

A RESOLUTION AMENDING AND RESTATING THE WATER USER REGULATIONS OF HILTON HEAD NO. 1 PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT, SOUTH CAROLINA; AMENDING AND RESTATING THE SEWER USER REGULATIONS; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO

WHEREAS, Hilton Head No. 1 Public Service District (the “*District*”) was created as a body politic and corporate pursuant to the provisions of Act No. 596 of the Acts and Joint Resolutions of the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina for the year 1969, as amended by Act No. 686 of the Acts and Joint Resolutions of the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina for the year 1971, by Act No. 1738 of the Acts and Joint Resolutions of the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina for the year 1972, by Act No. 124 of the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina for the year 2003, and by Act No. 93 of the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina for the year 2023;

WHEREAS, the District provides water and sewer service to portions of Hilton Head Island located within the boundaries of the District;

WHEREAS, the Hilton Head No. 1 Public Service District Commission (the “*Commission*”) has determined that formal regulations are essential to the proper operations and management of the District; and

WHEREAS, the Commission previously adopted water user regulations and sewer user regulations that have each been in effect since September 1, 2024. By the terms of this Resolution, the Commission has determined to amend and restate both the water user regulations and the sewer user regulations in their entirety.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Commission hereby adopts the following Amended and Restated Water User Regulations, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A. The Commission further adopts the following Amended and Restated Sewer User Regulations, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit B (together with the water user regulations, the “*regulations*”). The regulations shall be effective as of August 1, 2026 and the regulations shall apply to all public, private, corporate, residential, commercial, industrial, or governmental properties or owners thereof located within the District and using or having access to its services, and to all persons, households, corporations, entities or organizations of any type whatsoever using or having access to the District’s utility system.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all resolutions and other provisions in conflict with this Resolution are hereby repealed in their entirety, including the prior water user regulations and the prior sewer user regulations each dated as of September 1, 2024. To the extent the changes, modifications or restatements herein create or result in any inconsistencies in the structure or application of the regulations, such inconsistencies shall be revised and corrected in the regulations and its provisions shall control.

DONE AND ADOPTED THIS 22nd DAY OF JULY 2026.

HILTON HEAD NO. 1 PUBLIC SERVICE
DISTRICT, SOUTH CAROLINA



Chairman of Commission

(SEAL)

Attest:



Secretary of Commission

EXHIBIT B

AMENDED AND RESTATED SEWER USER REGULATIONS OF HILTON HEAD NO. 1 PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT, SOUTH CAROLINA

Effective as of August 1, 2026

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I. **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

- A. Incorporation of Whereas Clauses – The “whereas” clauses stated in the preamble to this document are hereby incorporated as a material part of these regulations as if they were restated here in their entirety.
- B. Definitions – Unless otherwise indicated in the context, the meaning of the following terms used in these regulations shall be as follows:
1. BOD: Denoting biochemical oxygen demand shall mean the quantity of oxygen required to oxidize organic matter under standard laboratory procedure, five days at 20 degrees centigrade, expressed in milligrams per liter and as further defined in Standard Methods.
 2. Building Drain: Means that part of the lowest horizontal piping in a drainage system that receives the discharge from soil waste and other drainage pipes inside the walls of the building and conveys it to the Building Sewer, beginning five feet outside the inner face of the building wall.
 3. Building Sewer: Means the extension from the Building Drain to the Public Sewer or other place of disposal.
 4. Commission – Hilton Head No. 1 Public Service District Commission, as the governing body of the District.
 5. District: Shall mean the Hilton Head No. 1 Public Service District.
 6. District Service Area – The area to which the District is authorized to provide water and sewer service, more specifically defined by its Enabling Legislation, and subsequent ordinances of the Beaufort County Council further amending said service area. Any area to which the District provides service and operations by contract with another entity or owners outside of the defined service area may, for the purposes of these regulations, be considered a part of the District Service Area.
 7. Enabling Legislation - Act No. 596 of the Acts and Joint Resolutions of the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina for the year 1969, as amended from time to time.
 8. FOG: Fats, oils, grease, waxes, petroleum products, and other similar substances that are generated, used, or discharged from food preparation, cooking, processing, manufacturing, cleaning, or related operations, and which may accumulate, solidify, congeal, or otherwise cause obstruction, interference, or damage within the Public Sewer or the Wastewater Treatment Plant.
 9. Garbage: Shall mean solid waste from domestic and commercial preparation, cooking and/or dispensing of foodstuffs.
 10. Industrial Wastes: Shall mean the liquid waste from industrial manufacturing processes, trade or business, as distinct from sanitary sewage.
 11. PH: Shall mean the logarithm of the reciprocal of weight of hydrogen ions in grams per liter of solution.

