

**ORDINANCE #52 REPEALED BY ORDINANCE #112**

**52. AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE USE OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SEWERS AND DRAINS, PRIVATE WASTEWATER DISPOSAL, THE INSTALLATION AND CONNECTION OF BUILDING SEWERS, AND THE DISCHARGE OF WATERS AND WASTES INTO THE PUBLIC SEWER SYSTEM AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF: IN THE CITY OF GROTON, COUNTY OF NEW LONDON, STATE OF CONNECTICUT (APRIL 5, 1982)**

Be it ordained and enacted by the Mayor and Council of the City of Groton, State of Connecticut, as follows:

**ARTICLE 1. - INTRODUCTION**

**Section 1.1**

This Ordinance establishes the procedures for making connections to the public sewer in the City of Groton's sanitary sewer system. It also establishes specific limits for pollutant discharges which by their nature or by their interaction with sewage will be detrimental to the public health; cause damage to the sewage collection system, or the water pollution control facility; pollute the waters of the State; or otherwise create public nuisance.

**Section 1.2**

This Ordinance is intended to:

- a. inform the public as to the technical and administrative procedures to be followed in obtaining connection to the City of Groton's sewage collection system;
- b. prevent the introduction of pollutants into the sewage collection system which will damage and/or interfere with the collection system and/or treatment system;
- c. prevent the introduction of pollutants into the water pollution control facility which will pass through the water pollution control facility, inadequately treated, into the waters of the State, or the atmosphere, or otherwise be incompatible with the treatment system employed;
- d. improve the opportunity to recycle and reclaim wastewaters and sludges from the system.

**Section 1.3**

This Ordinance shall apply to the City of Groton and to persons outside the City of Groton who are, by contract or agreement with the City of Groton, users of the City of Groton's sewage collection system or water pollution control facility.

**Section 1.4**

Except as otherwise provided herein, the Director of Utilities of the City of Groton shall otherwise implement, and enforce the provisions of this Ordinance.

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### **ARTICLE II. - DEFINITIONS**

Unless the context specifically indicates otherwise, the meaning of terms used in this Ordinance shall be as follows:

#### **Section 2.1**

"Act" or "The Act" shall mean the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, also known as The Clean Water Act, as amended, 33 USC 1251, et. seq.

#### **Section 2.2**

"ASTM" shall mean the American Society for Testing and Materials. Copies of ASTM specifications referred to in this Ordinance are available for inspection at the office of the Director of Utilities.

#### **Section 2.3**

"Authority" shall mean the Water Pollution Control Authority of the City of Groton, Connecticut.

#### **Section 2.4**

"Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD)" shall mean the amount of oxygen required by bacteria while stabilizing decomposable organic matter under aerobic conditions for five (5) days. The determination of BOD shall be performed in accordance with the procedures prescribed in the latest edition of "Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater", published by the American Public Health Association.

#### **Section 2.5**

"Building Drain" shall mean that part of the lowest horizontal piping of a building plumbing system which 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 (5) feet outside the inner face of the building wall.

#### **Section 2.6**

"Building Sewer" shall mean the extension from the building drain to the public sewer, private sewer, or other place of disposal; it may also be called a house connection.

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#### **Section 2.7**

"Categorical Standards" shall mean the National Categorical Pretreatment Standards or Pretreatment Standards.

#### **Section 2.8**

"Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD)" shall mean the amount of oxygen required for the chemical oxidation of carbonaceous (organic) material in wastewater using inorganic dichromate or permanganate salts as oxidants in a two-hour test. The determination of COD shall be performed in accordance with the procedures prescribed in the latest edition of "Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater", published by the American Public Health Association.

#### **Section 2.9**

"City" shall mean the City of Groton, Connecticut.

#### **Section 2.10**

"Commissioner" shall mean the Commissioner of Environmental Protection for the State of Connecticut.

#### **Section 2.11**

"Compatible Pollutant" shall mean biochemical oxygen demand (BOD), suspended solids, pH, and fecal coliform bacteria; plus any additional pollutants identified in the water pollution control facility's NPDES permit, where the water pollution control facility is designed to treat such pollutants and, in fact, does treat such pollutants to the degree required by the NPDES permit.

#### **Section 2.12**

"Cooling Water" shall mean process water in general used for cooling purposes to which the only pollutant added is heat and which has such characteristics that it may be discharged to a natural outlet in accordance with Federal and State laws and regulations.

#### **Section 2.13**

"Director of Utilities" shall mean the Director of Utilities of the City of Groton or his duly authorized deputy, agent, or representative.

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### **Section 2.14**

"Domestic Sewage" shall mean sewage that consists of water and human excretions or other waterborne wastes incidental to the occupancy of a residential building or nonresidential building but not wastewater from water softening equipment, commercial laundry wastewater, and blowdown from heating and cooling equipment.

