

Chapter 117

PLUMBING AND SEWERS

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[HISTORY: Adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Kensington 11-20-68 as Art. 3 of Ch. 3 of Part II of the Code of Ordinances (1968). Amendments noted where applicable.]

GENERAL REFERENCES

Building construction — See Ch. 64.
Licenses and permits — See Ch. 91.

§ 117-1. Scope.

This chapter shall apply to all plumbing work hereafter performed in the Village of Kensington, including but not limited to plumbing work in new buildings, plumbing work in the alteration of existing buildings, the replacement or rearrangement of existing plumbing, construction and reconstruction of cesspools, septic tanks and other facilities for the disposal of sanitary sewage and house wastes and connections with the public sewer of Great Neck Sewer District.

§ 117-2. Licensed plumber required.

All plumbing work shall be performed by or under the direct supervision of a plumber holding a certificate of competency from the Town of North Hempstead. The plumber having such supervision shall be responsible for compliance with this chapter even though he does not personally perform the work.

§ 117-3. Permit required; application. [Amended 5-17-89 by L.L. No. 10-1989]

No plumbing work shall be performed unless a written application describing the proposed work in detail has been submitted to the Building Inspector and the required fee paid and a permit therefor has been issued by the Building Inspector. Where the work is included under an application for which a building permit is required, no separate application or permit or fee is required under this chapter, but the building permit shall be deemed to cover the plumbing work. In all other cases, a separate application must be made and fee paid in the sum provided by law and a permit issued.

§ 117-4. Performance of work.

All work shall be performed in good and workmanlike manner to the satisfaction of the Building Inspector or such approving authority as may, from time to time, be designated by the Board of Trustees, and in conformity with the requirements of this chapter, the State Building Construction Code and Manual and any other applicable village ordinances and, in case of sewer connections, in conformity with any applicable ordinances of the County of Nassau or rules, regulations and requirements of the Great Neck Sewer District of the County of Nassau.

§ 117-5. Sewer connections; specifications.

In addition to all other requirements, the following regulations shall apply to connections with the public sewer of the Great Neck Sewer District of the County of Nassau:

- A. Number of connections required. Every building, other than accessory buildings incidental to the principal building or structure on each parcel of property, shall have a separate connection with the public sewer, except that in the case of real estate developments containing one (1) or more private streets supplied with lateral sewers privately constructed, each building other than accessory buildings incidental to the principal building or structure on each parcel of property shall have a separate connection either with such lateral sewer or with the public sewer.
- B. House sewers. House sewers shall be laid solidly on a true grade of not less than one-fourth ($\frac{1}{4}$) on an inch per foot. They shall be laid in a straight line. Changes in direction, if necessary, shall be made with proper fittings and all connections made with wye branches and one-eighth or one-sixteenth bends. House sewers shall be covered to a depth of at least two (2) feet with well-rammed fine earth free from stones and rubbish.
- C. Materials. The house sewer shall not be less than five (5) inches' diameter extra-heavy cast-iron pipe or not less than five (5) inches' diameter asbestos-cement building sewer pipe except that the first-length projection from the house must be cast iron.
- D. Joints and connections.
- (1) For cast-iron pipe, all joints shall be firmly packed with oakum or hemp and shall be secured only with pure molten lead, not less than one (1) inch deep, well caulked.
 - (2) For asbestos-cement pipe, all joints shall be made with the standard couplings and rubber sealing rings under compression and be made in strict accordance with the manufacturer's standards and recommendations.
- E. Traps. An iron running trap shall be placed in the house drain near the front wall of the house and on the sewer side of all connections. If placed outside the house or below the cellar floor, it must be made accessible by a brick manhole, the walls of which shall be at least eight (8) inches thick, and provided with an iron manhole cover. When outside the house, it shall,

in no case, be less than three (3) feet six (6) inches below the surface of the ground. Where fixtures are less than three (3) feet above the public sewer in the street, an approved backwater valve shall be installed. A five-inch-by-four-inch extra-heavy cast-iron wye shall be placed inside the foundation wall and before the house trap. In slab floor or cellarless types of construction, the wye shall be placed outside the house in a pit as described in this subsection.

- F. **Cleanouts.** Cleanouts shall be constructed where required by the Building Inspector.
- G. **Grease traps.** Grease traps shall be installed as required by the Building Inspector. All connections with grease traps must be of not less than three-inch cast-iron pipe from the sink to the grease trap and of not less than four-inch cast-iron pipe from the grease trap to the house drain.
- H. **Vents.** A fresh-air inlet pipe shall be connected to the house drain just inside the house trap and extended to the outer air, terminating with open end at least eighteen (18) inches above the finished grade at the most available point. The fresh-air inlet pipe shall be at least one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) the diameter of the house drain, but in no case shall the fresh-air inlet pipe be less than four (4) inches in diameter, and such pipe shall be protected by a perforated plate. No vent caps shall be permitted and the fresh-air inlet pipe shall terminate with a return bend or a fresh-air plate. No curb box or similar device with grating placed in a sidewalk or sidewalk area will be permitted for fresh-air inlets. No building shall be permitted to make any connections with the public sewer unless the building has a soil line extending to a point above the roof and which is properly vented.
- I. **Use.** [Amended 7-19-89 by L.L. No. 14-1989]
- (1) No gutters, house leaders, floor drains or garage floor drains shall be connected to a sanitary sewer or storm sewer, directly or indirectly, and no surface water will be admitted to the sanitary sewer. No sanitary sewer connection shall be made or used except for the purpose of carrying off wastes from sinks, bathtubs, lavatories, set tubs and waterclosets.

- (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsection I(1), the Board of Trustees may, during a period of time to be established by resolution of the Board, but no later than September 30, 1989, permit gutters, house leaders, catch basins, dry wells or other stormwater collection or dispersal devices or apparatus to be connected to the storm sewer, subject to reasonable conditions which may be imposed by the Board.
- J. Exceptions. Where, at the date of adoption of this chapter, house sewer lines existed which conformed to the requirements of applicable village ordinances at the time of installation, in order to replace such house sewers with connections conforming to this section, the Building Inspector may permit such house sewer lines, or such portions thereof as he may determine, to remain, and only the new work need comply with the requirements of this section, provided that such method of connection meets the requirements of the Great Neck Sewer District of the County of Nassau.

§ 117-6. Compulsory connections.

The Board of Trustees may from time to time require the owner or occupant of any or all property fronting or abutting on any street or portion thereof to make and lay connection pipes to and from the public sewer in said streets within such time and in such manner as the Board may prescribe. If any such owner or occupant shall fail to make said connections within the time specified, the Board may make, extend and complete the same, and for such purpose may enter upon said property and any buildings constructed thereon; and the cost of the work, including all labor done and material used and the reasonable cost of engineering supervision and overhead, shall be assessed upon each respective parcel of property and shall be collected in the same manner as assessments for local improvements in accordance with village law.

§ 117-7. Certificate of compliance.

No plumbing work or sewer installation or connection shall be put into use or operation until a certificate of compliance shall have been issued by the Building Inspector, upon written application therefor, certifying that such work has been completed in conformity with the provisions of this chapter.

§ 117-8. Penalties for offenses. [Amended 5-17-89 by L.L. No. 1-1989]

Each person who violates any provision of this chapter shall, for each and every day that said violation continues, be subject to a fine of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.) or imprisonment for a period not to exceed six (6) months, or both such fine and imprisonment.