12. Properly Shredded: Shall mean the waste from the preparation and/or dispensing of foodstuffs that has been shredded to such a degree that all particles will be carried freely under flow conditions normally prevailing in Public Sewers with no particle greater than three-eighths of an inch in any dimension.
13. Public Sewer: Shall mean a Sewer in which all owners of abutting property have equal rights and is controlled by the District.
14. SCDES: Shall mean the South Carolina Department of Environmental Services, which is a successor in interest to the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control.
15. Sanitary Sewer: Shall mean a Sewer, which carries Sewage to which no storm, surface and ground waters are intentionally admitted.
16. Sewage: Shall mean a combination of water-carried wastes from residences, commercial businesses, institutions and industrial establishments.
17. Sewage Treatment Plant: Shall mean any arrangement of the devices and structures used for treating Sewage.
18. Sewage Works: Shall mean all facilities for collecting, pumping, treating and disposing of Sewage or Industrial Waste.
19. Sewer: Shall mean a pipe or conduit for carrying Sewage.
20. Sludge: Shall mean any discharge of water, Sewage or Industrial Waste which in concentration of any given constituent or in quantity of flow exceeds for any period longer than fifteen minutes, more than five times the average concentration occurring during normal operation.
21. Standard Methods: Shall mean the examination and analytical procedures set forth in the most recent edition of Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater published jointly by the American Public Health Association, the American Water Works Association and the Water Pollution Control Federation.
22. Street: Shall mean streets, avenues, drives, boulevards, roads, alleys, lanes and viaducts and all other public highways in the sanitary area.
23. Suspended Solids: Shall mean solids that either float on the surface of or are in suspension in water, Sewage or other liquids which are removable by laboratory filtering and as further defined in Standard Methods.

All other words shall be interpreted as having the meaning defined in the glossary of Water and Sewage Control Engineering, published by the Water Pollution Control Federation, Washington, D.C., or by their general usage.

C. Sewer Capacity Charge

All properties using the District's Sewage Works shall be subject to payment of appropriate capacity charges as defined in the District's *Water and Sewer Capacity Regulations*.

D. Developer Fees

The developer of any property within the District Service Area shall be required to incur all costs of system extensions and on-site infrastructure to serve the project, in addition to capacity charges, tap fees, and any other subsequently adopted fees, and will adhere to the District's Administrative Procedures and Guidelines for Water and Sanitary Sewer System Design, 1998 et seq.

E. Sewer Charges

The Commission has the full authority to establish all fees and charges as granted by its Enabling Legislation and/or any subsequent statute, rule, or regulation. After public notice and public hearing, fees and charges may be adjusted to meet changing costs and circumstances. Any unpaid sewer charges shall constitute a lien against the property when permitted by law.

F. Over-sizing of Developer/Customer Projects

If in the District's evaluation of a developer/customer project it becomes apparent that over-sizing of the proposed project's mains, lift stations or other required appurtenances will improve the overall capabilities of the District's existing system and/or the District's ability to serve other properties in the future, the District may require the developer/customer to design and build the proposed facilities to the District's requested sizing. With prior design and cost approval by the District, the developer/customer may be reimbursed for additional design and construction costs in excess of the original proposed project. This evaluation shall be completed by the District's engineer and shall be based upon current master service plans, other applicable government plans and generally accepted best management practices.