### **Section 2.15**

"Floatable Oil" shall mean oil, fat, or grease in a physical state such that it will separate by gravity from sewage by treatment in an approved pretreatment facility.

### **Section 2.16**

"Garbage" shall mean the animal or vegetable waste resulting from the handling, preparation, cooking or serving of food.

### **Section 2.17**

"Holding Tank Waste" shall mean any waste from holding tanks such as vessels, chemical toilets, campers, trailers, and septage hauling trucks.

### **Section 2.18**

"Incompatible Pollutant" shall mean all pollutants other than compatible pollutants as defined in Section 2.11.

### **Section 2.19**

"Industrial Wastewater" shall mean all wastewater from industrial processes, trade, or business and is distinct from domestic sewage.

### **Section 2.20**

"May" is permissive (See "Shall").

### **Section 2.21**

"National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit" shall mean a permit issued pursuant to Section 402 of the Act (33 USC 1342).

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### **Section 2.22**

"Person" shall mean any individual, partnership, copartnership, firm, company, corporation, association, joint stock company, trust, estate, governmental entity or any other legal entity, or its legal representative, agent, or assign. The masculine gender shall include the feminine; the singular shall include the plural where indicated by the context.

### **Section 2.23**

"pH" shall mean the logarithm of the reciprocal of the hydrogen-ion concentrations. The concentration is the weight of hydrogen-ions in grams, per liter of solution.

### **Section 2.24**

"Pretreatment or Treatment" shall mean the reduction of the amount of pollutants, the elimination of pollutants, or the alteration of the nature of pollutant properties in wastewater to a less harmful state prior to or in lieu of discharging or otherwise introducing such pollutants into the water pollution control facility. The reduction or alteration can be obtained by physical, chemical, or biological processes, except as prohibited by Title 40, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 403.6(d).

### **Section 2.25**

"Private Sewer" shall mean a sewer installed and owned on private property by the property owner at his expense, as a collection system for multiple building sewers which do not connect separately and directly to a public sewer. It shall not include sewers passing through and interconnecting separate buildings. Private sewers shall be under the control of the Water Pollution Control Authority of the City of Groton.

### **Section 2.26**

"Properly Shredded Garbage" shall mean the wastes from the preparation, cooking, and dispensing of food that have been shredded to such a degree that all particles will be carried freely under the flow conditions normally prevailing in public sewers, with no particle greater than one-half inch (1/2") in any dimension.

### **Section 2.27**

"Public Sewer" shall mean a common sanitary sewer owned and controlled by the Water Pollution Control Authority of the City of Groton.

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#### **Section 2.28**

"Sanitary Sewer" shall mean a sewer which collects and conveys domestic sewage from residences, public buildings, commercial establishments, industries, and institutions. A sanitary sewer may also collect and convey permitted industrial wastewater and unintentionally admitted ground, storm, and surface waters.

#### **Section 2.29**

"Septage" shall mean the liquids and solids which are removed from a tank used to treat domestic sewage.

#### **Section 2.30**

"Sewage" shall mean human and animal excretions and all domestic and such manufacturing wastes as may tend to be detrimental to the public health.

#### **Section 2.31**

"Sewage Collection System" shall mean all the facilities for collecting, regulating, pumping, and transporting sewage to the water pollution control facility.

#### **Section 2.32**

"Shall" is mandatory (See "May").

#### **Section 2.33**

"Slug" shall mean any sudden or excessive discharge which exceeds permitted levels either in terms of pollutant concentration or instantaneous flow rate in such a manner as to adversely affect the sewage collection system and/or the water pollution control facility.

#### **Section 2.34**

"Soluble Oil" shall mean oil which is of either mineral or vegetable origin and disperses in water or sewage at temperatures between 32°F. (0°C.) and 150°F. (65°C). For the purposes of this Ordinance, emulsified oil shall be considered as soluble oil.

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**Section 2.35**

"Storm Sewer" shall mean a sewer which collects and conveys storm water or groundwater and to which condensate, cooling water, or similar wastes may be discharged.

**Section 2.36**

"Suspended Solids" shall mean solid matter, measured in milligrams per liter, which may be in suspension, floatable, or settleable and is removable by laboratory filtering as prescribed in the latest edition of "Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater" published by the American Public Health Association.

**Section 2.37**

"Toxic Pollutant" shall mean any pollutant or combination of pollutants listed as toxic in regulations promulgated by the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency under the provisions of Section 307(a) of The Act or other Acts.

**Section 2.38**

"User" shall mean any person who contributes, causes, or permits the contribution of sewage into the public sewers.

**Section 2.39**

"Water Pollution Control Facility (WPCF)" shall mean the arrangement of structures and devices used for the treatment of sewage and sludge.

**Section 2.40**

"Watercourse" shall mean a natural or artificial channel for the passage of water either continuously or intermittently.

