

**SEWER USE ORDINANCE**

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE USE OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SEWERS AND DRAINS, PRIVATE SEWAGE DISPOSAL, THE INSTALLATION AND CONNECTION OF BUILDING SEWERS, AND THE DISCHARGE OF WATER AND WASTES INTO THE PUBLIC SEWER SYSTEMS(S): AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF: IN THE CITY OF WAYNESBORO, COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MISSISSIPPI.

Be it ordained and enacted by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Waynesboro, State of Mississippi, as follows:

**ARTICLE I**

**Definitions**

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

- Section 1. "BOD" (denoting Biochemical Oxygen Demand) shall mean the quantity of oxygen utilized in the biochemical oxidation of the sample under standard laboratory procedure in 5 days at 20°C, expressed in milligrams per liter.
- Section 2. "Building Drain" shall mean that part of the lowest horizontal piping of a drainage 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 5 feet (1.5 meters) outside the outer face of the building wall.
- Section 3. "Building Sewer" shall mean the extension from the building drain to the public sewer or other place of disposal.
- Section 4. "City" shall mean the City of Waynesboro, Mississippi, or when appropriate to the context, its duly authorized representative.
- Section 5. "Combined Sewer" shall mean a sewer receiving both surface runoff and sewage. Combined sewers shall not be allowed.
- Section 6. "Garbage" shall mean solid wastes from the domestic and commercial preparation, cooking, and dispensing of food, and from the handling, storage, and sale of produce.
- Section 7. "Industrial Wastes" shall mean the liquid wastes from industrial manufacturing processes, trade, or business as distinct from sanitary sewage as defined under "Industrial User" in 40 CFR 35.905.
- Section 8. "Natural Outlet" shall mean any outlet into a watercourse, pond ditch, lake or other body of surface or groundwater.
- Section 9. "Person" shall mean any individual, firm, company, association, society, corporation, or group.
- Section 10. "pH" shall mean the negative of the logarithm of the concentration of hydrogen ions in moles per liter of solution.

- Section 11. "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 1/2 inch (1.27 centimeters) in any dimension.
- Section 12. "Public Sewer" shall mean a sewer in which all owners of abutting properties have equal rights, and is controlled by public authority.
- Section 13. "Sanitary Sewer" shall mean a sewer which carries sewage and to which storm, surface, and groundwaters are not intentionally admitted.
- Section 14. "Sewage" shall mean a combination of the water-carried wastes from residences, business buildings, institutions, and industrial establishments, together with such ground, surface, and stormwaters as may be present.
- Section 15. "Sewage Treatment Plant" shall mean any arrangement of devices and structures used for treating sewage.
- Section 16. "Sewage Works" shall mean all facilities for collecting, transporting, pumping, treating, and disposing of sewage.
- Section 17. "Sewer" shall mean a pipe or conduit for carrying sewage.
- Section 18. "Shall" is mandatory; "May" is permissive.
- Section 19. "Sludge" shall mean any discharge of water, sewage, or industrial waste which in concentration of any given constituent or in quantity of flow exceeds for any period of duration longer than 15 minutes more than 5 times the average 24 hour concentration of flows during normal operation.
- Section 20. "Storm Drain" (sometimes termed "storm sewer") shall mean a sewer which carries storm and surface waters and drainage, but excludes sewage and industrial wastes, other than unpolluted cooling water.
- Section 21. "Superintendent" shall mean the Superintendent of Utilities of the City of Waynesboro or his authorized deputy, agent, or representative.
- Section 22. "Suspended Solids" shall mean solids that either float on the surface of, or are in suspension in water, sewage, or other liquids and which are removable by laboratory filtering.
- Section 23. "Watercourse" shall mean a channel in which a flow of water occurs, either continuously or intermittently.

## ARTICLE II

### Use of Public Sewers Required

- Section 1. It shall be unlawful for any person to place, deposit, or permit to be deposited in any unsanitary manner on public or private property within the City of Waynesboro, or in any area under the jurisdiction of said City, any human or animal excrement, garbage or other objectionable waste.

