

COMMERCIAL GREASE TRAP/INTERCEPTORS ORDINANCE #16-15-11

AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING ALL COMMERCIAL RESTAURANTS, CONVENIENCE STORES & ANY FACILITY THAT COOKS AND SELLS FOOD IN THE TOWN OF PEARL RIVER TO HAVE THEIR GREASE TRAP/INTERCEPTORS CLEANED QUARTERLY.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE TOWN OF PEARL RIVER, LA:

Prohibitions and Limitations on discharge into the public sewage system:

Oils, grease and wax.

- a. More than 20 pounds per day of wax, grease or oil or at a concentration of more than 100 mg/1, whether emulsified or not, or containing substances which may solidify or become viscous at temperatures between 32 degrees and 150 degrees Fahrenheit (zero degrees and 65 degrees Celsius) at the point of discharge into the system.
- b. Any oil, wax or grease , whether emulsified or not, which will or may:
 1. Deposit oil, grease or wax in the sewer lines in such a manner as to clog the sewers or impede the flow;
 2. Overload the sewage treatment facility's skimming and grease handling equipment;
 3. Not to amenable to biological oxidation and may therefore pass to the receiving stream without being affected by the normal sewage treatment process; or
 4. Have any other deleterious effect on the sewage treatment process due to excessive quantities or concentrations.
- c. Grease, oil and sand traps/interceptors shall be provided when they are necessary for the proper handling of wastewater containing free or emulsified oil and/or grease exceeding 100mg/1, or flammable wastes, or other harmful ingredient except that such interceptors shall not be required for private living quarters or swelling units. All traps shall be of a type and capacity approved by the Town and shall be located so as to be readily and easily accessible for cleaning and inspection.
 1. Any person who violates the provision of this ordinance shall be served with written notice stating the nature of the violation and a time for the satisfactory correction thereof.
 2. Any person who shall continue any violation beyond the time limit stated in the notice shall be administratively fined not less than \$50.00 and not more than \$500.00 per violation per day. Additionally, the certificate of occupancy for the premises may be revoked until the violation is corrected.
 3. Any person who violates any provision of this ordinance may be charged for any costs incurred by the Town in maintaining or repairing its wastewater treatment system resulting from the violation.

4. Any person fined pursuant to this ordinance shall, within five days of the fine, be entitled to an informal conference with the Mayor to ascertain the appropriateness of the fine.

Solid or viscous wastes. Solid or viscous wastes which will or may cause obstruction to the flow in a sewer, or otherwise interfere with the proper operation of the wastewater treatment system. Prohibited materials include, but are not limited to, grease, improperly comminuted garbage, animal guts or tissues, paunch manure, bones, hair, hides or fleshing's, entrails, whole blood, feathers, ashes, cinders, sand, spent lime, stone or marble dust, metal, glass, straw, shavings, grass clippings, rags, spent grains, spent hops, wastepaper, wood, plastic, tar, asphalt residues, cutback asphalts, residues from refining or processing of fuel or lubricating oil, and similar substances.

Excessive discharge rate. Any waters or wastes with unusual volume of flow or concentration of wastes constituting sludge.

Grease trap/interceptor maintenance and record requirements. Grease traps/interceptors shall be cleaned on a regular basis to ensure efficient operation. Facilities such as restaurants, including fast food restaurants, convenience stores and any other facility cooking food for sale whether take out or indoor serving, with high grease loading will be required to have their traps/interceptors cleaned quarterly.

Where installed, all grease, oil and sand traps/interceptors shall be maintained by the owner, at his expense, in continuously efficient operation at all times. Maintenance of external large grease traps/interceptors shall be performed by qualified grease or septic haulers. These services shall empty the entire contents with a pumper truck and haul the grease to an approved site.

Inspections and record keeping. Facilities with external large grease traps/interceptors are required to forward on a quarterly basis, the maintenance and cleaning records to the Town Hall office via email, waterdept@townofpearlriver.net or fax to 985-863-2586. Maintenance and cleaning records will be kept on file at the Pearl River Town Hall in the Utility Department. Maintenance records should contain the following information.

Date of maintenance

Item removed

Approximate amount removed

Disposal location

Authorized signature or initials for verification

Customers who fail to comply with grease trap/interceptors maintenance and record requirements shall be subject to penalties and fines.

Any person found to be violating any provision of this ordinance shall be served by the Town of Pearl River with written notice stating the nature of the violation and providing a reasonable time limit for the satisfactory correction thereof. The offender shall, within the period of time stated in such notice, permanently cease all violations.

- d. The Mayor shall have the authority to post a notice at the principal entrances of any premises where a violation of this ordinance is found, notice shall set forth the nature of the violation and the sanitary facilities affected thereby and provide a reasonable time limit for

the satisfactory correction thereof. It shall be unlawful for any person to use the said facilities beyond the period mentioned in the notice unless the notice has been removed with the Town's permission, or unless an extension of time has been obtain from the Mayor.

- e. The mayor shall have the authority to disconnect or order disconnection of water or sewage service to any premised found to contain plumbing which is unsanitary or unsafe, or which is in violation of this Ordinance or of the Sanitary Cod of the State of Louisiana. No person shall knowingly reconnect or use such facilities unless permission to reconnect has been given by the Mayor.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED THAT THIS ORDINANCE WILL BECOME EFFECTIVE ON DECEMBER 20, 2016.

THIS ORDINANCE HAVING BEEN SUBMITTED TO A VOTE, THE VOTE THEREON WAS AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: 4
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 1
ABSTENTIONS: 0

CARLA BENELLI, TOWN CLERK

CLARENCE MCQUEEN, MAYOR