**ARTICLE III. - USE OF PUBLIC SEWERS**

**Section 3.1**

The owners of all houses, buildings, or properties used for human occupancy, employment, recreation, or other purposes situated within the City and abutting on any street, alley, or right-of-way in which there is now located or may in the future be located, a public or private sewer under control of the Authority are, at the option of the

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Authority and at the owners' expense, required to install a building sewer to connect their building drain to the public or private sewer in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance, within ninety (90) days after date of official notice to do so.

#### **Section 3.2**

It shall be unlawful for any person to construct or repair any privy, privy vault, septic tank, cesspool or other facility intended or used for the disposal of sewage if public sewers are available.

#### **Section 3.3**

It shall be unlawful for any person to place, deposit, or permit to be deposited in any manner on public or private property within the City any human excrement, garbage, or other objectionable waste.

#### **Section 3.4**

It shall be unlawful for any person to discharge to any watercourse within the City any sewage or other polluted waters except where suitable treatment has been provided in accordance with subsequent provisions of this Ordinance.

### **ARTICLE IV. - PRIVATE SEWAGE DISPOSAL**

#### **Section 4.1**

Public or private sewers shall be deemed not available if (a) no public or private sewer is located within one hundred feet (100') of the property line or (b) connection to a public or private sewer is prevented by topographical or other physical reasons as determined by the Authority.

#### **Section 4.2**

Where a public or private sewer is not available, the building's sewer shall be connected to an on-site sewage disposal system complying with the rules and regulations of the State Department of Health Services as administered by the Director of Health of the City.

### **ARTICLE V. - PRIVATE SEWERS**

#### **Section 5.1**

No private sewer shall be constructed unless it is connected to a public sewer.

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### **Section 5.2**

The provisions of Article VI of this Ordinance shall apply to the connection of building sewers to private sewers and private sewers to the public sewer.

### **Section 5.3**

Private sewers shall be designed and constructed in accordance with plans and specifications prepared by a registered professional engineer, consistent with the currently effective "Private Sewer Main Construction Standards" issued by the Authority, and approved by the Director of Utilities. Construction shall be subject to the inspection of the Director of Utilities and use of the private sewer shall be prohibited until such time as the construction is approved. No certificate of occupancy for the building (s) serviced by such private sewer shall be issued by the Zoning and Building Official of the City of Groton until such time as said approval is granted in writing. Ownership of in responsibility for the maintenance of the private sewer shall remain with the owner(s) of record of the property.

### **Section 5.4**

Use of private sewers by multiple property owners and construction or reconstruction of private sewers capable of servicing multiple property owners is prohibited unless such private sewer meets the requirements of this article.

## **ARTICLE VI. - BUILDING SEWERS AND CONNECTIONS**

### **Section 6.1**

No unauthorized person(s) shall uncover, make any connections with or opening into, use, alter, repair, or disturb any public sewer, private sewer, building sewer, or appurtenance thereof. The work related to uncovering, making and connecting with, or opening into any public sewer, shall be performed by agents or representatives of the Authority. Any other work may be done by private contractors.

### **Section 6.2**

A separate and independent building sewer shall be provided for every building, except where one building stands at the rear of another on an interior lot and no public or private sewer is available or can be constructed to the rear building through an adjoining alley, courtyard, or driveway. The building sewer that provides service for the building which fronts on the public or private sewer may be extended to the rear building and the whole considered as one building sewer, if approved by the Director of Utilities. The City does not and will not

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assume any obligation or responsibility for damage caused by or resulting from any such aforementioned connection.

### **Section 6.3**

Existing building sewers or portions thereof may be used in connection with new buildings only when they are found on examination and test by the Director of Utilities to meet all requirements of this Ordinance. The cost of the examination and test shall be borne by the owner(s) of the new buildings.

### **Section 6.4**

The building sewer shall be brought to the building at an elevation below the basement floor, unless the Director of Utilities for severe practical difficulties grants a waiver of this requirement. The depth shall be sufficient to afford protection from frost.

### **Section 6.5**

In all buildings in which any building drain is too low to permit gravity flow to the public or private sewer, sewage carried by such drain shall be lifted by an acceptable and commonly approved lift system and discharged into the building sewer. Duplex lift systems shall be provided for commercial and industrial buildings.

### **Section 6.6**

The building sewer shall be cast-iron soil pipe, ASTM Specification A74-66, vitrified-clay sewer pipe, ASTM Specification C200-65T, asbestos-cement pipe, ASTM C428-65T, or polyvinyl chloride pipe, ASTM Specification D3034-SDR35. Whenever any part of the building sewer is located within ten feet (10') of a water pipe, is subject to damage by tree roots, or is placed on fill or unstable material, a specific building material may be required by the Director of Utilities.