G. Low Pressure Sewer Systems

1. The District will provide gravity Sewer service unless, in the discretion of the District, the construction of a conventional gravity Sewer system would:
 - Be unduly cost prohibitive to the ultimate end user of the Sewage Works,
 - Severely inconvenience a neighborhood and their quality of life,
 - Severely damage existing neighborhood roads, trees and landscaping,
 - Be limited by high water table or other environmental sensitivities,
 - Serve a low population density, and/or
 - Be technically or operationally restrictive to the District.
2. In situations where conventional gravity service is not feasible as determined under G(1) above, the District may authorize the implementation of low-pressure sewer facilities installed at the customer's sole expense by a plumber authorized to do business within the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina. In such event, the customer will be responsible for and shall provide all necessary equipment including, pressure mains, pressure service lines, low pressure grinder pump unit, and an adequate power source consistent with the District's specifications. System design, sizing, installation and specifications shall be at the sole discretion of the District, but meeting or exceeding SCDES standards.
3. Ownership of all on-site low-pressure equipment will be conveyed to the District prior to the commencement of service. The District will assume all future costs of operation (with the exception of power costs), maintenance, and replacement.

H. Access

The District shall have the right of reasonable ingress and egress over and through any property connected to Public Sewer as necessary to exercise the rights granted herein, regardless of whether a separate recorded easement or written access agreement exists. Such right of access shall be deemed a condition of receiving sewer service from the District and shall run with the property for so long as the equipment remains installed or connected to the Public Sewer.

I. Private Sewage Disposal

1. Where a Public Sewer is not available, the Town of Hilton Head Island, as the permitting agency for all construction projects within the District, may allow the Building Sewer to be connected to a private on-site disposal system that meets standards established and administered by SCDES. When and where permitted by the Town of Hilton Head Island, the District will allow for private disposal.
2. At such time as a Public Sewer becomes available to a property served by a private system, SCDES may require the owner to connect at his expense to the Public Sewer system. In such case, all normally applicable resolutions, regulations, guidelines, fees and charges of the District shall continue to be applicable and enforceable by the District.
3. Nothing in this section shall be construed to nullify or supersede any additional requirements that may be imposed by the appropriate State, county or other applicable regulatory agency.

II. BUILDING SEWERS AND CONNECTIONS

A. Connections

No person shall uncover, make any connection with opening into, use, alter or disturb any Public Sewer appurtenances thereof without first obtaining written permission from the District.

B. Customer Classes

1. There shall be three classes of Sewer customers: (a) Residential Service; (b) Commercial Service; and (c) Industrial Service.
2. For all classes of customers, the owner or agent shall apply in writing to the District, using the appropriate District form, for a Sewer connection. All applicable fees, inclusive of capacity, tap, plan review, and inspection fees shall be paid to the District at the time the application is filed. All connections are subject to requirements set forth in the District's Administrative Procedures and Guidelines for Water and Sanitary Sewer System Design, 1998 et seq, as may be amended from time to time. To the extent any additional fees or charges are due and payable, all such fees or charges shall be paid in full prior to service being made available by the District.
3. For Industrial Service connections, an industrial pre-treatment application shall be required in addition to the above-noted requirements. Nothing herein shall obligate the District to accept or to continue to accept industrial strength wastes that the District deems as detrimental to its Sewer Works or treatment process.

C. Costs; Indemnification

All costs and expenses incidental to the installation and connection of the Building Sewer to the property line shall be borne by the owner. The owner shall indemnify the District and hold it harmless from any loss or damage that may directly or indirectly be caused by the installation.

D. Separate Connections Required

A separate and independent Building Sewer shall be provided for every building. Where one building stands to the rear of another on a single lot and no private Sewer is provided, the District may grant permission for Building Sewer from the front building to be extended to serve the rear building, provided the applicant for service has demonstrated to the District's satisfaction that the parcel may never be further subdivided such that the two buildings so connected might ultimately be on separate lots.

