



SUMMARY: Adopts a schedule of rates and charges for provision of septage disposal service at the Reno-Sparks Wastewater Treatment Plant and providing procedures for its enforcement.

BILL NO. 846

ORDINANCE NO. 672

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A SCHEDULE OF RATES AND CHARGES FOR PROVISION OF SEPTAGE DISPOSAL SERVICE BY WASHOE COUNTY AT THE RENO-SPARKS WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT; REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO SUBMIT BILLINGS TO ALL SEPTIC HAULERS USING THE SERVICE; REQUIRING PAYMENT THEREOF; AND PROVIDING PROCEDURES FOR ITS ENFORCEMENT.

THE BOARD OF WASHOE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF WASHOE DO ORDAIN:

ARTICLE 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1.1 Short Title. This ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the Septage Disposal schedule of rates and charges.

1.2 Enabling Statutes. This ordinance is adopted pursuant to NRS 244.157.

1.3 Enterprise. The County, through the City of Sparks, will furnish a system used for the provision of septage disposal service, including all parts of the enterprise, all appurtenances thereto, and land, easements, rights in land, contract rights and franchises.

1.4 Separability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance or the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances. The Board hereby declares that it would have passed this ordinance or any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase hereof irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases may be declared to be unconstitutional.

1.5 Relief on Application. When any person by reason of special circumstances, is of the opinion that any provision of this ordinance is unjust or inequitable as applied to him, he may make written application to the Board stating the special circumstances, citing the provision complained of, and requesting suspension or modification of that provision as applied to him.

If such application be approved, the Board may, by resolution, suspend or modify the provision complained of, as applied to such complaint, to be effective as of the date of the application and continuing during the period of the special circumstances.

1.6 Relief on Own Motion. The Board may, on its own motion, find that by reason of special circumstances any special provision of this regulation and ordinance should be suspended or modified as applied to a particular applicant and may, by resolution, order such suspension or modification for

any such applicant during the period of such special circumstances, or any part thereof.

1.7 Review by the Board. This ordinance shall be reviewed by the Board on an annual basis to insure that the provisions of this ordinance are kept up to date, and that the charges and fees set out in Articles 4 and 5 are adequate to meet the costs of operating the septage disposal facility.

1.8 Words and Phrases. For the purposes of this ordinance, all words used herein in the present tense shall include the future; all words in the plural number shall include the singular number; and all words in the singular number shall include the plural number.

## ARTICLE 2. DEFINITIONS

2.1 Account Transfer shall mean any change made to a billing account, including but not limited to new ownership.

2.2 Applicant shall mean the person, business or governmental agency making application for septage disposal service at the Reno-Sparks Wastewater Treatment Facility.

2.3 Application shall be a written request for septage disposal service as distinguished from an inquiry as to the availability of, or charges for, such service.

2.4 Billing Period shall be the period for which a billing is made. It may be for an average month and need not coincide with the calendar month (i.e. may be billed on a cycle of 29 to 31 days).

2.5 Board shall mean the Board of County Commissioners.

2.6 City shall mean the City of Sparks, Nevada.

2.7 County shall mean the County of Washoe, Nevada.

2.8 Cubic Foot is the volume of water which occupies one cubic foot. The cubic foot is equal to 7.481 gallons.

2.9 Customer shall mean a person who receives septage disposal service from the County or who owns the septic hauling business.

2.10 Date of Presentation shall be the date upon which a bill or notice is either postmarked or hand delivered to the Customer.

2.11 Delinquent shall mean an account that has not been paid within 30 days of presentation of a bill.

2.12 Disposal Facility shall mean the Reno-Sparks Wastewater Treatment Facility (see Treatment Facility Sec. 2.24)

2.13 Employee shall mean any individual employed by the County excluding independent contractors, consultants, and their employees.