### **Section 6.7**

The size and slope of a building sewer shall be subject to the approval of the Director of Utilities, but in no event shall the diameter be less than six inches (6"). The slope of such six-inch (6") pipe shall not be less than one-eighth inch (1/8") per foot. The building sewer shall be laid at uniform grade and in straight alignment insofar as possible. Changes in grade or direction shall be made only with manholes or properly constructed cleanouts and approved by the Director of Utilities. Every building drain shall be equipped with a Y branch furnishing a cleanout for the main drain. The Y branch shall be placed as to give direct access to the building drain at the point the building drain leaves the building basement and shall be fitted with a threaded brass

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cleanout plug. The Y branch cleanout is to be located in the cellar floor with the cleanout plug located a minimum of four inches (4") above the basement floor at the outer wall except where permission is given by the Zoning and Building Official and Director of Utilities to place it otherwise.

#### **Section 6.8**

All building sewer joints and connections shall be made tight and waterproof. Cement mortar joints will not be permitted. Cast-iron pipe joints shall be firmly packed with oakum or hemp and filled with molten lead Federal Specifications QQ-C-40, not less than one inch (1") deep. Lead shall be run in one (1) pouring and caulked tight. No paint, varnish, or other coatings shall be permitted on the jointing material until after the joint has been tested and approved. Approved pre-molded, matching resilient rubber gasket joints may be used as an alternate to the lead joint. All joints in vitrified-clay pipe or between such pipe and metals shall be made with approved premolded, matching resilient rubber gasket joints. All joints in asbestos-cement pipe shall be made with approved premolded, matching resilient rubber gasket joints. Gasket joints using materials having resilient properties shall conform to ASTM Specification C425-66T and shall be Type I or III. All joints in polyvinyl chloride pipe shall be made with approved premolded, matching resilient rubber gasket joints conforming to ASTM Specification D1869.

#### **Section 6.9**

All excavations required for the installation of a building sewer or a private sewer shall be open trench work unless otherwise approved by the Director of Utilities. All pipe laying and backfilling on private property up to a level of two feet (2') over the top of the pipe shall be performed in accordance with ASTM Specification (C12-64, except that no backfill shall be placed until the work has been inspected and approved. The remaining backfilling of the pipe trench in the street right-of-way will be controlled by the applicable requirements of the City's Street Opening Ordinance.

#### **Section 6.10**

All excavations for building sewer or private sewer installation, repair, and connection shall be adequately guarded with barricades and lights so as to protect the public from hazard. Streets, sidewalks, parkways, and other public property disturbed in the course of the work shall be restored in a manner meeting all the applicable requirements of the City's Street Opening Ordinance and shall be inspected and approved by the Director of Public Works of the City, or his duly authorized representative.

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**Section 6.11**

The connection of the building sewer into the public sewer shall be made at an existing Y or Tee branch, if such Y or Tee branch is available at a suitable location. If no Y or Tee branch is available, a connection may be made by tapping the existing sewer by an approved method, then installing a Tee saddle or other approved fitting. No portion of the fitting shall project beyond the inside surface of the sewer.

**Section 6.12**

No person shall make connections of roof drains, downspouts, foundation drains, areaway drains, basement drains, sump pumps, or other sources of surface runoff or ground water to a building sewer, building drain, or private sewer which in turn is connected directly or indirectly to a public sewer.

**ARTICLE VII. - PERSONS AUTHORIZED TO INSTALL AND USE BUILDING SEWERS AND PRIVATE SEWERS**

**Section 7.1**

No unauthorized person shall use any public sewer or private sewer or undertake any work related to the installation of building sewers or private sewers without first obtaining a written permit from the Director of Utilities. All building sewers or private sewers shall be installed by a drain layer who possesses a valid license issued under Chapter 393 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended.

**Section 7.2**

Applications for permits shall be submitted on a special form furnished by the Authority and signed jointly by the owner(s) of the property to be serviced by the building sewer or private sewer and by the contractor retained by the owner(s) to construct the building sewer or private sewer. For the purposes of this ordinance, the owner(s) and the contractor shall be considered as joint permittees with the responsibility of the permittee (owner(s)) limited to all non-construction requirements of this ordinance and the responsibility of the permittee (contractor) limited to the construction of the building sewer or private sewer and payment of permit fee requirements of this ordinance. The application for permit shall be supplemented by any plans, specifications, or other information considered pertinent by the Director of Utilities to determine that the proposed installation meets the requirements of this regulation and other applicable specifications, codes, and laws. A permit fee of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) for each single family building serviced by the proposed building sewer or private sewer

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and fifty dollars (\$50.00) for each commercial industrial, or multi-family building serviced by the building sewer or private sewer shall be paid to the Authority by the permittee (contractor). Non-profit institutions shall be exempt from permit fees. The permittee (contractor) shall have one (1) copy of the permit available for inspection at the site of the work at all times. Upon approval of the application, a permit shall be issued to have the work performed by the stated contractor. In the event ownership of the premises changes before the work is completed, or if another contractor is chosen to perform or finish the work, the original permit shall become void, and a new permit must be obtained by the new parties in interest.

