

Sample Sewer Discharge Ordinance

Ordinance No. 386

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 403.03, PROHIBITING DISCHARGES INTO THE SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATIONS THEREOF.

The City does ordain as follows:

- a. No person shall discharge or cause to be discharged any stormwater, groundwater, roof runoff, yard drainage, yard fountain, pond overflow or any substance other than sanitary sewage into the sanitary collection system.
1. No roof runoff, sump pump, swimming pool discharge, or surface water drainage shall be connected to the sanitary sewer system and no building shall hereafter be constructed nor shall any existing buildings be hereafter altered in such a manner that the roof drainage or any other source of discharge or drainage other than sanitary sewer shall connect with the sanitary sewer system inside or outside the building.
2. Any person, firm or corporation having a roof, sump pump, swimming pool discharge, cistern overflow pipe or surface drain now connected and/or discharging into the sanitary sewer system shall disconnect and/or remove same prior to April 30, 1991. Any disconnects or openings in the sanitary sewer shall be closed or repaired in an effective, workmanlike manner as described in the next section.
3. All sump pumps shall have a discharge pipe installed to the outside wall of the building with one (1) inch inside minimum diameter. The pipe attachment must be a permanent fitting such as PVC pipe with glued fittings. The discharge shall extend at least three (3) feet outside of the foundation wall and must be directed toward the front yard or rear yard area of the property.
4. Every person owning improved real estate that discharges into the City's sanitary sewer system shall allow the City employee(s) to inspect the buildings to confirm that there is no sump pump or other prohibited discharge into the sanitary sewer system. Any person refusing to allow their property to be inspected shall immediately become subject to the surcharge hereinafter provided for. Any property found to violate this Section shall make the necessary changes to comply with this Section and such changes shall be verified by City employee(s).
5. A surcharge of (\$75.00) Dollars per month is hereby imposed and shall be added to every sewer billing mailed on and after July 1, 1991, to property owners who are not in compliance with this Section. The surcharge shall be added every month, until the property is in compliance. The imposition of such surcharge shall in no way limit the right of the City to seek an injunction in District Court ordering the property owner to disconnect the non-conforming connection to the sanitary sewer system or from pursuing any other legal remedies available.
6. Upon verified compliance with this Section the City reserves the right to inspect such property at least yearly to verify compliance herewith.
7. This amendment to Ordinance 11403.03 shall become effective upon its passage and publication as provided by law.

Adopted by the City Council of the City February, 1991.