2.14 Gallon is the volume of water which occupies 231 cubic inches.

2.15 Inspector shall mean an individual designated to inspect facilities which are the subject of this ordinance.

2.16 Law is any statute, rule or regulation established by Federal, State, County or Municipal authorities.

2.17 May is permissive (see "shall", Sec. 2.23)

2.18 Owner shall mean a person who holds legal title to the septic service company or who is under contract to purchase the company.

2.19 Permit shall mean any written authorization required pursuant to this or any other regulation of the County for the operation of any septic hauling service.

2.20 Person shall mean any individual, firm, association, organization, partnership, trust, company, corporation or entity, and any municipal, political, or governmental corporation, district, body, or agency other than the County.

2.21 Sanitary Engineer shall mean the Engineer appointed and acting for the County or the City and shall be a Registered Civil Engineer in the State of Nevada.

2.22 Septage shall mean all liquid or solid material pumped or collected from an underground or above ground holding basin and disposed of at the septage receiving facility of Washoe County.

2.23 Shall is mandatory (see "May" Sec. 2.17)

2.24 Treatment Facility shall mean the Reno-Sparks Wastewater Treatment Facility (see Disposal Facility Sec. 2.12)

2.25 Truck Capacity shall be the total amount of septage capacity in gallons of a septic hauling truck.

### ARTICLE 3. CONDITIONS OF SERVICE

3.1 Interruption of Service The County will endeavor to notify customers in advance of any interruption in service due to repairs, or other causes. However, in emergency conditions, when notification is not practical, service may be interrupted for indefinite periods of time.

3.2 Customers Served The septic hauling business must be licensed in the State of Nevada, permitted by the Washoe County District Health Department, and have a current valid County business license to dispose of septage at the disposal facility.

3.3 Damage to Customer's Property The County will not be liable for damage to customer's property resulting from interruption or termination of service in accordance with this ordinance.

3.4 Damage to City or County Property Should a septic hauling truck damage any of City's or County's property, the owner of the truck shall be required to reimburse County for all damage repair costs.

3.5 Tampering with City or County Property No one except an employee or representative of the City or County shall at any time in any manner operate the system; or interfere with the operation of the entry gate or other parts of the system. Penalty for violation of the Section will be a fine of \$100.00.

3.6 Penalty for Violation. For the failure of the customer to comply with all or any part of this ordinance, the customer's service shall be discontinued until the customer is in compliance. Termination of septage disposal service shall be in accordance with Article 9.

3.7 Ruling Final. All rulings of the Board shall be final, unless appealed in writing to the Board within five (5) days.

3.8 Wastewater Regulations Customers served under this ordinance shall be subject to City of Sparks Wastewater Regulations, Chapter 13.33 and 13.36, attached as Exhibit A.

3.9 Right of Refusal of Septic Discharge The City or County will have the right to refuse acceptance of any septic waste on the grounds that such waste may be damaging to the operation of the Treatment Facility. The customer may be required to remove discharged wastes from the holding tank at the disposal facility, should the waste contain hazardous or toxic chemicals. Should the City or County need to remove toxic wastes from the disposal facility, the customer will be required to reimburse the costs incurred in such removal. Service to the Customer may be discontinued for disposing of hazardous wastes in accordance with Article 9.2 (c).

3.10 Notices to Customers. Notices from the County to a Customer will normally be given in writing, and either delivered or mailed to him at his last known address. Where conditions warrant and in emergencies, the County may resort to notification either by telephone or messenger. When a Customer is refused service under the provisions of this ordinance, the County will notify the Customer promptly of the reason for the refusal to serve and of the right of the Customer to appeal the County's decision to the Board. Failure by the Customer to accept a certified letter notice will not relieve the Customer of responsibility for contents of notice.

3.11 Notices from Customers. Notice from the Customer to the County may be given by him or by his authorized representative in writing at the County's operating office. The County's operating office is:

Washoe County Department of Public Works  
Utility Division  
P.O. Box 11130  
1205 Mill Street  
Reno, Nevada 89520  
Telephone: (702) 785-4743

3.12 Adjustment of Complaints. The County shall have the power of discretion in the interpretation and application of this ordinance, including adjustment or rebate of charges, if in the County's opinion and with full documentation, the intent of the rules would not be accomplished and an injustice would result by their strict application.

