

City Of Newport News Ordinance 6670-10

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Chapter 33 Sewers and Sewage Disposal

PURPOSE

Prevent the introduction and accumulation of Fats, Oils and Grease (FOG) into the City's Sanitary Sewer System that may contribute to Sanitary Sewer blockages and obstructions.

APPLICATION

To all Food Service Establishments (FSE) within the City of Newport News and to all Grease Haulers providing service to any such FSE.

REQUIREMENTS

1. Registration of Grease Control Device (GCD)

- ✓ Existing FSE - Within 90 days of City Ordinance
- ✓ New FSE - When setting up water and sewer service

2. Training

Employ at least two people at all times that have successfully completed the Hampton Roads FOG Regionally-Approved Best Management Practices training program (HRFOG.COM).

3. Grease Control Devices

- ✓ New FSE - Install, operate and maintain GCD.
- ✓ Existing FSE (with GCD) - Allowed to operate and maintain existing GCD as long as they do not contribute FOG to the sanitary sewer system.
- ✓ Existing FSE (No GCD) - Allowed to operate without retrofitting as long as they are using the Hampton Roads FOG Best Management practices and do not contribute FOG to the sanitary sewer system. *If retrofit is necessary 30 days to register and install by a licensed plumber.*

Maintenance

- ✓ At owner's expense
- ✓ Complete removal of contents (floating material, wastewater and settled solids)

Prohibitions

- ✓ Decant/discharge removed waste, back on interceptor
- ✓ Decant/discharge removed waste on private sewer line, City's or HRSD's Sanitary Sewer System
- ✓ Use of additives (solvents, emulsifiers, surfactants, caustics, acids, enzymes or bacteria)

Frequency

- ✓ **Grease Interceptor:** 25% of FOG or at least every 3 months*
- ✓ **Grease trap:** 25% of FOG or minimum once a week*

**Subject to change if FSE is contributing FOG to cause line stoppages or increased sanitary sewer maintenance*

Waste Disposal

- ✓ **Grease Trap** Dispose in solid waste disposal or by a HRSD permitted grease hauler
- ✓ **Grease Interceptor** Dispose in facility permitted to receive such wastes
- ✓ **Yellow Grease** Dispose in a renderable FOG container, where contents will not be discharged to the environment.

DO NOT discharge or pour yellow grease into City's or HRSD's Sanitary Sewer System or Storm Drain.

Inspection

Director of Public Works or designee have the right to enter into any FSE during reasonable hours, make inspections, observation, measurements, sampling, testing or records review of the Sanitary Sewer System and GCD installed to ensure compliance with this Ordinance.

Record Keeping

Retain, keep on site for three years and make available for inspection and copying, records of:

- ✓ Cleaning and maintenance of all GCDs (including date of cleaning/maintenance, person

or company responsible and volume of waste removed).

- ✓ Yellow grease disposal (including dates of disposal, company responsible and volume removed).
- ✓ FSE Employee certifications from the Hampton Roads FOG regionally-approved Best Management Practices training program provided by HRPDC.

Failure to comply with any of these requirements will result in the FSE paying the City a \$50 re-inspection fee.

VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES

Any person who negligently or intentionally commits any of the acts prohibited by this ordinance shall be:

- ✓ Liable to the City for all costs of containment, cleanup, abatement, removal and disposal of any substance unlawfully discharged into sanitary sewer system, as well as costs of any damages or regulatory fines that are proximately caused by such violations.
- ✓ Subject to a fine in an amount not to exceed \$1,000.00 per violation.

The City may terminate water and/or sewer services for continuing violations of this ordinance.

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