### **Section 7.3**

All costs and expenses except permit fees incident to the installation, connection, repair, and inspection of the building sewer or private sewer shall be borne by the permittee (owner(s)). The permittee (contractor) shall indemnify the City from any loss or damage that may directly or indirectly be occasioned by the installation of the building sewer and/or private sewer in accordance with the following requirements:

Prior to the approval of an application for permit by the Director of Utilities, the permittee (contractor) shall file with the Authority a certificate of public liability insurance with limits of at least \$1,000,000/\$1,000,000 for bodily injury and \$1,000,000 covering property damage, both of which shall remain in full force and effect for a period of at least one year from the date the permitted construction is completed and approved. Said insurance shall indemnify the Authority, its employees, agents and representatives, and the City of Groton against any and all claims, liability, or action for damages incurred in or in any way connected with the performance of the work, and for or by reason of any acts or omissions in the performance of the work.

### **Section 7.4**

The permittees for the building sewer or private sewer permit shall notify the Director of Utilities at least twenty-four (24) hours before beginning the work and also when the building sewer and/or private sewer is ready for inspection and connection to the public sewer. No work shall be backfilled until inspected and approved.

### **Section 7.5**

Any permit may be suspended, cancelled, or terminated by the Director of Utilities on written notice to the permittees for violation of the conditions thereof or for violation of the requirements of this ordinance, or for other reason(s) in the public interest. Suspension, cancellation or termination of a permit shall not entitle the

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permittees to any compensation or reimbursement from the Authority, the City or its agents or representatives for any alleged loss or expense incurred thereby, and permits shall be issued on this condition.

### **Section 7.6**

The permittee (contractor) shall be required to submit a full written report to the Director of Utilities within twenty-four (24) hours in the event that prohibited substances are found in a building sewer, private sewer, or house drain during the course of the work.

### **Section 7.7**

Notification of the completion of the work with certification that all conditions of this ordinance have been complied with shall be filed in writing with the Authority by the permittee (contractor) within twenty-four (24) hours after the completion of the work covered in each permit.

### **Section 7.8**

Notices shall be effective when sent by certified or registered mail to the permittees at the addresses given on the application for permit.

## **ARTICLE VIII. - DISCHARGE LIMITATIONS REGARDING THE USE OF PUBLIC SEWERS**

### **Section 8.1**

No user shall discharge or cause to be discharged any unpolluted waters such as storm water, groundwater, roof runoff, subsurface drainage, or cooling water to any public sewer.

### **Section 8.2**

Stormwater and all other unpolluted drainage shall be discharged to such sewers as are specifically designated as storm sewers which discharge to a watercourse in accordance with all applicable State and Federal laws and regulations.

### **Section 8.3**

No user shall contribute or cause to be contributed, directly or indirectly, any pollutant or wastewater which will interfere with the operation or performance of the WPCF. These general prohibitions apply to all such users of the WPCF whether or not the user is subject to the Categorical Standards or any other Federal or

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State Pretreatment Standards or requirements. A user shall not contribute the following substances to the WPCF:

- a. Any liquids, solids, or gases which by reason of their nature or quantity are, or may be, sufficient either alone or by interaction with other substances to cause fire or explosion or be injurious in any other way to the sewage collection system and/or the WPCF or to the operation of the sewage collection system and/or the WPCF. At no time shall two (2) successive readings on an explosion hazard meter, at the point of discharge into the sewage collection system or at any point in the system, be more than five percent (5%) nor any single reading over ten percent (10%) of the Lower Explosive Limit (LEL) of the meter.
- b. Solids or viscous substances which may cause obstruction to the flow in a sewer or other interference with the operation of the sewer collection system and/or the WPCF, including substances such as, but not limited to, grease, garbage with particles greater than one-half inch (1/2") in any dimension, animal guts or tissues, paunch, manure, bones, hair, hides or fleshings, entrails, whole blood, feathers, ashes, cinders, gravel, concrete, paving materials, cement, mortar, plaster, sand, spent lime, stone or marble dust, metal, glass, shavings, grass clippings, straw, rags, spent grains, spent hops, waste paper, wood, plastics, gas, tar, asphalt residues, residues from refining or processing of fuel or lubricating oil, mud or glass grinding or polishing wastes.
- c. Any sewage having a pH lower than five point five (5.5) or having any other corrosive property capable of causing damage or hazard to structures, equipment, and personnel or the sewage collection system and/or of the WPCF. The upper limit of pH for any industrial wastewater discharge shall be established under the discharger's State Discharge Permit.
- d. Any sewage containing toxic pollutants in sufficient quantity, either singly or by interaction with other pollutants, to injure or interfere with any wastewater treatment process, to constitute a hazard to humans or animals, or plant life, to create a toxic effect in the receiving waters of the WPCF, or to exceed the limitations set forth in the Categorical Standards. A toxic pollutant shall include but not be limited to any pollutant identified pursuant to Section 307(a) of the Act.
- e. Any noxious or malodorous sewage, gases, or solids which either singly or by interaction with other sewage are sufficient to prevent entry by personnel into the public sewers, pump, lift and ejector stations, and WPCF for their operation, maintenance, and repair.

