

CHAPTER 97

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97.01 GENERAL.

1. **Connection to Sewer Required.** The owner of any house, building or property which is used for human occupancy, employment, recreation or other purposes, and abutting on any street, alley or right-of-way in which the POTW is available, is required, at the owner's expense, to install suitable wastewater disposal facilities and to connect such facilities directly to the POTW in accordance with the provisions of these Sanitary Sewer chapters within ninety (90) days after date of official notice to do so, provided that the POTW is within two hundred (200) feet (61 meters) of the property line, or otherwise required by the County Health Department. All wastewater from such houses, buildings or properties shall be discharged to the POTW. Any septic tanks, cesspools or similar wastewater disposal facilities shall, upon connection to the POTW, be emptied of wastes and refilled with suitable materials to prevent collapse. This shall not apply to any persons served by a privately owned, operated and maintained wastewater sewer and wastewater treatment facility which discharges directly to a natural outlet in accordance with the provisions of these Sanitary Sewer chapters and applicable state and federal laws.
2. **Disconnection From Sewer.** Whenever buildings are abandoned or demolished, the building sewer(s) shall be disconnected from the public sewer at the owner's expense, in a manner approved by the City, to adequately protect the POTW.
3. **Prohibitions.** It is unlawful for any person to place, deposit or permit to be deposited in any manner that creates a hazard or threat to human health or the environment upon public or private property within or under the jurisdiction of the City, any wastes, wastewater, garbage or material prohibited for discharge to the POTW.
4. **Discharges to Natural Outlets.** No person shall discharge without an NPDES permit (or pursuant to an exemption from NPDES requirements under applicable law) to any natural outlet within the City, or in any area under its jurisdiction, either directly or through a City storm sewer.
5. **Wastewater Disposal.** Except as provided in these Sanitary Sewer chapters, it is unlawful to construct or maintain any privy, privy vault, septic tank, cesspool or other facility intended or used for the disposal of wastewater.
6. **Further Requirements.** No statement contained in this section shall be construed to interfere with any additional requirements that may be imposed by health officials or other applicable authorities.

97.02 ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGES. Each user shall have the responsibility to protect the POTW from accidental discharge of prohibited materials or other regulated substances. Where required by the Director of Public Works, facilities to prevent accidental discharge of prohibited materials shall be provided and maintained at the owner's or user's expense with detailed plans of such facility available to the City for review and approval prior to construction. The Director of Public Works shall have the authority to require any industrial user to submit a Spill/Slug Control Plan when in the judgment of the Director of Public Works an accidental discharge from the industrial user

could potentially impact the POTW. Each user, when required by the Director of Public Works, shall submit a Spill/Slug Control Plan to the City describing:

1. Discharge practices, including non-routine batch discharges.
2. Chemical storage.
3. The procedure for immediate POTW notification of any accidental or slug discharge.
4. The procedure to prevent adverse impact to the POTW from accidental spills, including inspection and maintenance of storage areas, handling and transfer of materials, loading and unloading of operations, control of plant site runoff, worker training, building of containment structures or equipment, measures for containing toxic organic pollutants (including solvents) and/or measures and equipment for emergency response.
5. Within five (5) days following an accidental discharge, the user shall submit to the Director of Public Works a detailed written report describing the cause of the discharge and the measures to be taken by the user to prevent similar future occurrences. Such notification shall not relieve the user of any expense, loss, damage or other liability which may be incurred as a result of damage to the POTW, fish kills or any other damage to person or property; nor shall such notification relieve the user of any fines, civil penalties or other liability which may be imposed by this Code of Ordinances or other applicable law.
6. A notice shall be permanently posted on the user's bulletin board or other prominent place advising employees whom to call in the event of a dangerous discharge. Employers shall ensure that all employees who may cause or suffer such a dangerous discharge to occur are advised of the emergency notification procedure.
7. If a user continues to create or experience accidental discharges, the Public Works Director shall have the authority to seek penalties and/or terminate service to the habitual violator.

97.03 CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF INTERCEPTORS. Grease, oil and sand interceptors shall be provided when, in the opinion of the Public Works Director, they are necessary for the proper handling of liquid wastes containing grease in excessive amounts, or any flammable wastes, sand or other harmful constituents. All interceptors shall be of a type and capacity approved by the City and shall be located so as to be readily and easily accessible for cleaning and inspection. Grease and oil interceptors shall be constructed of impervious materials capable of withstanding abrupt and extreme changes in temperature. Interceptors shall be of substantial construction, watertight and equipped with easily removable covers which, when bolted in place, shall be gas tight and watertight. Where installed, all grease, oil and sand interceptors shall be maintained by the owner, at this expense, in continuous efficient operation at all times.

97.04 WASTE RECEIVED FROM OTHER JURISDICTIONS. If another municipality or governmental jurisdiction or user located within another governmental jurisdiction contributes wastewater to the POTW, the City Council shall enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the contributing governmental jurisdiction. The following information will be supplied by user or the contributing governmental jurisdiction.

1. Description of the quality and volume of wastewater discharged to the POTW.
2. Inventory of all users located within the contributing jurisdiction that are discharging to the POTW.

3. Any information the Director of Public Works may deem necessary.

97.05 SERVICE OUTSIDE THE CITY. Municipal wastewater utility service shall not be extended to any new or additional premises, building or user located outside the corporate limits of the City. No person shall make any new or additional connection or tap to any sewer pipe, service line, lateral or main which is presently a part of or connected to the municipal wastewater treatment facilities, whether within or without the corporate limits, which shall have the effect of extending municipal wastewater collection and treatment service to any new or additional premises, building or user located outside the corporate limits of the City, nor shall an existing service line or main on any premises be extended so as to provide municipal wastewater service to any other part of the same premises which is not within the corporate limits of the City. The Director of Public Works shall refuse any application for connection to the municipal wastewater collection and treatment system which seeks a connection prohibited in this section. This section is prospective only and shall not be deemed to prohibit or affect any connection, service line or main in existence on December 29, 1993. For the purposes of the section, "premises" means a parcel of real estate or adjoining parcels of real estate under common ownership.

97.06 RIGHT OF ENTRY. The Director of Public Works and other duly authorized employees of the City bearing proper credentials and identification shall be permitted to enter all properties for the purposes of inspection, observation, measurement, sampling, and testing in accordance with the provisions of these Sanitary Sewer chapters.

97.07 USE OF EASEMENTS. The Director of Public Works and or duly authorized employees of the City bearing proper credentials and identification shall be permitted to enter all private properties through which the City holds a duly negotiated easements for purposes of, but not limited to, inspection, observation, measurement, sampling, repair, and maintenance of any portion of sewage works lying within said easement. All entry and subsequent work, if any, on said easement, shall be done in full accordance with the terms of the duly negotiated easement pertaining to the private property involved.