3.13 Special Conditions In the event that conditions arise which are not specifically covered by this ordinance, the County may take whatever action, including establishing rates and charges which in its discretion, is warranted.

3.14 Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective on the date specified by the Board in its motion for adoption.

3.15 Continuity. Adoption of this Ordinance shall not be construed as a waiver of any right or obligation under any prior agreement, contract, or commitment.

#### ARTICLE 4. SCHEDULE OF RATES AND CHARGES

##### 4.1 Rates and Charges for Septage Disposal.

All customers disposing of septic tank waste at the Treatment Facility will be issued a card for each truck owned by the customer. The card will be used to gain entry into the Treatment Facility, and will designate on the City's computer the truck's capacity. The customer shall be charged based on the capacity of each truck whether that truck is full or not during each entry by each truck.

The usage charge for septage disposal shall be:

\$17.55 per 1,000 gallons of truck capacity disposing at the Treatment Facility

#### ARTICLE 5. OTHER CHARGES, FEES AND DEPOSITS

5.1 Security Deposit for Service. The County will require a security deposit in the amount of \$100.00 from all new customers or applicants, from customers whose accounts are consistently delinquent, and in situations where the County has cause to believe that a deposit is required to insure payment of bills. At the end of one year of service, if all accounts have been kept current the amount of the deposit, plus interest accrued at the rate of 6% per annum simple interest, shall be credited to the next month's bill. Service must be in place for a minimum of six (6) months for any interest to be accrued. Upon discontinuance of service, any deposit held by the County will be applied to the final billing with any remaining deposit amount refunded to the customer. If the deposit is applied to a customer's account because of delinquent bills, all interest accrued will also be applied to delinquent bills.

A security deposit of \$100.00 will be required of any existing customer each time service has been discontinued because of delinquent bills, to a maximum of two (2) times, before service will be restored. These deposits will not be refundable. Upon the third discontinuance of service for delinquent bills, service will not be restored and the customer will not be allowed to resume septage disposal at the facility.

Any application for service will not be granted unless full payment has been made for septage disposal services previously rendered to the applicant or customer by the County, as well as any penalties levied.

Failure on the part of the customer to make such deposit within fifteen (15) days after written notice by the County that such deposit be made or service may be discontinued, shall warrant the County in discontinuing the service to the customer.

5.2 Charges for Continuance and Discontinuance of Service (Customer's Request). If service is discontinued the customer shall pay a processing charge of fifteen (\$15.00) for discontinuance and another fifteen dollars (\$15.00) for continuance. Customers must give 24 hours or previous working days notice for discontinuance or continuance.

5.3 Discontinuance Charge. If service is discontinued for non-payment of bills or other violations of this ordinance, the customer shall pay a delinquent processing charge of fifteen dollars (\$15.00), and another charge of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) to continue service after all other fees have been paid in accordance with Article 4.1, 5.1, 5.4 and 7.3. Should the customer reactivate the service, without the consent of the County, an additional charge of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) will be made for each such occurrence. Service will be considered to have been discontinued when the City has been notified to inactivate the entry card. Termination of service shall be in accordance with Article 9.

5.4 Delinquent Accounts. In addition to those conditions specified in Section 5.3 above, there will be a charge for late payment. If payment is not received within thirty (30) days after the due date, a penalty on the outstanding balance will be charged in accordance with Article 7.3 and the service will be discontinued according to the procedure outlined in Article 9.

5.5 Damage to County or City Property. Persons causing damage to County or City property by any willful or negligent act shall be responsible for payment of costs incurred.

