



**HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP
BEAVER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

REGULATIONS FOR DOCUMENTS OF CERTIFICATION

1. Application must be made at least thirty (30) days prior to settlement date.
2. Security for Temporary Document of Certification, if applicable, must be cash, money order or certified check.
3. Temporary Document of Certification may only be requested due to weather conditions between November 15 and April 1, as conditions warrant, and as approved by Hopewell Township.
4. Applications for Temporary Document of Certification **MUST** include an agreement signed by both purchaser and seller accompanied by Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) cash, money order, or certified check, assuring that the test will be completed when weather permits and that any deficiencies discovered will be corrected.
 - A. In cases where it is determined by Hopewell Township that it is unable to complete the certification process prior to a scheduled closing between a purchaser and a seller, the purchaser may apply for a Temporary Document of Certification upon the written agreement, to escrow from the real estate closing, the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) in favor of Hopewell Township, which funds are to be used to conduct the required testing and to correct any deficiencies and/or all violations found by Hopewell Township upon inspection.
 - B. Temporary Document of Certification shall expire after sixty (60) days from the date of issue, at which time the security shall be forfeited and Hopewell Township may use the security to complete the necessary dye testing and remedial work.
5. When an illegal connection or defective lateral has been discovered and the necessary remedial activities to correct such connection would require a length of time to create a practical hardship for the applicant, the applicant may apply to Hopewell Township for a Temporary Document of Certification which may only be issued when the applicant provides Hopewell Township with all of the following:
 - A. A bona fide executed Contract between the applicant and a registered, licensed plumber to complete the necessary remedial work and granting the Township to Hopewell the right and power to enforce the Contract;
 - B. Cash security in the amount of one hundred ten percent (110%) of the Contract price posted with Hopewell Township;
 - C. An agreement by the purchaser to be responsible for all cost overruns related to the remedial work, together with a license from the Purchaser to Hopewell Township, its agents, contractors, and employees to enter upon the property to complete the remedial work in case of default by the Contractor or the Applicant; and
 - D. Temporary Document of Certification shall expire after six (6) months from date of issue, at which time the security shall be forfeited and Hopewell Township may use the security to complete the necessary remedial work.
6. Documents of Certification are valid for five (5) years from date of issue. Hopewell Township shall, however, have the right to perform additional testing at its expense during said five (5) year period.



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7. **PLUMBER MUST BE REGISTERED AND LICENSED. ALL TESTING MUST BE DONE BY THE HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP REPRESENTATIVE.**
8. Testing may include, but not necessarily be limited to, any of the following, Hopewell Township having the right to require additional testing if the original testing is inconclusive:
 - A. Dye-testing at each downspout and area drain.
 - B. Dye-testing foundation drains by flooding or injection.
 - C. Smoke-testing public sewer and sewer lateral to the house trap.
 - D. Smoke-testing building drain on house side of trap.
 - E. Air-testing lateral.
 - F. Hydrostatic testing lateral.
 - G. Televising of main sewer and/or lateral sewer during periods of saturated ground and/or precipitation.
 - H. All testing shall be on a pass-fail basis with Hopewell Township having the right to reject any tests or test results which it feels are inconclusive or inaccurate.
9. The sewerage system shall be retested in the presence of the Hopewell Township Representative after any corrective action has been taken to demonstrate that the illegal connection/defect has been eliminated/repaired.