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- f. Any sewage which, by interaction with other sewage in the public sewer releases obnoxious gases, forms suspended solids which interfere with the collection system, or creates a condition which may be deleterious to personnel, structures, equipment, or the treatment processes or which may cause the effluent limitations of the WPCF's NPDES Permit to be exceeded.
- g. Any substance which may cause the WPCF's effluent or any other product of the WPCF such as residues, sludges or scums, to be unsuitable for reuse and reclamation process which the Authority has implemented or is ordered to implement by the Commissioner. In no case shall a substance discharged to the WPCF cause the facility to be in non-compliance with sludge use or disposal criteria, guidelines, or regulations developed under Section 405 of the Act; any criteria, guidelines or regulations affecting sludge use or disposal developed pursuant to the Resource Conservation Clean Air Act, the Toxic Substances Control Act, or State criteria applicable to the sludge management method being used.
- h. Any substance which will cause the WPCF to violate its NPDES Permit or the water quality standards of the receiving stream.
- i. Sewage containing substances which are not amendable to treatment or reduction by wastewater treatment process employed at the WPCF or are amenable to treatment only to such degree that the WPCF seffluent cannot meet the limits stipulated in the WPCF's NPDES Permit.

### **Section 8.4**

The following described substances, materials, waters, or waste shall be limited in discharges to public sewers to concentrations or quantities which will not harm the sewer; the pump, lift, and ejector stations, or the WPCF; will not interfere with the wastewater treatment process employed; will not otherwise endanger public property or constitute a nuisance. The Commissioner may set lower limitations if more severe limitations are necessary to meet the water quality standards of the receiving stream. The limitations or restrictions on materials or characteristics of sewage discharged to the public sewer are as follows:

- a. Sewage having a temperature higher than 150°F. (65°C.).
- b. Sewage containing fat, wax, grease, petroleum, or mineral oil, whether emulsified or not in excess of one hundred (100) milligrams per liter with floatable oil not to exceed twenty (20) milligrams per liter or containing substances which may solidify or become viscous at temperatures between 32°F. (0°C.) and 150°F. (65°C.).
- c. Any garbage that has not been properly shredded (See Section 2.26). Garbage grinders may be connected to sanitary sewers from homes, hotels, institutions, restaurants, hospitals, catering

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establishments, or similar places where garbage originates from the preparation of food in kitchens for the purpose of consumption on the premises or when served by caterers.

- d. Any sewage containing odor-producing substances exceeding limits which may be established by the Commissioner.
- e. Any radioactive wastes or isotopes of such half life or concentration as may exceed limits established by the Commissioner in compliance with all applicable State and Federal regulations.
- f. Materials which exert or cause:
  - (1) Unusual concentrations of inert suspended solids such as, but not limited to, Fullersearth, lime slurries, and lime residues, or of dissolved solids such as, but not limited to, sodium chloride and sodium sulfate.
  - (2) Excessive discoloration such as, but not limited to, dye wastes and vegetable tanning solutions.
  - (3) Unusual BOD, COD, or chlorine demand in such quantities as to constitute a significant load on the WPCF.
  - (4) Unusual volume of flow or concentrations of wastes constituting a “slug” (See Section 2.33).
- g. Overflow from holding tanks or other receptacles storing organic wastes.
- h. Steam exhausts, boiler blowoffs, sediment traps, or pipes carrying hot circulating water.
- i. Sewage with a concentration of pollutants in excess of the following limits:

<u>Pollutant</u>	<u>Concentration:</u> <u>parts/million - (mg/1)</u>
Arsenic as As	0.05
Barium as Ba	5.0
Boron as B	5.0
Cyanides as CN (amendable)	0.1
Fluoride as F	20.0
Chromium (Total)	1.0
Chromium (Cr+6)	0.1
Magnesium as Mg	100.0
Manganese as Mn	5.0

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Copper as Cu	1.0
Zinc as Zn	1.0
Cadmium as Cd	0.1
Lead as Pb	0.1
Tin as Sn	2.0
Silver as Ag	0.1
Mercury as Hg	0.01
Nickel as Ni	1.0

Note: All metals are to be measured as total metals.

- j. Sewage containing strong acid iron pickling wastes, photograph darkroom wastes, chemical etching wastes, or plating solutions, whether neutralized or not.

**Section 8.5**

In accordance with Section 25-541 of the Connecticut General statutes, as amended, a permit from the Commissioner is required prior to the initiation of a discharge of any of the following wastewaters to a public sewer:

- a. Industrial wastewater of any quantity.
- b. Domestic sewage in excess of five thousand (5,000) gallons per day through any individual building sewer to a public sewer.

