

Ordinance
No. 21

An Ordinance to regulate and govern the installation of all plumbing, sewage disposal and drain lating on private and public property; to provide for the issuance of permits and fees for the same; to provide for inspections and to provide penalties for violations.

Section 1.

Be it enacted and ordained by The Commissioners of Leonardtown, that immediately after a sanitary public sewer line or system of sewers has been completely installed within the corporate limits of Leonardtown, and the same is ready to receive, collect, transmit and dispose of sewage, the owner of every building intended for human habitation or occupancy on premises abutting on a street or alley in which there is a public sewer line, or abutting on the public sewer line, shall, when notified by the Commissioners of Leonardtown, or their duly authorized agent or representative, as hereinafter provided, at their own cost and expense, make connection with said sewer in a manner as hereinafter provided, and shall use the same for the purpose of household sewage, industrial or other polluted wastes, with the exception of roof waters and other storm or surface water, and shall clean out and abandon their respective privies, privy-sinks or vaults, ceptic tanks, cess pools and all other unsanitary or inadequate receptacles or sewage disposal arrangements.

Section 2.

Be it further enacted and ordained by the authority aforesaid, that after written notice sent to any owner of any dwelling house or building in the corporate limits of Leonardtown, and if the owner or his address is unknown the notice shall be sent to the agent or other fiduciary or representative of the

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owner or the occupant of the said building or dwelling, said notice to be sufficient if duly posted to said owner, agent, fiduciary, representative or occupant, requiring, him, her, them or it to make sewage connection to the public sewage system of Leonardtown for the purpose of transmitting the sewage from his, her, their, or its house, dwelling or building, and that the same shall be done within the time set forth in the said notice; but no person, firm, or corporation, shall make any of said connections unless a permit so to do shall have been first obtained from the Commissioners of Leonardtown, a charge of \$_____, shall be made for each permit granted; and provided that the work of connecting to said system shall be done under the supervision and inspection of a licensed master plumber and the connecting system shall be so designed, constructed and maintained as to conduct the waste water or sewage quickly from the fixtures to the places of disposal with velocities which will guard against fouling, clogging and the deposit of solids, and to provide for all other assurances of sanitation.

Section 3.

And be it further enacted and ordained by the authority aforesaid, that upon the failure of any owner of any building or dwelling, as provided in the preceeding sections, to make sewage connections as therein provided, within the time set forth in the notices, provided for in the preceeding sections, the Commissioners of Leonardtown may assess a penalty of \$_____ per day, for every day that the default shall continue, against said owner and the same shall be a lien upon his property and collectable in accordance with the provisions of Section 103

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of Article 19 of the Public Local Laws for St. Mary's County, Maryland, for the collection of taxes levied and assessed by the Commissioners of Leonardtown; and any person failing to discontinue the use of any privy, privy-sink or vault, ceptic tank or cesspool after having been notified so to do by the Commissioners of Leonardtown shall upon conviction, be subject to a fine of not less than \$5.00 and costs, nor more than \$50.00 and costs, or imprisonment in the St. Mary's County jail, in default of payment of the fine and costs, for a period not exceeding Fifty days nor less than Five days, or until discharged in due course of law.

Section 4.

And be it further enacted and ordained by the authority aforesaid that the Commissioners of Leonardtown shall provide for each and every separately developed lot abutting upon any street or alley in which a public sewer line is laid a sewer connection which shall be extended from said sewer line to the property line of the abutting lot, said connection to be constructed by and at the expense of the Commissioners of Leonardtown.

Section 5.

And be it further enacted and ordained by the authority aforesaid, that the charges and rates for the use and services of the said sewage system, which shall cover the maintenance, repairing, operating, overhead expenses and proper depreciation allowance thereof, by the owners of each and every building of every kind, dwelling house and premises connected thereto, or to be connected thereto, shall be as follows:

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Section 6.

Be it further enacted and ordained by the authority aforesaid that this ordinance shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Passed by the Commissioners of Leonardtown this 1st day of February, 1939.

J. Richard Norris CLERK

Approved this 1st day of February, 1939

Stephen M. Jones
PRESIDENT, COMMISSIONERS OF LEONARDTOWN