E. Specifications

The size, slope, alignment, materials of construction of a Building Sewer and the methods used in excavation, placing of the pipe, jointing, testing and backfilling trench shall all conform to the requirements of District, and in no case shall the size of the pipe installed be less than the nominal diameter specified by the District's Administrative Procedures and Guidelines for Water and Sanitary Sewer System Design, 1998 et seq, as may be amended from time to time.

F. Elevation; Grade

The Building Sewer shall be brought to the building at an elevation below the ground floor. Where the Building Sewer is terminated at a grade above any sub-ground level floors, appropriate Sewer check valves shall be installed, and the owner shall indemnify and hold harmless the District against liability for any subsequent damages to the building or property that may result from Sewer system back ups. In the sole discretion of the District, no Building Sewer shall be made parallel to or within three feet of any load bearing wall that might thereby be weakened or that may superimpose an unacceptable load on the Building Sewer. The depth shall be sufficient to afford protection from live loads that may be superimposed. The Building Sewer shall be made at uniform grade and in straight alignment insofar as possible. The Building Sewer shall be constructed to such point as directed by the District. The District may require disconnection, rehabilitation, repair, replacement, or abandonment of defective private sewer laterals contributing inflow or infiltration.

G. Connection to Storm Drain System Prohibited

No person shall maintain or make a connection of roof, downspouts, exterior foundation drains, areaway drains, or other sources of surface runoffs or groundwater to a Building Sewer or Building Sewer or Building Drain, which in turn is connected directly or indirectly to a public Sanitary Sewer. If the District determines that a prohibited connection exists or that stormwater or groundwater is entering the Public Sewer from a property, the property owner shall, upon written notice from the District, promptly investigate and eliminate the prohibited connection at the owner's sole expense within the time period specified by the District. The District may require dye testing, smoke testing, video inspection, plumbing inspections, or other investigative measures to confirm compliance.

H. Qualified Personnel to Perform Work

A professionally qualified and bonded plumber shall perform the installation and connection of the Building Sewer to the property line.

I. Inspections

Before any underground portions thereof are covered, each applicant for Building Sewer service shall notify District when the Building Sewer is ready for inspection and connection to the Public Sewer. The District shall make the inspection within ten business days of the receipt of notice. Upon receipt of written notice from the District of a favorable inspection, connection may then be made to the Public Sewer and the underground portions may then be covered.

J. Excavations

All excavations for Building Sewer installations shall be guarded by the owner or his agent with barricades and lights, as applicable, so as to protect the public from hazards. The owner shall restore Streets, sidewalks, parkways and other public property disturbed in the course of the work to their original condition. The owner shall indemnify and hold the District harmless from any and all liabilities arising in connection with said excavations.

K. Record-keeping

The District shall keep a permanent and accurate record of the location, depth and direction of flow of all new Sewer connections, including such landmarks as may be necessary to make an adequate description.

III. USE OF PUBLIC SEWERS

A. Prohibited Discharges

1. Except as permitted herein (with pretreatment and the advance written approval of the District), no person shall discharge or cause to be discharged any of the following to any Public Sewer:
 - a. Gasoline, benzene, naphtha, fuel oil, motor oil or other flammable or explosive liquid, solid or gas;
 - b. Any waste containing toxins or poisons in solid liquid or gaseous form in sufficient quantity, either singly or in combination with other wastes to injure or interfere with any Sewage treatment process or constitute a health hazard to humans or animals, to create a public nuisance, or to create any hazard in receiving waters or the Sewage treatment works.
 - c. Any waste having a PH less than 6.5 or greater than 8.5 or containing a heavy concentration of salts or having any other corrosive property capable of causing damage or hazard to structures, equipment and personnel of the Sewage plant;
 - d. Solids or viscous waste in quantities or of such size capable of causing obstruction in the flow of Sewage or other interference to the proper operation of the Sewage works such as, but not limited to, ashes, cinders, sand, straw, mud, shavings, metal,

glass, rags, feathers, tar, plastics, wood, textile products, hair and fleshing or entrails, either whole or ground by garbage grinders;