A potential discharger must submit a permit application to the Department of Environmental Protection not later than ninety (90) days prior to the anticipated date of initiation of the proposed discharge.

**Section 8.6**

If any sewage is discharged or is proposed to be discharged to the public sewer which contains any of the substances or possesses any of the characteristics enumerated in Section 8.4. of this ordinance, and which in the judgement of the Commissioner may have a deleterious effect upon any of the wastewater facilities, processes, or receiving waters, or which otherwise may create a hazard to like or constitute a public nuisance, the Commissioner may in accordance with Section 25-54i(b) of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended:

- a. Reject the discharge of the sewage.
- b. Require pretreatment of the sewage to an acceptable condition prior to discharge to the public sewers at the discharger's expense.
- c. Require control over the quantities and rates of discharge of the sewage (equalization).

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If the Commissioner permits the pretreatment and/or equalization of sewage flows, the design and installation of the facilities to accomplish such pretreatment and/or flow equalization shall be subject to the review and approval of the Commissioner subject to the requirements of all applicable codes, ordinances, and laws. The cost of design and installation of the facilities to accomplish such pretreatment and/or equalization of sewage flows shall be borne by the discharger.

#### **Section 8.7**

The Director of Utilities shall have the right to reject the discharge of any sewage; or, require more stringent effluent limitations than required by the user's Section 25-54(i) permit, the decision(s) of the Commissioner notwithstanding, if the Director of Utilities finds that said sewage is likely to interfere with the operation or performance of the WPCF.

#### **Section 8.8**

Grease, oil, and gross particle separators, shall be provided when, in the opinion of the Commissioner, they are necessary for the proper handling of sewage containing floatable grease in excessive amounts, as specified in Section 8.4.b, or any flammable waste(s), sand, or other harmful substances; except that such separators shall not be required for private living quarters or dwelling units. All separators shall be of a type and capacity approved by the Commissioner, and shall be located as to be readily and easily accessible for cleaning and inspection. In the maintaining of these separators, the owner(s) shall be responsible for the proper removal and disposal by appropriate means of the captured material and shall maintain records of the dates and means of disposal which are subject to review by the Commissioner. Any removal and hauling of the collected materials shall be performed by a waste disposal firm which possesses a valid permit from the Commissioner under Section 25-54(h) of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended.

#### **Section 8.9**

Where pretreatment and/or flow equalization facilities are provided or required for any sewage, they shall be maintained continuously in satisfactory and effective operation by the owner(s) at his expense.

#### **Section 8.10**

When required by the Commissioner, the owner(s) of any property serviced by a building sewer carrying industrial wastes shall install a suitable structure together with such necessary meters and other appurtenances in the building sewer to facilitate observations, sampling, and measurement of the wastes. Such structure, when required, shall be accessible and safely located and shall be constructed in accordance with plans approved by the Commissioner. The sampling structure shall be located at a point along the industrial waste stream where a

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representative sample of the industrial wastewater may be obtained prior to its being diluted by domestic sewage in the building sewer. The structure shall be installed by the owner(s) at his expense and shall be maintained by him so as to be safe and accessible at all times.

**Section 8.11**

All industrial users discharging into a public sewer shall perform such monitoring of their discharge as required by the Commissioner in any State Discharge Permit issued pursuant to Section 25-54(i) of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, including, but not limited to, installation, use, and maintenance of monitoring equipment, keeping records and reporting the results to the Commissioner. Such records shall be made available upon request of the Commissioner or the Director of Utilities.

**Section 8.12**

All measurements, tests, and analyses of the characteristics of sewage to which reference is made in this ordinance shall be determined in accordance with the latest edition of "Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater", published by the American Public Health Association. Sampling methods, location, times, durations, and frequencies are to be determined on an individual basis subject to the stipulations and general conditions of the discharger's State Discharge Permit.

**Section 8.13**

No statement contained in this article shall be construed as preventing any special agreement or arrangement between the City and any industrial concern whereby an industrial waste of unusual strength or character may be accepted by the Authority for treatment, provided that such agreements do not contravene any requirements of existing State or Federal Regulations and are compatible with any User Charge and Industrial Cost Recovery System which may be subsequently adopted by the City.

**Section 8.14**

Upon the promulgation of the Categorical Standard for a particular industrial subcategory, the National Standard, if more stringent than limitations imposed under this ordinance for sources in that subcategory, shall supersede the limitations imposed under this ordinance.

**Section 8.15**

No industrial user shall increase the use of process water in an attempt to dilute a discharge as a partial or complete substitute for adequate treatment to achieve compliance with the limitations contained in the Categorical Standards, or in any specific pollutant limitations which may be developed by the Commissioner.