5.6 Prosecution for Illegal Use of Septage Disposal Service. Any person who shall wrongfully and maliciously appropriate or use the Septage Disposal Facility or wrongfully and maliciously interferes with any officer, agent, or employee of the County or City in the proper discharge of his duties shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be fined in any sum not exceeding five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or imprisoned not to exceed ninety (90) days in the County jail or by both such fine and imprisonment; provided further, that the County or City damaged by any such act may also bring civil action for damages sustained by any such act, and in such proceeding the prevailing party shall also be entitled to attorney's fees and costs of court.

#### ARTICLE 6. BASIS FOR BILLING

6.1 All septage disposal services shall be billed on the basis of truck capacity in accordance with the rates in Article 4 established by this ordinance.

6.2 Customers are responsible for payment of septage disposal services recorded by each entry into the disposal facility regardless of whether the customer's truck was filled to capacity.

6.3 The owner of the septic hauling business shall be responsible for payment of septage disposal fees.

ARTICLE 7. TIME AND MANNER OF PAYMENT

7.1 Issuance of Bills. The County shall receive notice from the City of each customer's use of the disposal facility on a monthly basis, and as soon thereafter as practicable, issue a bill for each service in accordance with this ordinance. The County shall send out bills for service used and for which no payment has been received, and shall use the rates and charges established by this ordinance to determine the amount.

7.2 Bills Due When Presented. Upon presentation, all bills shall be due and payable at the office of the Washoe County Treasurer.

7.3 Delinquent Accounts. Accounts not paid within 30 days of presentation are delinquent and shall be charged a ten dollar (\$10.00) late payment processing fee plus a penalty of 15% per annum on the outstanding balance.

7.4 Discontinuance of Service. The County will discontinue service to a customer having a delinquent bill.

7.5 Represents Lien on Property. Until paid, all rates, tolls and charges provided in this ordinance constitute a perpetual lien on and against the business served and may be foreclosed upon as provided by law.

7.6 Failure to Receive a Bill. Failure to receive a bill does not relieve the customer of the obligation to pay for services received.

7.7 Checks Not Honored by Bank. Checks presented in payment of bills which are returned by a bank shall be treated as though no payment had been made and a \$10.00 handling charge will be levied by the County plus any additional charges of the bank. Redemption of returned checks may be required to be by cash or equivalent. The customer must reimburse the County for any returned check fees charged by a bank to the County.

7.8 Disputed Bills. In the case of a dispute between a Customer and the County as to the correct amount of any bill rendered by the County for septage disposal service furnished to the Customer, the Customer will deposit with the County the amount claimed by the County to be due.

Failure to Make Deposit. Failure on the part of the Customer to make such deposit within fifteen (15) days after written notice by the County that such deposit be made or service may be discontinued, shall warrant the County in discontinuing the service to the Customer without further notice.

Arbitration of Dispute: In the event of dispute between the Customer and the County, respecting any bill, charge or service, the County shall forth with make such investigation as shall be required by the particular case, and report the result thereof to the Customer. In the event that the complaint cannot be satisfactorily adjusted, the County or Customer may make application to the County for adjustment of the complaint, and the County shall notify the Customer in writing or otherwise, that he has the privilege of appeal to the Board.



ARTICLE 8. APPLICATION FOR SERVICE

Each person applying for a new service or changes in an existing service, will be required to sign appropriate application forms provided by the County and to pay all required fees and charges. The application form shall include an agreement to abide by all County and City rules and regulations and shall require furnishing such information as the County may reasonably require.

8.1 Rejection of Application. Applications for service may be rejected if:

a) The account of the applicant at the same or other location is delinquent.

b) The purpose of the applicant, in the opinion of the County, is to circumvent discontinuance of service in another name because of non-payment of bills.

ARTICLE 9. TERMINATION OF SERVICE

9.1 Customer's Request for Termination of Service. A Customer may have service terminated by giving not less than five (5) days advance notice thereof to the County, and provide a mailing address to which the closing bill will be mailed. Charges for service may be required to be paid until the requested date of discontinuance or such later date as will provide not less than the required five (5) days advance notice. When such notice is not given, the Customer will be required to pay for service until five (5) days after the County has knowledge that the Customer has terminated service. Failure to notify the County of termination of service shall not relieve the customer of responsibility for payment of bills.