- e. Any pollutants, including oxygen demanding pollutants, released at a flow rate and/or concentration that a user knows or has reason to believe will cause interference with the Sewage system. In no case shall a Sludge load have a flow rate or concentration that exceeds for any time period longer than fifteen minutes the quantities or flows during normal operation, or more than five times the average twenty-four hour concentration;
 - f. Any liquid or vapor which will inhibit biological activity at the Wastewater Treatment Plant;
 - g. Any waste containing FOG, whether emulsified or not in excess of 100 mg/L or containing substances, which may solidify or become viscous at temperatures between 32° F and 150° F, or 0 and 65°C;
 - h. Garbage that has not been Properly Shredded. The installation and operation of any garbage grinder equipped with a motor of three-fourths horsepower or greater shall be subject to the review and approval of the District;
 - i. Wastes containing strong acids, iron pickling residues or concentrated plating solutions, whether neutralized or not;
 - j. Substances discharged in excess of the amount set forth in their discharge permit;
 - k. Wastes containing phenols or other taste or odor producing substances in such concentrations exceeding limits which may be established by the District as necessary after treatment of the composite Sewage to meet requirements of the state, federal, or other public agencies of jurisdiction of such discharge or the receiving waters;
 - l. Radioactive wastes or isotopes of such half-life or concentration as may exceed limits of state and federal regulations; or
 - m. Materials which exert or cause:
 - 1) Unusual concentration of inert Suspended Solids, such as but not limited to lime residues, sodium chloride, sodium sulfate and various slurries;
 - 2) Excessive discoloration, such as dye wastes, vegetable tanning solutions and the like;
 - 3) Unusual BOD, chemical oxygen demand or chlorine requirements in such as to constitute a significant load on the Sewage treatment works; or
 - 4) Unusual volumes of flow or concentration of wastes constituting Sludge.
2. If any waters or wastes containing the substances or possessing the characteristics enumerated in this section are discharged or are proposed to be discharged to the Public Sewers, and in the judgment of the District such water or wastes may have a deleterious

effect upon the Sewage works, processes, equipment, or receiving waters, or may otherwise create a hazard to life or constitute a public nuisance, the District may:

- a. Reject the waste and/or suspend Sewage service;
 - b. Require pretreatment to reduce the waste to an acceptable condition in accordance with 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 403, as may be amended from time to time, prior to discharge to the Public Sewers, in which case the design and installation of the plant equipment shall be subject to the review and approval of the District and to the requirements of all applicable codes, ordinances and laws;
 - c. Require control over the quantities and rates of discharge; and/or
 - d. Require payment to cover the added cost of handling and treating the wastewater not covered by existing fees or Sewer charges under the provisions of this regulation;
3. In no case will waste be permitted in the Sewage system where such waste may cause a violation of the District's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit or where such waste does not comply with local, state or federal pretreatment requirements.

B. Accidental Discharges; Notification Required

Persons responsible for accidental spills or discharges of any substance into the treatment works, which may adversely affect operation of the treatment works, shall immediately notify the District of the discharge.

C. Maintenance of Treatment Facilities

Where preliminary treatment for flow equalizing facilities is provided for any waters or wastes, the owner, at his expense, shall maintain such facilities continuously in satisfactory and effective operation.

D. Manholes Required

1. The owner of any property served by a Building Sewer carrying Industrial Wastes shall install a suitable control manhole. When deemed necessary, the District may require additional waste metering devices and other appurtenances in the Building Sewer to facilitate preservation, sampling and measurement of the waste.
2. Control manholes shall be (i) readily accessible for representatives of the District, (ii) safely located and (iii) constructed in accordance with plans approved by the District. Control manholes shall be maintained by the owner so as to be safe and accessible at all times. The District shall have the right of reasonable ingress and egress over the property as necessary to exercise the rights granted herein, regardless of whether a separate recorded easement or written access agreement exists. Such right of access shall be deemed a condition of receiving sewer service from the District and shall run with the property for so long as the control manhole is serviceable.