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### **Section 8.16**

Each industrial user shall provide protection from accidental discharge of prohibited materials or other substances regulated by this ordinance. Facilities to prevent accidental discharge of prohibited materials shall be provided and maintained at the user's own cost and expense. The Commissioner may require that plans showing required for compliance with this Section.

- a. Within five (5) days following an accidental discharge, the user shall submit to the Director of Utilities and the Commissioner 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 sewage collection system, the WPCF, fish kills, aquatic plants, or any other damage to persons or property; nor shall such notification relieve the user of any fines, civil penalties, or other liability which may be imposed by this Ordinance or other applicable law.
- b. A notice shall be permanently posted on the user's bulletin board(s) or other prominent place(s) advising employees whom to call in the event of a dangerous discharge. Employers shall insure that all employees are advised of the emergency notification procedure.

### **Section 8.17**

Any user proposing a new discharge through an existing building sewer into the sewage collection system or a substantial change in the volume or character of pollutants that are being discharged into the sewage collection system shall notify the Director of Utilities at least forty-five (45) days prior to the proposed change or connection.

### **Section 8.18**

Any user whose discharge results in a malodorous condition in the sewage collection system which, in the judgement of the Director of Utilities, constitutes a threat to public health and/or a public nuisance, shall, upon written notification, implement such actions as are necessary to control or eliminate said condition. Actions to be taken may include, but not be limited to, the installation of odor control devices, the application of odor control chemicals, and increased frequency of user-owned pumping station operation. The expense of implementing such odor, control actions shall be borne by the user. In the event the user does not comply with the written notification to implement odor control actions within ten (10) days, the Director of, Utilities shall

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implement such actions necessary to control or eliminate said condition and bill the user for the expense of such actions.

### **ARTICLE IX. - PROTECTION FROM DAMAGE**

#### **Section 9.1**

No unauthorized person shall maliciously, willfully, or negligently break, damage, destroy, uncover, deface, or tamper with any structure, appurtenance, or equipment which is a part of the sewage collection system or WPCF. Any person who violated this provision shall, upon conviction therefore, be punished by a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars (\$100.00) or by imprisonment not exceeding thirty (30) days, or both.

### **ARTICLE X. - POWERS AND AUTHORITY OF INSPECTORS**

#### **Section 10.1**

The Director of Utilities 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 this Ordinance.

#### **Section 10.2**

While performing the necessary work in private properties referred to in Section 10.1 above, the Director of Utilities or duly authorized employees of the City shall observe all safety rules applicable to the premises established by the user. The user shall be held harmless for injury or death to the City's employees and the City shall indemnify the user against loss or damage to its property by City employees and against liability claims and demands for personal injury or property damage asserted against the user and growing out of the City's activities in fulfilling any of the purposes set forth in Section 10.1, except as such may be caused by negligence or failure of the user to maintain safe conditions as required in Section 8.10.

#### **Section 10.3**

The Director of Utilities and other 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 easement for the purposes of repair, reconstruction, and maintenance of any portion of the sewage collection system 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.

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**ARTICLE XI. - REVIEW BY THE AUTHORITY**

**Section 11.1**

The Authority shall hear and determine appeals from any user(s) on matters concerning interpretation and execution of the provisions of this Ordinance by the Director of Utilities.

**Section 11.2**

Within thirty (30) days of receipt of an interpretation or order to which the user takes exception, the user shall file an appeal in writing with the Authority setting forth the interpretation or order objected to and the grounds for the objection.

**Section 11.3**

The Authority shall schedule the appeal for a hearing at its next regularly scheduled meeting fourteen (14) days after receipt of the appeal. All hearings shall be informal in nature.

**ARTICLE XII. - PENALTIES**

**Section 12.1**

Any person found to be in violation of any provision of this Ordinance, except Article IX, shall be served by the Authority 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.

**Section 12.2**

Any person who continues any violation beyond the time limit provided for in Section 12.1 shall be fined in an amount not exceeding one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for each violation. Each day in which any such violation shall continue shall be deemed a separate offense.

**Section 12.3**

Any person who is found to be in violation of any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall become liable to the Authority for any expense, loss, or damage occasioned the Authority by reason of such violation.

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**Section 12.4**

Any person who is found to be in violation of Section 25-54(i) of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, shall be subject to a monetary penalty or forfeiture under Section 25-54(q) of the Statutes. If the City is found to be in violation of Section 25-54(i) and is fined, and if the violation and fine result from the violation of Section 25-54 (i) or this Ordinance, by any person subject to this Ordinance, then the City may require that person to indemnify the City for said fine.

**ARTICLE XIII. - VALIDITY**

**Section 13.1**

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**Section 13.2.**

The invalidity of any section, clause, sentence, or provision of this Ordinance shall not affect the validity of any other part of this Ordinance which can be given effect without such invalid part or parts.

**ARTICLE XIV. - ORDINANCE IN FORCE**

**Section 14.1**

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval, recording, and publication as provided by law.

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