ORDINANCE NO. 2005

An ordinance of the city of Kent, in relation to the sewage and drainage of private premises, prescribing the method by which and the manner in which lateral sewer connections may be made, and publick sewers opened and penetrated, and providing penalties for its violation.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENT DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section I. The health officer of the City of Kent, is hereby empowered and it is hereby made his duty, in all cases where there is a publick sewer contiguous or approximate to any platted land upon which there buildings within 150 feet of such sewer, or unplatted lands having buildings within 200 feet of such sewer, whenever the publick health of the said city shall require it, to compell the owner or occupant of such land, buildings or premises to construct or cause to be constructed sufficient private drains or sewers to connect the said lands, buildings and premises and all water closets, vaults and cess pools or other receptacle for filth thereon or therin, with the said publick sewer at the nearest point, (unless the topography of the ground does not permit the practical connection to such sewer) which private sewers and drains shall be made and constructed in accordance with general regulations prescribed by the City Engineer, under his supervision and according to his directions, and of the most approved sewer pipe, to be inspected and passed upon by the said City Engineer.

Section 2. Whenever the public health shall require that any land, buildings or premises be connected with a public sewer as set forth in section I of this ordinance, the health officer of the city, shall serve a written notice upon the owner, occupant or agent, specifying the work to be done and the time for the completion of the same which shall be not less than ten days nor more than sixty days after the service of the notice, and if such owner or occupant shall fail to do or cause such work to be done according to the directions and in the time named in such notice, then the health officer may cause the same to be done, and make return to the City Clerk of the cost and expense of the same, who shall assess the same upon and against the said land, buildings or premises, and the same shall be collected and the lien thereof enforced against the said property as in case of street and other local improvements, and local improvement sewer districts.
Section 3. Whenever any private sewer pipe shall become broken, out of repair or obstructed, and the owner of the premises upon which such pipe is located shall fail to have the same repaired, renewed, removed or cleaned for a period of ten days after notice from the health officer to do or cause such work to be done, the health officer shall have the authority to cause such repairs, renewal, or cleaning of the said pipe as in his judgment may be necessary, and the cost thereof shall be assessed against the said property and collected as provided in section 2 of this ordinance.

Section 4. The city health officer shall have the authority to go upon and enter and all premises and buildings, for the purpose of inspection the conditions of sewers and drains, and to order such changes therein as he shall find necessary to conform to the regulations and requirements of the City Ordinances, and to protect the public health.

Section 5. Any person desiring to connect his premises or buildings with a public sewer shall first make applications to the City Engineer, for a permit so to do, which application shall be accompanied by plans and specifications of the proposed private sewers and connections made out in duplicate, and upon his approval thereof the Engineer shall issue a permit to make such connections to the public sewer; and no such private sewer shall be connected to the public sewers in any case without compliance with the provisions of this section.

Section 6. All connections with public sewers shall be made under the supervision and according to the general regulations and directions of the City Engineer.

Section 7. All sewer work before being back filled shall be subject to inspection and approval of the City Engineer.

Section 8. The City Engineer shall make general regulations as to the materials to be used, the size of pipes, the manner and materials for making joints and connections, the grades for laying pipe, and
such other materials in relation to private sewers as he shall deem necessary, all of which regulations shall be submitted to and approved by the sewerage committee of the said City Council.

Section 9. Any and all excavations made in any street or alley in laying any sewer shall be properly protected and guarded day and night by proper barriers and signals, to avoid accidents to passersby; and all work shall be prosecuted with diligence, and completed as soon as is practicable under the surrounding circumstances and conditions; and all streets and other public places in which excavations are made or improvements disturbed, shall be immediately repaired and placed and left in as good conditions by the person making such sewer connections or laying such sewer pipe, as they were in before being disturbed, and all dirt, refuse and rubbish shall be by him cleared away immediately upon finishing such work.

Section 10. If work be improperly delayed or improperly done, the City Engineer shall have authority to complete the work, and make such changes and corrections therein as may be necessary, and the cost of the work so done under his authority shall be assessed against the property which is drained by the private sewer upon which the work is done and collected as provided in section 2 of this ordinance.

Section 11. It shall be unlawful for any person to injure, break, or remove any portion of any sewer pipe, manhole, light hole, flush tank or any part of the public sewers of the City of Kent.

Section 12. It shall be unlawful for any person to deposit any garbage, rubbish, dead animals or any substance having a tendency to obstruct the flow of sewage, in any manhole, pamphole, flush tank, opening in a sewer, water closet, urinal vault, cess pool or septic tank.

Section 13. Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction shall be fined not exceeding $100.00, or imprisoned not exceeding twenty days.