E. Testing Standards

1. On samples taken at the control manhole, all measurements, tests and analysis of the characteristics of water and wastes to which reference is made herein shall be determined in accordance with the latest edition of Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater.
2. To facilitate proper evaluation of the effect of wastes on the Sewage Works, industrial dischargers must submit written reports summarizing the maximum, minimum and average wastewater characteristics for the reporting period. Specific parameters and frequency of monitoring and reporting shall be established by the District.

F. Agreements Permitted

Nothing contained herein shall be construed as preventing an agreement between the District and any user whereby the District, subject to payment, may accept for treatment a waste of unusual design, strength or character from the discharger.

G. Pretreatment Standards

Upon the promulgation of any federal or state categorical pretreatment standards or individual standard, that standard, if more stringent than those contained herein, shall immediately take precedence. The District shall notify all affected users of the applicable reporting requirements under 40 CFR, Section 403.12 or other requirements, as may be amended from time to time.

H. Removal, Transportation and Disposal of Scavenger Wastes

1. No person shall be allowed to discharge solid or liquid waste or surface water into the Sanitary Sewer system unless the standards of acceptable waste established in these regulations are met and the discharge is made through approved connections.
2. No material shall be discharged into the Sewer system through a manhole without the written permission of the District, which will permit such action only in an emergency involving public health or safety.
3. Normal septic tank waste shall be deposited only in an approved location and with the express permission of the District. It shall be unlawful for any septage hauler to deposit septic tank waste into the treatment plant without payment of associated fees to the District.

IV. INSPECTION OF WASTEWATER FACILITIES

A. Inspections on Private Property

1. The District or its duly authorized representatives bearing proper credentials shall be permitted reasonable access to enter customer's properties for the purpose of inspection, observation, measurement, sampling and testing in accordance with provisions contained herein.
2. While performing necessary work on private property referred to in subsection (A)(1) above, the District or its duly authorized representatives shall observe all safety rules applicable to the premises established by the discharger and properly communicated to the

District, and, to the extent permitted by law and within the parameters of the District's insurance coverage, the discharger shall be held harmless for any injury or death of the District's representatives, except as such may be caused by negligence or failure of the discharger to maintain safe conditions.

3. Where access to the premises is restricted or impeded in any way, the District may, in its sole discretion, suspend or terminate any service connection pending confirmation of necessary access rights or privileges.

B. Suspension of Service

1. The District may suspend wastewater service when in the District's opinion such suspension is necessary to stop an actual or threatened discharge which presents or may present an imminent or substantial endangerment to the health or welfare of persons, to the environment, or causes the violation of any NPDES permit condition. Any person notified of a suspension of treatment service shall immediately stop or eliminate the contribution.
2. In the event of a failure of the user to comply voluntarily with the suspension order, the District shall take such steps as deemed necessary, including immediate severance of the Sewer connection, to prevent or minimize damage to the system or endangerment to any individuals. In the case of severance or plugging of the Sewer connection, the District shall immediately notify SCDES and the Town of Hilton Head Island.
3. The District shall authorize reinstatement of the wastewater condition upon receiving proof that the non-complying factor has been eliminated and upon receipt of all fees and penalties.
4. Service may be suspended, terminated, or denied for any of the following reasons: (i) fraud, (ii) violations of these regulations, (iii) unsafe conditions, (iv) unauthorized or impermissible service connections, (v) refusal of access or inspections, (vi) non-payment of fees and charges, or (vii) other reasonable grounds determined in the discretion of the District.

