

ORDINANCE 07-14

BOROUGH OF DUNELLEN

BE IT ORDAINED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Dunellen, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, that Chapter 233 is amended in part with the addition of Section 233-49, Grease Traps.

The purpose of this Ordinance is to regulate the discharge of grease into the sanitary sewer system within the Borough of Dunellen in order to protect the health, safety and welfare of the residents of Dunellen.

Definitions.

As used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

BOROUGH - The Borough of Dunellen.

GREASE INTERCEPTOR or **INTERCEPTOR** — A watertight receptacle utilized by non-single-family generators of liquid waste to intercept, collect and restrict the passage of grease, oil and food particles into the sewer to which the receptacle is directly or indirectly connected and to separate and retain grease and food particles from the wastewater discharged by a facility.

FOOD ESTABLISHMENT OR FACILITY — Any establishment or facility engaged in preparing, processing or serving food for a commercial or institutional purpose, or a not-for-profit organization, in a manner likely to result in the discharge of grease, fats or oils to the sewer system, including but not limited to a restaurant, cafeteria, institutional kitchen or other establishment or facility which a) is involved in the preparation of food by means of cooking (frying, grilling, sautéing, rotisserie cooking, broiling, boiling, blanching, roasting, poaching, searing, barbecuing or the like) and b) washes skillets, pots, pans, bowls, dishes, plates or other equipment or utensils in water discharged to the sewer system.

GREASE AND OIL — Any material, but particularly biological lipids and mineral hydrocarbons, recovered as a substance soluble in an organic extracting solvent using an appropriate analytical method approved under 40 CFR 136. It also includes other material extracted by the solvent from an acidified sample and not volatilized during the extraction procedure, as defined in federal regulations.

INSPECTOR — The representative of the borough duly authorized to inspect the construction, operation and/or maintenance of a sewer system or any part thereof.

MUNICIPAL SANITARY SEWER OR SANITARY SEWER — The pipe in the street or easement of the borough, used for the conveying of sanitary sewage and industrial wastes for treatment and disposal.

§ 233-49(A). Deposit of objectionable waste prohibited.

It shall be unlawful for any person to place, deposit or permit to be deposited in an unsanitary manner upon public or private property within the Borough of Dunellen, or in any area under the jurisdiction of said borough, any human or animal excrement, grease, garbage or other objectionable waste, including industrial waste.

§ 233-49(B). Grease Traps

- a. All restaurants, cafeterias, institutional kitchens or other food establishment or facility discharging grease, fats, wax, or oils such that may be detrimental to the sewer system, shall use a grease trap. A garbage grinder shall not be used when a grease trap is required.
- b. The grease trap shall be installed and used in accordance with the requirements set forth in the Plumbing Subcode.
- c. Grease traps utilized by restaurants, cafeterias, institutional kitchens and other facilities shall be inspected annually, in addition to such other reasonable times as are deemed necessary, by any of the following Borough of Dunellen personnel: Construction Officer, Code Enforcement Officer, Supervisor or member of the Department of Public Works, Dunellen's Sewer Operator, and any representative of the Middlesex County Board of Health.
- d. All restaurants, cafeterias, institutional kitchens and other facilities using a grease trap shall provide copies of a certification to the Dunellen Municipal Clerk, a minimum of three (3) certifications per year, from a service company that the grease traps have been properly installed, are properly maintained and are functioning for their intended purposes.
- e. In addition to the Borough's other remedies, should the Borough or its agents incur costs to clean the sewer laterals or sewer lines in the vicinity of the restaurant, cafeteria, institutional kitchen or other facility due to grease, fats and/or oils, and/or in otherwise responding to a backup caused by such grease, fat and/or oils, whether or not the restaurant, cafeteria, institutional kitchen or other facility has a grease trap, the owner and operator of the offending restaurant, cafeteria, institutional kitchen or other facility, irrespective of its compliance or noncompliance with the requirements of the Plumbing Subcode Official or paragraph d. above, shall be required to reimburse the Borough and its agents for all such costs.
- f. No person shall discharge or cause to be discharged any of the following described waters or wastes to any public sewer:
 1. Any liquid or vapor having a temperature higher than one hundred fifty (150°) degrees Fahrenheit.
 2. Any water or waste which may contain more than one hundred (100) parts per million (1,000,000), by weight, of fat, oil or grease.
 3. Any gasoline, benzene, naphtha, fuel oil or other flammable or explosive liquid, solid or gas.

4. Any ashes, cinders, sand, mud, straw, metal shavings, glass, rags, feathers, tar, plastics, wood or any other solid or viscous substance capable of causing obstruction to the flow in sewers or other interference with the proper operation of the sewage works.
 5. Any waters or wastes having a pH lower than six point zero (6.0) or higher than nine point zero (9.0) or having any other corrosive property capable of causing damage or hazard to structures, equipment and personnel of the sewage works.
 6. Any waters or wastes containing a toxic or poisonous substance in sufficient quantity to injure or interfere with any sewage treatment process, constitute a hazard to humans or animals or create any hazard in the receiving waters of the sewage treatment plant.
 7. Any waters or wastes containing suspended solids of such character and quantity that unusual attention or expense is required to handle such materials at the sewage treatment plant.
 8. Any noxious or malodorous gas or substance capable of creating a public nuisance.
 9. Heat in amounts which will inhibit biological activity in the publicly owned treatment works, resulting in interference with its proper operation and in no case heat in such quantities that the temperature of the water at the publicly owned treatment works treatment plant exceeds one hundred four (104°) degrees Fahrenheit unless the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, upon request of the publicly owned treatment works, approves alternate temperature limits.
- g. Failure to comply with the requirements of this section shall subject the owner and operator to the penalty provisions of the Code of the Borough of Dunellen.