9.2 Termination of Service by County.

a) For Nonpayment of Bills. A Customer's service will be discontinued for nonpayment of a bill for service furnished if the bill is not paid within thirty (30) days after presentation, provided the County has given the Customer at least five (5) days prior notice of such intention.

Customers whose charges have become delinquent may be discontinued from the service. The County shall charge the cost of discontinuance of such service and the cost of continuance thereto, as outlined in Article 5.3, before such service is continued. The amount of the cost of discontinuance and continuance over the deposit shall constitute a charge and be collected as such. If a customer's bill becomes delinquent and service discontinued three (3) times, service will not be restored and the customer will not be allowed to continue septage disposal at the facility.

b) For Noncompliance With Rules. The County may discontinue service to any Customer for violation of these rules after it has given the Customer as least five (5) days written notice of such intention.

c) Where Service is Detrimental or Damaging to the County, City, or its Customers. If any unsafe or hazardous condition is found to exist in septic waste disposal and is found to be detrimental or damaging to the County, City or its customers, the service may be discontinued without notice. The County will notify the Customer immediately of the reasons for the discontinuance and the corrective action to be taken by the Customer in accordance with Article 3.9 before service can be restored.

d) For Fraudulent Use of Service. When the County or City has discovered that a Customer has obtained service by fraudulent means, or has altered the disposal facility access for unauthorized use, the service to that Customer may be discontinued without notice. The County will not restore service to such Customer until that Customer has complied with all filed rules and reasonable requirements of the County and the County has been reimbursed for the full amount of the service rendered and the actual cost that the County incurred by reason of the fraudulent use. If fraudulent use occurs a second time, disposal service to the customer will be terminated and customer will not be allowed to reactivate service.

### 9.3 Restoration of Service.

a) To be Made During Regular Working Hours. The County will endeavor to make restoration of service during regular working hours on the day of the request, if conditions permit; otherwise, restoration will be made on the regular working day following the day the request is made.

b) To be Made at Other Than Regular Working Hours. When a Customer has requested that the restoration be made at other than regular working hours, the County will reasonably endeavor to so make the restoration if practicable under the circumstances, but will be under no obligation to do so, unless an emergency exists.

### 9.4 Refusal to Serve.

a) Conditions for Refusal. The County may refuse an Applicant for service under the following conditions:

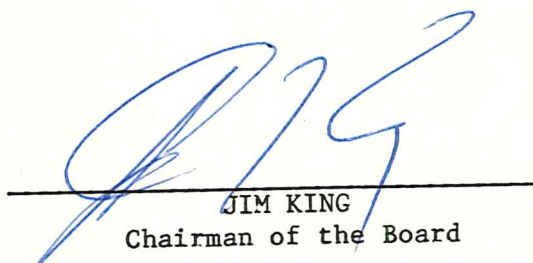
1. If the intended use of the service is of such a nature that it will be detrimental or injurious to the disposal facility.
2. If the Applicant fails to comply with any of the rules as approved by the Board.
3. If, in the judgment of the County, the Applicant's equipment for utilizing the service is unsafe or hazardous or of such nature that satisfactory service cannot be rendered.
4. Where service has been discontinued for fraudulent use, the County will not serve an Applicant until it has determined that all conditions of fraudulent use or practice have been corrected.

b) Notification to Customers. When an Applicant is refused service under the provisions of this rule, the County will notify the Applicant promptly, by procedures outlined in Article 3.12, of the reason for the refusal to serve and of the right of the Applicant to appeal the County's decision to the Board. The County shall cause notice to be given at least five (5) calendar days but not more than fifteen (15) calendar days prior to the date of intended termination.

Proposed on the 24th day of September, 1985.  
Proposed by Commissioners Lillard:  
Passed on the 12th day of November, 1985.