C. Penalties

1. Failure to comply with the provisions of these regulations shall constitute a violation and may result in one or more of the following enforcement actions:

- (a) issuance of notices of violation or administrative compliance orders;
- (b) assessment of fines, penalties, administrative charges, inspection fees, and cost recovery charges as authorized by the District's rate resolutions, policies, or applicable law (subject to subsection C(2) below);
- (c) recovery by the District of all costs incurred as a result of the prohibited discharge or connection, including engineering fees, inspection costs, cleanup expenses, legal fees, contractor expenses, repair costs, and costs associated with damage to the sewer system or regulatory violations;
- (d) discontinuance or suspension of water and/or sewer service until the violation has been corrected to the satisfaction of the District;

(e) denial of new or continued water and/or sewer service, permits, inspections, or certificates of occupancy related to the property; and

(f) referral of the violation to applicable governmental or regulatory authorities for additional enforcement action.

2. Any person who willfully or negligently fails to comply with any provision set forth herein may be deemed to be in violation of these regulations and, therefore, subject to civil penalty not to exceed \$2,000.00 for each day of violation, in accordance with South Carolina Code Ann. Section 6-11-285.

V. GREASE TRAPS

A. Purpose and Intent

The introduction of FOG, sand, and other insoluble materials into the Public Sewer System contributes to sewer line blockages, sanitary sewer overflows, pump station failures, and increased operation and maintenance costs. The purpose of this Section is to establish uniform requirements for the design, installation, operation, maintenance, inspection, and enforcement of grease interceptors and related pretreatment facilities in order to protect the District's wastewater collection and treatment systems and to promote compliance with applicable federal, state, and local requirements.

B. Applicability

This Section shall apply to all Food Service Establishments ("FSEs"), whether new or existing, including restaurants, cafeterias, bakeries, grocery stores, caterers, institutional kitchens, bars, and any other commercial or institutional facility engaged in the preparation, processing, or serving of food that may discharge FOG into the Public Sewer System. The District may also require grease-handling facilities for any commercial or industrial user determined by the District to contribute excessive FOG or other obstructive materials to the sewer system.

C. General Requirements

1. All FSEs shall install, operate, and maintain grease-handling facilities of a type, size, and capacity approved by the District.
2. Grease-handling facilities shall be installed at the sole expense of the property owner or sewer user and shall remain accessible at all times for inspection, sampling, cleaning, and maintenance.
3. Any FSE operating without approved grease-handling facilities, or with facilities deemed inadequate by the District, shall comply with a corrective action schedule established by the District. Unless otherwise approved in writing by the District, the compliance period shall not exceed six (6) months from written notice.
4. The District reserves the right to determine the adequacy, sizing, location, and operational condition of all grease-handling facilities.

5. The use of enzymes, emulsifiers, solvents, biological additives, or other chemicals intended to dissolve or disperse grease is prohibited unless expressly authorized in writing by the District.

D. Operational and Maintenance Requirements

1. Grease interceptors shall be maintained in efficient operating condition at all times.
2. Grease interceptors shall be completely pumped, cleaned, and serviced at intervals necessary to prevent pass-through of grease into the sewer system, but in no event less frequently than once every thirty (30) days unless the District approves an alternate maintenance frequency in writing.
3. During servicing: (a) the interceptor shall be fully evacuated, (b) no removed wastewater or waste material shall be returned to the interceptor, and (c) all accumulated grease, solids, sludge, and floating material shall be removed.
4. Grease interceptors shall be operated to maintain adequate hydraulic retention time and effective treatment capacity, including sufficient volume for grease accumulation and solids settlement.
5. Interceptors shall be kept free of excessive inorganic materials including, but not limited to, grit, rocks, gravel, sand, rags, towels, utensils, cigarettes, shells, plastics, and other debris that may impair operation.
6. The combined grease cap and sludge accumulation shall not exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the interceptor's effective liquid capacity.
7. All waste removed from grease interceptors shall be disposed of in accordance with applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations.
8. Cleaning and hauling performed by third parties shall be conducted only by properly licensed and authorized waste disposal contractors.

