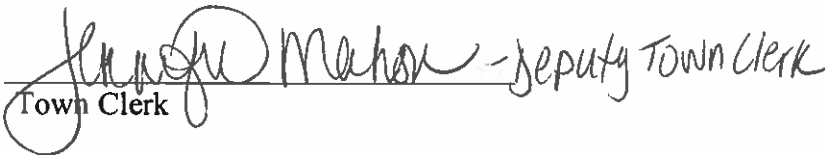


TOWN OF HAMPDEN
STORM DRAIN CONNECTION ORDINANCE

Adopted: November 1, 2021
Effective: December 1, 2021

Attest:  - Deputy Town Clerk
Town Clerk

1 Purpose and Applicability

1.1 Purpose. This Ordinance is to promote the public health, safety, and general welfare by establishing requirements and procedures to control the adverse impacts associated with stormwater runoff within the Town of Hampden.

1.2 Applicability. This Ordinance shall apply to:

- A. Developments with private storm drains that connect to a stormwater system owned and maintained by the Town of Hampden, and;
- B. The construction and reconstruction of all private storm drains that connect to a stormwater system owned and maintained by the Town of Hampden.

1.3 Interpretation

1.3.1 Interpretation. Nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed to prevent the construction of stormwater systems which meet higher standards or use improved methods or materials of equivalent or higher quality.

1.4 Repeal of Resolution

1.4.1 Repeal of Resolution. This Ordinance shall repeal the *Resolution on Cellar Drains* effective March 16, 1992.

1.5 Conflict with Ordinance

1.5.1 Conflict with Ordinance. This Ordinance shall in no way circumvent, impair, or remove the necessity of compliance with any other rule, regulation, bylaw, permit, or provision of law.

2 Definitions

For the purpose of this Ordinance, the following shall mean:

Backflow Preventer – A device that prevents the undesirable reversal of flow of a liquid, gas, or suspended solid in a storm drain piping system.

Connection – Any physical connection or potential connection whereby the public stormwater system is connected, directly or indirectly, with a private storm drain.

Illicit Connection – Any manmade conveyance connecting an illicit discharge directly to a municipal separate storm drainage system.

Storm Drain or Storm Sewer – A piping system which carries storm and surface waters and drainage but excludes sewage and industrial waste.

Stormwater System – The constructed and natural facilities used or required for the management, collection, conveyance, temporary storage, control, monitoring, treatment, use, and disposal of stormwater.

Closed System – A closed drainage system uses pipes and catch basins to convey stormwater to detention areas or other discharge locations.

Open System – An open drainage system uses swales, ditches, culverts, and open channels to convey stormwater to detention areas or other discharge locations.

3 Requirements

3.1 Backflow Preventer. A backflow preventer shall be installed on all private storm drain systems that connect to a stormwater system owned and maintained by the Town of Hampden.

3.2 Installation and Maintenance. The installation and maintenance of a backflow preventer and private storm drain shall be at the expense of the property owner and/or developer.

4 Prohibitions and Noncompliance

4.1 Prohibitions. The following types of connections are prohibited:

- A. The construction, use, maintenance, or continued existence of a private storm drain connection to a public stormwater system without the required backflow preventer as stated in this Ordinance.
- B. This prohibition expressly includes, without limitation, private storm drain connections made in the past, regardless of whether the connection was permissible under law or practices applicable or prevailing at the time of connection.
- C. Illicit connections to sewer lines as defined in the *Town of Hampden Sewer Ordinance*.

4.2 Noncompliance. It is the responsibility of the property owner and/or developer to comply with the requirements of this Ordinance. Therefore, the property owner and/or developer assumes liability for all damage resultant from a private storm drain system found in noncompliance with this Ordinance.