Vote:

Ayes: Commissioners: Lillard, McDowell, Williams, King & Ritter  
Nays: Commissioners: None  
Absent: Commissioners: None

  
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JIM KING  
Chairman of the Board

ATTEST;

  
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JUDI BAILEY, County Clerk

This ordinance shall be in force and effect from and after the 25th day of November, 1985.

**13.33.030 Dischargers subject to these regulations.**

All wastewater dischargers, domestic and industrial/commercial, to the city's wastewater facilities, whether within or outside the city limits, are subject to the wastewater regulations, inspections, enforcement and penalties provided in this title. Sanitary districts which discharge waste to the city's wastewater system shall adopt these regulations of wastewater discharge and enforce all provisions. (Ord. 1421 § 17, 1983; Ord. 1283 § 7 (part), 1980.)

**Chapter 13.33**

**REGULATION OF WASTEWATER DISCHARGE**

**Sections:**

- 13.33.010 Purpose and policy.
- 13.33.020 Administration.
- 13.33.030 Dischargers subject to these regulations.

**13.33.010 Purpose and policy.**

These wastewater discharge regulations impose uniform requirements for discharges into the city's wastewater collection and treatment system and enable the city to comply with any applicable state and federal water quality standards, limitations and pretreatment standards, to derive the maximum public benefit by regulating the quality and quantity of wastewater discharged into the city's wastewater system. These regulations provide a means for determining wastewater volumes, constituents and characteristics, the issuance of inspection certificates to certain users, and enforcement. (Ord. 1421 § 16, 1983; Ord. 1283 § 7 (part), 1980.)

**13.33.020 Administration.**

Except as otherwise provided herein, the director shall administer, implement and enforce the provisions of this regulation of wastewater discharge. Any powers granted or duties imposed upon the director may be delegated by the director to persons acting in the beneficial interest of or in the employment of the city. (Ord. 1283 § 7 (part), 1980.)

**Chapter 13.36**

**WASTEWATER REGULATIONS**

**Sections:**

- 13.36.010 Discharges prohibited from sanitary sewers.
- 13.36.020 Administration—Determination or prohibited discharge.
- 13.36.030 Prohibition on unpolluted water.
- 13.36.040 Exclusions from storm sewers and drains.
- 13.36.050 Exclusions from sanitary sewers.
- 13.36.060 Septic tank waste.
- 13.36.070 Limitations on the use of garbage grinders, and required use of grease traps.
- 13.36.080 Limitations on point of discharge.
- 13.36.090 Limitations on wastewater strength.
- 13.36.100 Revision of wastewater regulations.
- 13.36.110 Accidental discharges.
- 13.36.120 Excessive discharge.

**13.36.010 Discharges prohibited from sanitary sewers.**

Sewage, waste, or any matter having any of the following characteristics shall, under no conditions, be discharged into, be placed where they might find their way into, or be allowed to run, leak, or escape into any part of the sewer system:

- A. Any gasoline, benzene, naphtha, solvent, fuel oil, or any other liquid, solid, or gas that would cause or tend to cause flammable or explosive conditions to result in the sewage system:

