

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-02

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GREENWICH, BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING GREENWICH TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE NO. 2004-6, BY AMENDING AND RESTATING SECTION 4. "STANDARDS FOR QUANTITY OF TEST WELLS AND WATER QUALITY"

BE IT ORDAINED and ENACTED by the Board of Supervisors of Greenwich Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by the authority of the same as follows:

SECTION 1. Greenwich Township Ordinance No. 2004-6, Section 4. "Standards for Quantity of Test Wells and Water Quality" is amended and restated as follows:

"Section 4. Standards for quantity of test wells and water quality.

Where individual on-lot water supply systems (private wells) are proposed to service a residential, commercial, industrial, or institutional subdivision and/or land development project requiring water usage equivalent to four (4) EDU's or less, the owner/subdivider/developer shall provide for a minimum of one (1) test well for the project. If the subdivision or land development project is proposed to be greater than four (4) lots or require more than four (4) EDU's, or if the subdivision or land development project is proposed to be expanded at some point after final plan approval, the number of test wells required shall equal the total number of lots or EDU's (whichever is greater) for the entire subdivision and/or land development project (including all previously approved and all newly proposed lots) divided by five (5). Any fractional number shall be rounded upward to the next higher number. For any tract previously subdivided after the effective date of this Ordinance, the number of previously drilled test wells shall be deducted as a credit toward the aforementioned requirement.

Such wells shall be drilled, cased and grout-sealed at least ten (10) feet into bedrock and shall have a production capacity in excess of five (5) gallons per minute for a period of not less than twenty-four (24) hours. In addition, the quality of the water produced by the test well shall be tested by a water quality laboratory certified by the Department of Environmental Protection of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to determine compliance with the current standards set forth by said Department for maximum containment limits.

In general, the test wells should be located up slope from containment sources and shall be a reasonably safe distance from said sources. Further, all

well casings shall be extended at least eight (8) inches above ground and well heads should be designated to prevent flooding from surface water runoff.

Should any of the test wells be abandoned, said well shall be sealed in accordance with accepted standards so as to prevent future contamination of the groundwater source.

Each test well should be located in such an area so as to be usable by one of the lots proposed for said subdivision."

SECTION 2. All Ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed insofar, but only insofar, as the same are inconsistent herewith.

SECTION 3. The provisions of this Ordinance are severable and if any provision or part thereof shall be held invalid, unconstitutional or inapplicable to any person or circumstances, such invalidity, unconstitutionality or inapplicability shall not effect or impair the remaining provisions or parts thereof, of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall take effect five (5) days subsequent to its passage.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Board of Supervisors of Greenwich Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania, in lawful session duly assembled, this 13th day of September, 2016.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF
GREENWICH TOWNSHIP, BERKS CO., PA



Victor Berger, Chairman

ATTEST:



Tara Jones, Secretary

Harry Hoppes, Supervisor



Alice Flyte, Supervisor