollutants, creates the potential for violation of the Township's NJPDES permit parameters. For all these reasons, the Township finds and declares it to be in the best interest of the citizens of the Township that uncontrolled sump pump discharge to sidewalks, streets and roads within the Township be prohibited. Accordingly, any sump pump discharge to sidewalks, streets and roads within the Township is prohibited and is subject to prosecution in accordance with this chapter.
- C. For the purpose of this chapter, a "direct connection" is one that is intentionally installed in a manner which allows extraneous flow to enter the sanitary sewer system by piping connected to the sanitary sewer lines from any building or lot. No industrial waste shall be deposited or permitted to enter the sanitary sewer system except upon application to and approval by the Sewerage Authority.

§ 459-2. Title.

The title of this chapter shall be "Sump Pumps, Roof Drains or Any Other Drainage Devices."

§ 459-3. Requirements.

[Amended 2-18-2004 by Ord. No. 2004-4]

A. Transfer of ownership.

- (1) The Township shall require a regulatory compliance certificate from the office of the Cinnaminson Sewerage Authority on any sale or transfer of property to ensure that extraneous flow is not entering the Sewerage Authority's sanitary sewer system, or being discharged to Township sidewalks, streets or roads. Said regulatory compliance certificate, upon issuance, must be presented to the purchaser or transferee of the property in question.
- (2) An inspection of said properties will be conducted by a representative of the Sewerage Authority before the regulatory compliance certificate is issued. It shall be the responsibility of the property owner to schedule an inspection with the office of the Sewerage Authority.
- (3) Should this inspection result in the discovery of sump pumps, roof drains and/or any other drainage devices connected directly to the Sewerage Authority's sanitary sewer system, or being discharged onto Township sidewalks, streets or roads, the regulatory compliance certificate will not be issued.
- (4) An approval shall only be issued if these connections are permanently removed from the Sewerage Authority's sanitary system in a manner approved by the Sewerage Authority, and such removal requires a plumbing permit and inspection by the Plumbing Subcode Official, or at the owner's expense plumb the discharge such that any and all flow originating from the sump pump is either:
 - (a) Retained on the property where the sump pump is located; or
 - (b) Discharged directly to the Township's existing stormwater collection system after obtaining the proper permits.
- (5) If conditions preclude the immediate disconnection of the disallowed flow, an approved cash guaranty, escrow, bond or letter of credit, in the amount of \$1,000, shall be posted with the Authority to guarantee the completion of said work. Upon the posting of the guaranty, the Sewerage Authority shall issue the regulatory compliance certificate. Any cash guaranty, with accrued interest, will be released to the property owner upon inspection and approval by the Sewerage Authority or if an approved or acceptable bond or letter of credit is posted, the same shall be released. If the disconnection is not accomplished within a six-month period, then the owner shall forfeit the bond and the Authority will complete the work.

B. All properties regardless of transfer status.

- (1) The owner of any property or building with a sump pump shall, at the owner's sole cost and expense, plumb the discharge such that any and all flow originating from that sump pump is either retained on the property where the sump pump is located or discharged directly to the Township's existing stormwater collection system. For purposes of this chapter, if the owner elects to retain the sump pump discharge on the property where the sump pump is located, the owner must do so in a way that does not cause or create any ponding of water on, or flooding of, any neighboring property, even if that neighboring property is owned by the same person subject to the requirements of this chapter. In addition, for purposes of this chapter if the owner elects to connect the sump pump directly to the Township's existing stormwater collection system, the owner must obtain from the Township's Building Department a permit to make such interconnection, which permit or approval may be withheld by the Township at its sole discretion in the event the Township's Building Department finds that such an interconnection causes or creates a public health or safety hazard or a potential that the direct discharge will result in the violation of the Township's NJPDES permit.
- (2) For properties with sump pumps installed and operating prior to the effective date of this chapter, the owner of the property subject to the requirements of this chapter, shall comply with Subsection **B(1)** within six months of the effective date. The Township may mandate a

property owner comply with this chapter prior to the six-month deadline, if it determines that the flow from that property is jeopardizing the public safety and welfare.

- (3) The Township shall inspect properties with sump pumps after the six-month period has expired to determine whether this article has been complied with. If access is not voluntarily obtained from the property owner or tenant therein, application may be made to the Superior Court for permission to gain necessary access to make the inspection to determine whether sump pump flow is discharged onto Township sidewalks, streets and/or roads.
- C. Initial inspection. The Sewerage Authority shall, prior to December 31, 1993, provide a representative to make a survey of every property to determine whether the property has any sump pump, downspout or other drainage device located thereon. The survey shall consist of examinations of the exterior of the building and, if necessary, the interior to ascertain the presence of sump pumps or other drains into the sewerage system. If access is not voluntarily obtained from the property owner or tenant therein, application shall be made to the Superior Court for permission to gain the necessary access to make the appropriate survey to determine whether subsoil drains or roof drains are connected to the system in violation of the New Jersey State Plumbing Code 13.1.5.a, 13.1.5.b or 13.1.5.c or 13.5.

§ 459-4. Violations and penalties.

[Amended 2-18-2004 by Ord. No. 2004-4]

Any person violating any provision of this chapter shall be subject to a fine not exceeding \$1,250, imprisonment for a term not to exceed 90 days; or community service for a period not exceeding 90 days; in the discretion of the court. A separate offense shall be committed for each day during which a violation occurs or continues.