- B. Any waste containing or causing the promotion of toxic or poisonous solids, liquids, or gases that, alone or in combination with other waste substances, may create a hazard for humans, animals, or the environment, interfere with wastewater treatment processes, cause a public nuisance, or cause any hazardous condition to occur in the wastewater system;
- C. Any waste having a pH lower than 5.5 pH units or having any corrosive or detrimental characteristic that may cause injury to wastewater collection or treatment systems, including structures and equipment; any waste with a pH greater than 9.0 pH units or high enough to cause alkaline incrustations on sewer walls or other adverse effects on the wastewater systems;
- D. Any solids or viscous wastes that may cause deposition, obstruction, damage or reduction of flow in the sewer, be detrimental to proper wastewater treatment plant operations, or other interference. These objectionable substances include, but are not limited to: asphalt, dead animals, offal, ashes, sand, mud, straw, industrial process shavings, metal, glass, rags, feathers, tar, plastics, wood, whole blood, paunch manure, bones, hair fleshings, entrails, paper, dishes, paper cups, milk containers, or other similar paper products, either whole or ground;
- E. Any inflow sources, including rainwater, stormwater, groundwater, street drainage, subsurface drainage, roof drainage, yard drainage, and water from yard fountains, ponds or lawn sprays, or any other uncontaminated water. It is unlawful to connect any sewer lateral to the city's wastewater facilities which would allow infiltration discharges in excess of two hundred gallons per day per pipe diameter inch per mile of length;
- F. Any water added for the purpose of diluting waste;
- G. Any petroleum or mineral-based cutting oils commonly called soluble oil;
- H. Any nonbiodegradable oil, petroleum oil, or refined petroleum products;
- I. Any radioactive, radiological, or chemical/biological warfare, waste or material;
- J. Any waste, including oxygen demanding pollutants, released in a discharge of such volume or strength as to cause interference in the wastewater treatment facilities;

- K. Matter of any nature at a temperature above fifty degrees Fahrenheit;
- L. Animal or vegetable greases, oils or matter containing animal or vegetable grease or oil of any nature in excess of three hundred milligrams per liter, or any petroleum products;
- M. Any matter that would be poisonous to or inhibit the biologic organisms associated with any sewage treatment process, and which, in the opinion of the director, might interfere with the satisfactory operation of any treatment facility or any portion of the sewer system.

(Ord. 1421 § 18, 1983: Ord. 1321 § 6, 1981: Ord. 1283 § 8 (part), 1980.)

#### 13.36.020 Administration—Determination of prohibited discharge.

The director shall make all discretionary determinations as may be required to administer this chapter and shall recover the cost incurred in making such determinations from the discharger. (Ord. 1283 § 8 (part), 1980.)

#### 13.36.030 Prohibition on unpolluted water.

Unpolluted water including, but not limited to, process cooling water, blowdown from cooling towers or evaporator coolers, and swimming pool water, shall not be discharged through direct or indirect connection to the city's wastewater facilities unless an inspection certificate is issued by the director for such discharge. The director may approve the discharge of such water when no reasonable alternative method of disposal is available and such discharge does not violate other sections of this title.

If a certificate is granted for the discharge of such water into the wastewater facilities, the user shall pay the applicable charges and fees and shall meet such other conditions required by the director. (Ord. 1421 § 19, 1983: Ord. 1283 § 8 (part), 1980.)

#### 13.36.040 Exclusions from storm sewers and drains.

In addition to the matter excluded by Section 13.36.010 of this chapter (except 13.36.010E.), all other matter of any nature shall be excluded from those parts of the sewer system designated by the director as storm sewers, excepting only such waters as hereinbefore authorized. Such drainage water shall be directed into a storm

sewer only under the authorization and direction of the director. (Ord. 1321 § 7, 1981: Ord. 1283 § 8 (part), 1980.)

**13.36.050 Exclusions from sanitary sewers.**

In addition to the matter excluded heretofore, all surface drainage water shall be excluded from all parts of the sewer system designated by the director as the sanitary sewer system. (Ord. 1283 § 8 (part), 1980.)

**13.36.060 Septic tank waste.**

It is unlawful to discharge any septic tank or cesspool waste to the city's wastewater facilities, unless specifically authorized in writing by the director. The time and place for the specific discharge and required characteristics of the matter discharged shall be designated by the director. No discharge shall violate any section of this title. (Ord. 1283 § 8 (part), 1980.)

**13.36.070 Limitations on the use of garbage grinders, and required use of grease traps.**

Waste from garbage grinders shall not be discharged into the city's wastewater facilities except when the wastes are generated in preparation of food normally consumed on the premises and the grinders shred the waste to a degree that all particles will be carried freely under normal flow conditions prevailing in the wastewater facilities, and to a size not to exceed one-half inch in any dimension. Garbage grinders shall not be used for grinding plastic, paper products, inert materials or garden refuse.