E. Recordkeeping Requirements

1. Owners and operators shall maintain complete records of interceptor maintenance, pumping, cleaning, inspections, repairs, and waste disposal for a minimum period of two (2) years.
2. Maintenance records shall include: (a) date and time of service; (b) name of person or company performing the service; (c) volume of waste removed; (d) disposal location; (e) hauler permit or license number, if applicable; and (f) description of any repairs or preventive maintenance performed.
3. All records required under this subsection shall be made available to the District upon request during normal business hours.

F. Construction and Design Standards

1. General Standards

- a. Domestic sewage lines, including restrooms and handwashing sinks, shall not discharge through grease interceptors.
- b. Garbage disposals and commercial dishwashers shall not discharge through grease interceptors unless specifically approved by the District.
- c. All grease interceptors shall be designed and installed to permit complete access for inspection, cleaning, sampling, and maintenance.

2. New Facilities

- a. All newly constructed FSEs shall install an outdoor grease interceptor approved by the District.
- b. Grease interceptors shall be sized in accordance with the District's approved sizing criteria and shall have a minimum capacity of one thousand (1,000) gallons unless otherwise approved by the District.
- c. Plans and specifications for grease interceptors shall be prepared by a licensed professional engineer and submitted to the District for review and approval prior to installation.
- d. Grease interceptors shall: (i) be installed level, (ii) include a minimum of two compartments, (iii) provide adequate separation and retention of grease and settled solids, (iv) include properly designed inlet and outlet sanitary tees or baffles, (v) include access manholes over each compartment and sanitary tee, (vi) be watertight and structurally sound, and (vii) be installed outside the building in a location readily accessible for maintenance and inspection.
- e. Where required grease interceptor capacity exceeds one thousand five hundred (1,500) gallons, multiple units installed in series may be required.
- f. No new FSE shall commence operations until all required grease-handling facilities have been installed, inspected, and approved by the District.

3. Existing Facilities

- a. Existing FSEs shall maintain grease-handling facilities approved by the District.
- b. Where existing facilities are determined by the District to be undersized, improperly maintained, defective, or otherwise inadequate, the owner shall complete all required corrective actions within the compliance period established by the District, not to exceed six (6) months unless extended in writing.

- c. Where installation of an outdoor interceptor is physically impractical, the District may approve an automatic grease removal unit or other alternative pretreatment technology subject to such conditions as the District deems appropriate.
- d. All proposed alternative systems shall be submitted to the District for review and written approval prior to installation.

G. Inspections and Monitoring

- 1. The District may enter upon any property served by the sewer system at reasonable times for purposes of inspection, observation, measurement, sampling, testing, and review of records related to compliance with this Section.
- 2. Inspections may include evaluation of: (a) accessibility of grease-handling facilities; (b) structural and operational condition of interceptors; (c) grease and sludge accumulation levels; (d) maintenance records and manifests; and (e) evidence of prohibited discharges or improper maintenance.
- 3. The District may issue written inspection reports identifying deficiencies, corrective actions, and required compliance deadlines.

H. Liability for Damages and Costs

In addition to the other penalties recited in these regulations, any user whose discharge causes or contributes to blockages, backups, overflows, damage to District facilities, or interference with wastewater operations shall be liable to the District for all associated costs, including labor, equipment, materials, engineering, legal fees, cleanup expenses, and administrative costs. Failure to reimburse the District for such costs may constitute grounds for discontinuance of water and/or sewer service.

I. Enforcement and Remedies

- 1. Failure to comply with this Section shall constitute a violation of these regulations and may subject the user to: (a) notices of violation, (b) administrative orders; (c) civil penalties, (d) recovery of damages and response costs, (e) termination or suspension of sewer and/or water service, (f) revocation or denial of permits, and (g) any other remedy authorized by law.
- 2. Repeated violations, including three (3) consecutive unsatisfactory inspections or evaluations, may result in escalated enforcement action.
- 3. The District may report violations to the DES or other applicable regulatory agencies for further enforcement action.

VI. SEVERABILITY

In the event that any section or portion of these regulations is deemed to be invalid for any reason of legality or technicality, all remaining sections and terms of these regulations shall remain in full force and effect.