

§ 350-48 Oil and gas extraction.

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A.

Oil and gas extraction includes extraction of any oil or gas for sale or other commercial purpose which involves drilling or other means to remove such substance from the earth. The term "oil and gas" includes but is not limited to any crude oil, natural gas, methane gas and coalbed methane gas.

B.

All applicants for a zoning permit pursuant to this chapter shall comply with all state and federal regulations and provide copies of any permits issued by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or the U.S. government. Any activity permitted by this chapter shall be suspended upon the revocation or suspension of any permit issued by state or federal regulations. Upon submitting a completed application and paying the fee established in Subsection **F** herein, a zoning permit for oil and gas extraction will be issued. A zoning permit is a permit issued by Chartiers Township indicating that the applicant has registered the contemplated use with Chartiers Township.

C.

Any zoning permit issued pursuant to this chapter shall expire within one year of issuance unless substantial completion of the authorized activity has been completed.

D.

All applicants shall designate what roads will be used to construct, operate and maintain any activity authorized by this chapter and shall repair and maintain such roads in the condition such roads were in prior to use by applicant and shall post bonds to maintain any such Township roads in an amount to be determined by the Chartiers Township Board of Supervisors. Additionally, during oil and gas drilling activities, applicants shall provide for inspection, maintenance and temporary repair of such Township streets affected by the applicants' activities authorized by this chapter.

E.

Applicants shall promptly clean or remove mud, gravel or material deposited on any roads, streets or alleys by applicants' activities authorized by this chapter.

F.

All applicants submitting an application for a zoning permit for activities authorized by this chapter shall do so on an application form provided by Chartiers Township and shall submit an application fee in the amount of \$75.