Grease traps shall be installed, utilized and properly maintained by all dischargers of food-product wastes. (Ord. 1321 § 8, 1981: Ord. 1283 § 8 (part), 1980.)

**13.36.080 Limitations on point of discharge.**

No person shall discharge any substances directly into a manhole or other opening in a community sewer other than through an approved building sewer, unless he has been issued a permit by the director. If a permit is issued for such direct discharge, the user shall pay the applicable charges and fees and shall

meet such other conditions as required by the director. (Ord. 1283 § 8 (part), 1980.)

**13.36.090 Limitations on wastewater strength.**  
No person shall discharge wastewater containing constituents in excess of:

Constituent	Maximum Concentration
Arsenic	2.0 mg/l
Barium	4.0 mg/l
Boron	1.00 mg/l
Cadmium	0.01 mg/l
Chromium (total)	0.50 mg/l
Copper	0.50 mg/l
Cyanide	0.23 mg/l
Iron	100 mg/l
Lead	0.30 mg/l
Manganese	0.70 mg/l
Mercury	0.01 mg/l
Nickel	1.80 mg/l
Selenium	0.04 mg/l
Silver	0.05 mg/l
Sulfate	240 mg/l
Zinc	2.50 mg/l
Phenol	.005 mg/l
Alkali Chloride	430 mg/l
Fluoride	110 mg/l
	4.0 mg/l

**Pesticides and Herbicides** Maximum Concentration

Total chlorinated hydrocarbons	0.04 mg/l
Chlordane	
Lindane	
Heptachlor	
Methoxychlor	
Toxaphene	
2-4D	
2-4-5T	
Parathion	0.0016 mg/l
Malathion	0.004 mg/l
Guthion	0.004 mg/l.

(Ord. 1321 § 9, 1981: Ord. 1283 § 8 (part), 1980.)

**13.36.100 Revision of wastewater regulations.**

Effluent limitations promulgated by the Act, and regulations and guidelines promulgated thereunder, shall apply in any instance where they are more stringent than those in these regulations.



## WASTEWATER INSPECTION CERTIFICATES

Limitations on wastewater strength in Section 13.36.090 of this chapter may be supplemented with more stringent limitations pursuant to Section 13.39.030 of this title:

- A. If the director determines that the limitations in Section 13.36.090 of this chapter may not be sufficient to protect the operation of the city's treatment works;
- B. If the director determines that the limitations in Section 13.36.090 of this chapter may not be sufficient to enable the city's treatment works to comply with water quality standards or effluent limitations specified in the city's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit;
- C. If any matter of any nature may be discharged into the sewer system, which discharge might reasonably be considered a violation of this chapter, the controlling characteristic of such matter shall be determined to the satisfaction of the director. The responsibility of initiating such determinations of any costs involved and of submitting the results of the determination to the director for his approval lie solely with the party or parties desiring to discharge the matter into the sewer system. Verification of these results and the decision as to whether or not a permit shall be issued shall be the responsibility of the director. The adoption of this ordinance amending this title of the code, or ordinances adopted subsequent hereto but without objection from the director, does not constitute a waiver of the director's right to regulate or prohibit the discharge of such matter.

(Ord. 1283 § 8 (part), 1980.)

#### 13.36.110 Accidental discharges.

Users shall notify the director immediately upon accidentally discharging waste in violation of this title to enable the director to take proper measures to reduce the impact of the discharge. This notification must be followed by a detailed written statement within fifteen days of the date of occurrence. (Ord. 1283 § 8 (part), 1980.)

#### 13.36.120 Excessive discharge.

No user shall ever increase the use of process water or in any way attempt to dilute a dis-

charge as a partial or complete substitute for adequate treatment to achieve compliance with the limitations enforceable under this title. (Ord. 1283 § 8 (part), 1980.)