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 public sewers opened and penetrated, and providing penalties for its violation.

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

Section 1. The City health officer of the city of Kent is hereby empowered and it is hereby made his duty, in all cases where there is a public sewer contiguous or proximate to any platted land upon which there are buildings within 150 feet of such public sewer, or unplatted lands having buildings within 200 feet of such sewer, whenever the public health of such city shall require it, to compel 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 cesspools, or other receptacle for filth thereon or therein, with the said public sewer at the nearest practicable point, 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, such pipe to be inspected and passed upon by the City Engineer.

Section 2. Whenever the public health shall require that any land building or premises shall be connected with a public sewer as set forth in section 1 of this ordinance, the health officer of the City shall serve a written notice upon the owner, occupant, or agent of the owner, specifying the work to be done, and the time for the completion of the same, which shall not be 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 to cause said work to be done according to the directions and in the time mentioned in said 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, and the City Clerk shall thereupon assess the same upon and against the said land, buildings or premises, and the same shall be collected, and the lien thereof enforced.
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 to cause such work to be done, the health officer shall have the authority to cause such repairs, renewals, removals, or cleaning of the said pipes to be done as in his judgments 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. Any person desiring to connect his premises with a public sewer, shall first make application to the City Clerk for a permit to do, which application shall be accompanied by plans and specifications of the proposed private sewers and connections, made out in duplicate, and upon the approval thereof by the City Engineer, the Clerk shall issue a permit to make such connections to the public sewer, and no such private sewers shall be connected to the public sewers in any case without compliance with the provisions of this section.

Section 5. The City Health Officer shall have authority to go upon and enter any and all premises and buildings, for the purpose of inspecting 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 6. All connections with the public sewers shall be made under the supervision and according to the directions of the city engineer.

Section 7. All sewer work before being back filled shall be subject to the 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 of making and the materials to be used in making joints and connections, the grades for laying pipes and such other matters in relation to private sewers as he shall deem necessary, all of which regulations shall be submitted to add
approved by the sewerage committee of the 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 passers by. And all work shall be prosecuted with diligence, and completed as soon as practicable under the surrounding circumstances and conditions. All streets or other public places in which excavations are made or improvements disturbed, shall be immediately repaired and placed and left in as good condition, 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 the 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 shall be 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 or portion of any public sewer in the City.

Section 12. It shall be unlawful for any person to deposit any garbage, rubbish, dead animals, newspapers, or any other substance having a tendency to obstruct the flow of sewage, in any manhole, lamp hole, flush tank, opening in a sewer, water closet, prinal, vault, cess pool or septic tank, or other receptacle connected with the public sewers so as to discharge therein.

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 in any sum not exceeding one hundred dollars or imprisoned not more than twenty days.

Section 14. This ordinance shall take effect five days after its passage, approval and publication.
Passed the council March 4th, 1912.

Approved March 4th, 1912.

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Mayor

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City Clerk