

PARADISE TOWNSHIP SEWER AUTHORITY
Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

RESOLUTION 2026- 06

A RESOLUTION AMENDING AND RESTATING THE
PARADISE TOWNSHIP SEWER AUTHORITY'S
INDIVIDUAL GRINDER PUMP MANAGEMENT PLAN;
ESTABLISHING OWNERSHIP, OPERATION,
MAINTENANCE, REPAIR, AND REPLACEMENT
RESPONSIBILITIES FOR INDIVIDUAL GRINDER PUMP
SYSTEMS; AND SUPERSEDING PRIOR PROVISIONS
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WHEREAS, This Authority owns and operates a complete sanitary sewage collection system, wastewater treatment plant and other related facilities in certain portions of Paradise Township, located in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, Certain properties within the Authority's service area utilize individual grinder pump systems to convey sanitary sewage from private properties to the Authority's public sewage collection system; and

WHEREAS, The Authority previously established an Individual Grinder Pump Management Plan to address the installation, ownership, operation, maintenance, and repair of individual grinder pump systems; and

WHEREAS, The Authority desires to revise its Individual Grinder Pump Management Plan to clarify the respective responsibilities of the Authority and individual property owners concerning the ownership, operation, maintenance, repair, and replacement of individual grinder pump systems; and

WHEREAS, The Authority intends to establish that individual grinder pump systems and their associated components located on private property shall be the responsibility of the respective property owner, including all costs associated with maintenance, repairs,

replacement, and general upkeep, except as otherwise expressly provided by the Authority;
and

WHEREAS, The Authority desires to formally adopt the revised Individual Grinder Pump Management Plan and establish consistent requirements for all applicable properties within its service area.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of this Authority, as follows:

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SECTION I - DEFINITIONS

Unless the context specifically and clearly indicates otherwise, the meaning of terms and phrases used in this Resolution shall be as follows:

A. "Authority" means Paradise Township Sewer Authority (PTSA), a Pennsylvania municipality authority, acting by and through its Board or, in appropriate cases, acting by and through its authorized representatives.

B. "Improved Property" means any property upon which there is erected a structure intended for continuous or periodic habitation, occupancy or use by human beings or animals and from which structure Sanitary Sewage and/or Industrial Wastes shall be or may be discharged.

C. "Industrial Wastes" means any solid, liquid or gaseous substance or water-borne wastes or form of energy rejected or escaping in the course of any industrial, manufacturing, trade or business process or in the course of the development, recovery or processing of natural resources, as distinct from Sanitary Sewage.

D. "Owner" means any person vested with ownership, legal or equitable, sole or partial, of any Improved Property.

E. "Person" means any individual, partnership, company, association, society, corporation, trust, governmental body, political subdivision, municipality, municipality authority or other group or entity.

F. "Sanitary Sewage" means normal water-carried household and toilet wastes from any Improved Property.

G. "Sewage Collection System" means all facilities, as of any particular time, for collecting and transporting Sanitary Sewage and/or Industrial Wastes, acquired, constructed, owned and operated by this Authority.

H. "Sewage Disposal System" means all facilities, as of any particular time, for transporting, treating and disposing of Sanitary Sewage and/or Industrial Wastes, owned and operated by the Paradise Township.

I. "Sewer" means any pipe or conduit constituting a part of the Sewage Collection System used or usable for sewage collection purposes.

J. "User" means any person who contributes, causes, or permits the contribution of wastewater into the Authority's system, other than Domestic Dischargers.

SECTION II – INDIVIDUAL GRINDER PUMP MANAGEMENT PLAN

The following represents an outline of the management plan for individual grinder pumps to be utilized in the Authority service area.

Grinder Pump Systems

- A. The use of individual grinder pump systems will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis by the Authority. Where gravity collection systems are feasible, individual grinder pump units will not be considered acceptable.
- B. Where deemed appropriate, individual grinder pump systems may be installed by a property owner with the approval by the Authority.
- C. When a grinder pump system is proposed by a property owner, sufficient information must be submitted to the Authority to permit a thorough evaluation of the proposed system.
 - a. A complete list of requirements and process can be found at the *Specifications for Sanitary Sewer System Construction*.
- D. All grinder pump installations and low-pressure sewer systems must be inspected and approved by the Authority or its Authorized agent(s) prior to connection and disposal to the collection system.

Ownership and Maintenance

- A. All individual grinder pump systems, including the grinder pump, control panel, electrical components, valves, piping, and all associated appurtenances, shall be the property of the property owner, regardless of who provides or installs the original equipment.
- B. The property owner shall be solely responsible, at their own expense, for the inspection, operation, maintenance, repair, replacement, and general upkeep of the individual grinder pump system and all associated components. The Authority shall have no responsibility or obligation to maintain, repair, replace, or service any portion of an individual grinder pump system located on private property.
- C. The property owner shall be responsible for ensuring that the grinder pump system remains in proper operating condition and complies with applicable manufacturer recommendations and Authority requirements. Any failure, malfunction, or damage to the grinder pump system shall be corrected by the property owner in a timely manner at their sole expense.
- D. The Authority shall be responsible for the maintenance and operation of the public low-pressure sewer system and associated facilities dedicated to and accepted by the Authority in accordance with its regulations and procedures. Such responsibility shall not extend to individual grinder pump systems or associated components located on private property, regardless of whether an easement has been granted to the Authority.
- E. The Authority may, at its discretion, perform or arrange for emergency repairs to an individual grinder pump system when necessary to protect public health, safety, or the integrity of the public sewer system. Any such work shall not constitute an assumption of ownership or ongoing maintenance responsibility by the Authority, and all associated costs shall be the responsibility of the property owner, to the extent permitted by applicable law and Authority regulations.
- F. The property owner shall provide the Authority or its authorized representative reasonable access to the grinder pump system when necessary to inspect, investigate, or address conditions affecting the public sewer system.

SECTION III - REPEALER

All other resolutions or parts of resolutions inconsistent herewith expressly are repealed.

SECTION IV - INCONSISTENT AGREEMENTS

The Authority User charge system shall take precedence over any terms or conditions of agreements or contracts between the Authority and Users.

ADOPTED this 5th day of October, 2026.

ATTEST:

Kaitlyn Jones
(Asst) Secretary

PARADISE TOWNSHIPSEWER AUTHORITY

Brian Groff
Brian Groff - Chairman

CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned, Secretary of Paradise Township Sewer Authority (the "Authority"), certify: that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution which duly was adopted by affirmative vote of a majority of all members of the Board of the Authority at a meeting of said Board duly convened and held according to law on December 9, 2025, at which meeting a quorum was present; that said Resolution duly has been recorded in the minutes of the Board of the Authority; and that said Resolution is in full force and effect, without amendment, alteration or repeal, as of the date of this Certificate.

I further certify that the Board of the Authority met the advance notice and public comment requirements of the Sunshine Act, 65 Pa.C.S. Ch. 7, by advertising said meeting, by posting prominently a notice of said meeting at the principal office of the Authority or at the public building in which said meeting was held, and by providing a reasonable opportunity for public comment at said meeting, all in accordance with such Act.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I set my hand and affix the official seal of the Authority, this 5th day of October, 2026.

Kaitlyn Jones
(Asst) Secretary