

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 462 Session of
2007

INTRODUCED BY M. WHITE, GREENLEAF, RAFFERTY, D. WHITE, DINNIMAN
AND ARMSTRONG, MARCH 15, 2007

REFERRED TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT, MARCH 15, 2007

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of February 1, 1966 (1965 P.L.1656, No.581),
2 entitled "An act concerning boroughs, and revising, amending
3 and consolidating the law relating to boroughs," further
4 providing for ordinances to require sewer connections.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. Section 2051 of the act of February 1, 1966 (1965
8 P.L.1656, No.581), known as The Borough Code, is amended to
9 read:

10 Section 2051. Ordinances to Require Sewer Connections.--
11 [Any] (a) Except as set forth in subsection (b), any borough
12 may, by ordinance, require any owner of property, benefited,
13 improved or accommodated by a sanitary sewer, to make
14 connections with such sanitary sewer, in such manner as the
15 borough may order, for the purpose of discharge of such drainage
16 or waste matter as the borough may specify. The borough may by
17 penalties enforce any regulation it may ordain with reference to
18 any sanitary sewer connections.

1 (b) An owner of a dwelling unit used by a member of a
2 recognized religious sect may file an application with the
3 borough to be exempted from the requirement to make connection
4 with the sanitary sewer as required under subsection (a). The
5 borough shall approve the application for exemption if it is
6 made in conformance with this subsection. The application must
7 state the manner the requirements of subsection (a) conflict
8 with the applicant's religious beliefs and shall include an
9 affidavit by the applicant stating that:

10 (1) The applicant is a member of a recognized religious
11 sect.

12 (2) The religious sect has established tenets or teachings
13 which conflict with the provisions of subsection (a).

14 (3) The applicant adheres to the established tenets or
15 teachings of the sect.

16 (4) The dwelling unit will be used solely as a residence for
17 the applicant or family member of the applicant.

18 Section 2. The provisions of 25 Pa. Code § 243.7 are
19 abrogated to the extent of any inconsistency with the amendment
20 of section 2051 of the act.

21 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.