

grams and the funding thereof, under said rules and regulations as the necessity therefor shall become apparent.

Said board shall, from time to time, conduct necessary studies and surveys to determine the need for the establishment of said programs and facilities as the needs of the Pennsylvania economy and such persons shall require.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 31st day of July, A. D. 1968.

RAYMOND P. SHAFER.

No. 281

AN ACT

HB 2252

Amending the act of June 24, 1931 (P. L. 1206), entitled "An act concerning townships of the first class; amending, revising, consolidating, and changing the law relating thereto," further regulating the establishment, construction and payment for sanitary sewers or drains.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Section 2401, act of June 24, 1931 (P. L. 1206), known as "The First Class Township Code," reenacted and amended May 27, 1949 (P. L. 1955), and amended June 28, 1951 (P. L. 596), is amended to read:

Section 2401. Power to Establish and Construct Sewers and Drains; Require Connections; Sewer Rentals.—Townships may establish and construct a system of sanitary sewers and drainage, locating the same, as far as practicable, [along and within the lines of the public streets and highways of the township, as seem] in the center of the street or on either side of the cartway or of the curb lines thereof in any street and may be for the service and use of properties on both sides of the street or on only one side of the street in which they are laid, as seems advisable to the commissioners. The township commissioners may permit, and, where necessary for the public health by ordinance, require any owner of property [abutting on or adjoin-

ing any street or highway, in which is a sewer,] benefited, improved or accommodated by sanitary sewers, to make connections with such sewer or drainage in such manner as the commissioners may order for the purpose of discharge of such drainage or waste matter as the commissioners may specify. The township commissioners may by penalties enforce any regulation they may ordain with reference to any sanitary sewer or drainage connections. All connections required shall be uniform. All persons so connecting may be required to pay, in addition to the cost of making such connections, a monthly or annual rate prescribed by ordinance. Such monthly or annual rate shall constitute a lien, until paid, against the property so connecting with such system, and the amount thereof may be recovered by due process of law. All water utilities supplying water to users within the boundaries of any township shall, at the request of the township commissioners, furnish to the township, on or before the fifteenth day of the month following the month during which bills are issued, a list of all water meter readings and flat-rate water bills and the basis for each flat-rate water charge, so that the data may be used in calculating a monthly or annual rate. The township is authorized and empowered to pay to such utilities, reasonable amounts for necessary clerical and other expenses incurred in the preparation of such lists. The term "sanitary sewer," as used in this article, shall mean and include a sewer used for receiving and collecting sewage matter and liquid waste from the inside of buildings and structures, and, in those townships where there shall be what is known as "combined sewers," receiving, in addition to such sewage and liquid waste from the inside of buildings and structures, storm, roof or surface drainage or any of them, the term "sanitary sewer," as used in this article, shall include such combined sewers.

Nothing in this section shall be construed to repeal or modify any of the provisions of the Public Utility Law.

Section 2. Section 2406 of the act, reenacted and amended May 27, 1949 (P. L. 1955), is amended to read:

Section 2406. Cost of Construction; How Paid.—The cost of construction of any system of sanitary sewers or drains, constructed by the authority of this subdivision of this act, may be charged upon the properties [accommodated or] benefited, improved or accommodated thereby to the extent of such benefits, or may be paid for wholly or partially by general taxation. Any amount not legally chargeable upon properties benefited, improved or accommodated shall be paid out of the general township fund.

Section 3. Section 2408 of the act, reenacted and amended May 27, 1949 (P. L. 1955), and amended January 18, 1968 (P. L. 960), is amended to read:

Section 2408. Manner of Assessment.—The charge for any such sewer system construction in any township shall be assessed upon the properties benefited, improved or accommodated [or benefited] in either of the following methods:

(a) By an assessment, pursuant to township ordinance, [of] against each lot or piece of land [in proportion to its frontage abutting on the sewer,] benefited, improved or accommodated by the sewer system according to the foot-front rule, allowing such reduction in the case of corner properties and unusually shaped properties or those properties [abutting on] benefited, improved or accommodated by more than one sanitary sewer as the ordinance may specify; the ordinance may provide for equitable assessments or adjustments when special conditions exist where an assessment for the full frontage would be unjust. The secretary of the township shall cause thirty days' notice of the assessment to be given to each party assessed, either by service on the owner or his agent, or left on the assessed premises. However, when the lot or piece of land is on a corner it shall be assessed for its entire frontage abutting on any sewer except when such property is a vacant lot or contains only a single family dwelling in which case it shall be assessed along the shorter frontage and assessed along the longer frontage abutting on a sewer, commencing at a point no closer to the corner than one hundred twenty-five feet. [No assessment by frontage shall be made on properties of such a character as not to be lawfully subject to such manner of assessment, and each abutting] When a township shall have determined to assess properties in proportion to frontage, any property benefited, improved or accommodated by the sanitary sewer which shall not be lawfully subject to such manner of assessment or as to which such manner of assessment shall not reasonably measure the benefit to such property, shall be assessed by the township in accordance with the method herein provided in subsection (b) of this section 2408, but each such benefited, improved or accommodated property shall be assessed with not less than the whole amount of the benefit accruing to it and legally assessable.

(b) By an assessment [upon] against the several properties [abut-

ting on the sewer in proportion to] benefited, improved or accommodated by the sanitary sewer to the extent of such benefits. The amount of the charge on each property shall be ascertained as provided in this act for the assessment of benefits.

When a township is divided into sewer districts, the assessment in each district may be by different methods.

APPROVED—The 31st day of July, A. D. 1968.

RAYMOND P. SHAFER.

No. 282

AN ACT

HB 2312

Amending the act of June 23, 1931 (P. L. 932), entitled "An act relating to cities of the third class; and amending, revising, and consolidating the law relating thereto," further providing for ambulances.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Clause 51 of section 2403, act of June 23, 1931 (P. L. 932), known as "The Third Class City Code," reenacted and amended June 28, 1951 (P. L. 662), amended November 22, 1967 (P. L. 536) is amended to read:

Section 2403. Specific Powers.—In addition to other powers granted by this act, the council of each city shall have power, by ordinance:

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51. Ambulances and Service; Maintenance.—To acquire, by purchase, gift or bequest, [and] or to operate and maintain [a motor] ambulances or ambulance service for the purposes of conveying sick and injured persons in the city and the vicinity to and from hospitals, or in lieu thereof, to hire a private ambulance service, and, for such purposes, to appropriate and expend moneys of the city. All appropriations of money heretofore made and contracts for hire of private ambulance service heretofore entered into by any city are hereby validated and confirmed.

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APPROVED—The 31st day of July, A. D. 1968.

RAYMOND P. SHAFER.