

**Mt. Joy Township
Public Hearing**

An Ordinance of the Township of Mount Joy, Adams County, PA, amending Chapter 68 (Septic Systems) of the Code of Ordinances to add a new Article II (Sewage Management District) to establish a Sewage Management District in the Township, providing definitions of terms, authorizing inspections of properties, requiring the periodic pumping of septic systems, and providing penalties for violation of the ordinance.

**Thursday, November 4, 2010
8:00 p.m.**

Meeting Minutes

Present: Board Chairman - John Gormont; Supervisors - David Updyke, Gilbert Clark, Michael Gearhart, Robert Rhodes;
Solicitor – Susan Smith, Esq.; Secretary/Treasurer - Susan Harbin

4 Number of Residents Signed Attendance Sheet for this meeting.

The Mount Joy Township Board of Supervisors met this date, as publicly advertised, at the Mount Joy Township Building located at 902 Hoffman Home Rd., Gettysburg, PA 17325.

Item/Topic	Discussion	Action/Resolution	Follow Up/ Date
Call to Order	Public Hearing Meeting, duly advertised, opened at 8:00pm to review Ordinance No. 2010-05. Chairman John Gormont presiding.		
Ordinance of the Township of Mount Joy, Adams County, PA, amending Chapter 68 (Septic Systems) of the Code of Ordinances to add	1. Copy of draft attached. 2. Copy of proposed changes to the ordinance on page 5, Article II, §68.9. Maintenance, C. Changes, language added: A. ... to the Township containing at the minimum		

<p>a new Article II (Sewage Management District) to establish a Sewage Management District in the Township, providing definitions of terms, authorizing inspections of properties, requiring the periodic pumping of septic systems, and providing penalties for violation of the ordinance.</p>	<p>the following information: B. As it deems necessary upon review of a written statement, the Township will direct the matter to the SEO for further action.</p>		
<p>Pubic Comments 1. Brenda Herring</p>	<p>Ms. Herring asked who is the SEO for Mt. Joy Township and if septic tanks will need to be pumped every year. Supervisor Gormont explained that KPI Technology currently handles SEO work for the twp. He also clarified that a septic tank will only be required to be pumped if it is over 1/3 full of solids. An inspection will still be necessary to verify condition of septic and proof of inspection sent to the twp. This program is a part of ACT 537 and mandated by the Dept. of Environmental Protection (DEP). If the homeowner does not comply and does not get septic pumped, a stiff penalty will be charged for negligence.</p>	<p>A form will be sent out with a letter of explanation, stating that the resident's septic needs to be pumped during a specific year.</p>	
<p>2. Eileen Holmes</p>	<p>Ms. Holmes asked how the twp will verify this process. Supervisor Gormont clarified that a written statement from the inspector of a certified septic pumping company will need to be sent to the twp office. The twp Zoning Officer will review the information and document.</p>		
<p>Public Comment Section Closed</p>	<p>Public comments closed, 8:20 pm</p>		
<p>Further Discussion</p>		<p>Mr. Updyke moved, seconded by Mr. Rhodes , to adopt Ordinance 2010-05, Ordinance of the Township of Mount Joy, Adams County, PA,</p>	

		<p>amending Chapter 68 (Septic Systems) of the Code of Ordinances to add a new Article II (Sewage Management District) to establish a Sewage Management District in the Township, providing definitions of terms, authorizing inspections of properties, requiring the periodic pumping of septic systems, and providing penalties for violation of the ordinance, with noted changes. Motion carried unanimously.</p>	
Public Hearing Closed	Public Hearing closed at 8:23 p.m.		

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan C. Harbin
Secretary/Treasurer