

Legislation Text

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An ordinance amending the Mesquite City Code, as previously amended, by amending “CHAPTER 16 - WATER AND LIQUID WASTE” adding new “ARTICLE VI - FATS, OILS, AND GREASE (“FOG”)” thereby providing for provisions for the protection of both City and regional wastewater infrastructure from the discharge of fats, oils, greases, and other pollutants into the publicly-owned treatment works sewer systems; making other related and general updates to Chapter 16; and revising ‘APPENDIX D - COMPREHENSIVE FEE SCHEDULE’ to provide organizational updates in “ARTICLE XV - WATER AND SEWER.”

The discharge of fats, oils, greases and other pollutants into the wastewater system can reduce flows, and even create blockages that lead to untreated wastewater escaping into the environment, potentially contaminating storm sewers, streams, and rivers. These contaminants can also hinder the proper treatment of wastewater at the treatment plant, adversely affecting the environment, property, and the health, safety, and welfare of the public.

Adding new “Article VI - FATS, OILS, AND GREASE (“FOG”)” to Chapter 16 of the Code Book provides for new installation and maintenance requirements for any facilities that produce liquid waste, grease, oils, or grit detrimental to the City or to the North Texas Municipal Water District (“NTMWD”) wastewater system; City inspection (a minimum of once a year) of all grease traps; begin instituting the existing annual inspection fee of \$25 for inspection of each grease trap/interceptor; and making other general updates to all be effective January 1, 2022.

These additions and revisions are intended to assure the protection of both City and regional wastewater infrastructure from the discharge of fats, oils, and greases, and other pollutants into the publicly owned treatment works (“POTW”) sewer systems.

Recommended/Desired Action

Staff recommends approval of the ordinance.

Attachment(s)

Ordinance

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