

Chapter 179

WATER CONSERVATION

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Chester Heights 10-7-1991 by Ord. No. 118. Amendments noted where applicable.]

GENERAL REFERENCES

Building construction — See Ch. 61.

Plumbing — See Ch. 135.

Sewers — See Ch. 149.

Utility poles, wires and lines — See Ch. 171.

§ 179-1. Establishment of policy; applicability.

No water shall be provided for internal or external use to any residential, commercial, industrial, agricultural, recreational, governmental, or public building or structure of any kind which is constructed or remodeled and in which plumbing, water piping or water fixtures are to be installed, extended or altered in any way, and for which construction a permit is required to be obtained from Chester Heights Borough (or would be required but for an exemption from a permit requirement for public or governmental agencies) unless the new, extended or altered plumbing, water piping and other water using fixtures therein conform to the requirements and standards of § 179-2 of this chapter. The provisions of this chapter shall apply to any such building or structure for which such a building permit is issued, or would otherwise be required to be issued but for such an exemption, on or after December 31, 1991.

§ 179-2. Standards for plumbing fixtures and fittings.

- A. Water closets and associated flushing mechanisms. The water consumption of water closets shall not exceed an average of 1.6 gallons per flush cycle over a range of test pressures from 20 to 80 psi. The fixture shall perform in accordance with the test requirements of the ANSI A112.19.2M and ANSI A112.19.6M.
- B. Urinals and associated flushing mechanisms. Urinal water consumption shall not exceed an average of 1.5 gallons per flush cycle over a range of test pressures from 20 to 80 psi. The fixtures shall perform in accordance with the test requirements of ANSI A112.19.2M and ANSI A112.19.6M.
- C. Showerheads. Showerhead discharge rates shall not exceed 3.0 gallons of water per minute over a range of test pressures from 20 to 80 psi. The fixture shall perform in accordance with the test requirements of ANSI A112.18.1M.
- D. Faucets. Sink and lavatory faucet discharge rates shall not exceed 3.0 gallons of water per minute over a range of test pressures from 20 to 80 psi. The fixture shall perform in accordance with the test requirements of ANSI A112.18.1M.

§ 179-3. Exceptions; application for exemption required.

- A. Special purpose equipment. The performance standards of § 179-2 shall not apply to fixtures and fittings such as emergency showers, aspirator faucets, and blowout fixtures that, in order to perform a specialized function, cannot meet with specified standards.
- B. Exemptions. Any person(s) may apply to the Borough of Chester Heights for an exemption to the terms of this chapter, which may be granted by the Borough Council, upon proof that some other device, system or procedure will save as much or more water as those set forth herein, or that those set forth herein cannot be complied with, without undue hardship.

§ 179-4. Review and modification of standards.

The Borough Council may, from time to time, modify, add to, or remove from the standards and restrictions herein.

§ 179-5. Violations and penalties.

It shall be a misdemeanor for any person to use or apply water within the Borough of Chester Heights contrary to or in violation of the restrictions herein, and upon conviction thereof, such persons shall be punished by being imprisoned in the county jail for not more than 30 days or by fine of not more than \$300 per day or by both such fine and imprisonment. Notice of violation shall be given in writing to the landowner and the permit holder. Said fine to begin from the time written notice is given.

§ 179-6. Enforcement.

The Plumbing Inspector shall be responsible for the enforcement of this chapter. Notice of violation shall be in writing and shall be deemed to begin when delivered in person or sent by United States mail. Notice shall be deemed to have been received three days after deposit in the mail, if sent by United States mail.