Section 2. It shall be unlawful to discharge to any natural outlet within the City of Waynesboro, or in any area under the jurisdiction of said City, any sewage or polluted waters, except where suitable treatment has been provided in accordance with subsequent provision of this ordinance.

Section 3. Except as hereinafter provided, it shall be unlawful to construct or maintain any privy, privy vault, septic tank, cesspool, or other facility intended or used for the disposal of sewage.

Section 4. The owner 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 sanitary sewer of the City, is hereby required at his expense to install suitable toilet facilities therein, and to connect such facilities directly with the proper public sewer in accordance with the provisions of this ordinance, within 90 days after official notice to do so, provided that said public sewer is within 100 feet (30.5 meters) of the property line. If an on-site pressure system is required for a service connection, the operation and maintenance costs for the facility shall be the responsibility of the owner or user.

Section 5. It shall be unlawful for any person, establishment, or corporation to discharge to the sewer system any pollutant except in compliance with Federal standards promulgated pursuant to the Clean Water Act, and any more stringent State and Local Standards.

**ARTICLE III**

**Private Sewage Disposal**

Section 1. Where a public sanitary sewer is not available under the provisions of Article II, Section 4, the building sewer shall be connected to a private sewage disposal system complying with the provisions of this article.

Section 2. Before commencement of construction of a private sewage disposal system the owner shall first obtain a written permit signed by the Superintendent. The application for such permit shall be made on a form furnished by the City, which the applicant shall supplement by any plans, specifications, and other information as are deemed necessary by the Superintendent. A permit and inspection fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) shall be paid to the city at the time the application is filed.

Section 3. A permit for a private sewage disposal system shall not become effective until the installation is completed to the satisfaction of the Superintendent. He shall be allowed to inspect the work at any stage of construction and, in any event, the applicant for the permit shall notify the Superintendent when the work is ready for final inspection, and before any underground portions are covered. The inspection shall be made within 24 hours of the receipt of notice by the Superintendent.

Section 4. The type, capacities, location, and layout of a private sewage disposal system shall comply with all recommendations of the Department of Public Health of the State of Mississippi. No permit shall be issued for any private sewage disposal system employing subsurface soil absorption facilities where the area of the lot is less than that

recommended by the Department of Public Health of the State of Mississippi. No septic tank or cesspool shall be permitted to discharge to any natural outlet.

Section 5. At such time as a public sewer becomes available to a property served by a private sewage disposal system, as provided in Article III, Section 4, a direct connection shall be made to the public sewer in compliance with this ordinance, and any septic tanks, cesspools, and similar private sewage disposal facilities shall be abandoned and filled with suitable material.

Section 6. The owner shall operate and maintain the private sewage disposal facilities in a sanitary manner at all times, at no expense to the City. If an on-site pressure system is required for use of the public sewer facility, the operation and maintenance costs of the pressure system shall be the responsibility of the owner or user.

Section 7. No statement contained in this article shall be construed to interfere with any additional requirements that may be imposed by the Health Officer.

Section 8. When a public sewer becomes available, the building sewer shall be connected to said sewer within 60 days and the private sewage disposal system shall be cleaned of sludge and shall either be removed or shall be filled with clean bank-run gravel, sand, or dirt.

**ARTICLE IV**

**Building Sewers and Connections**

Section 1. No unauthorized person shall uncover, make any connections with or opening into, use, alter, or disturb any public sewer or appurtenance thereof without first obtaining a written permit from the Superintendent.

Section 2. There shall be two (2) classes of building sewer permits: (a) for residential and commercial service, and (b) for service to establishments producing industrial wastes. In either case, the owner or his agent shall make application on a special form furnished by the City. The permit application shall be supplemented by any plans, specifications, or other information considered pertinent in the judgement of the Superintendent. A permit and inspection fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) for a residential or commercial building sewer permit and twenty dollars (\$20.00) for an industrial building sewer permit shall be paid to the City at the time the application is filed. As a condition for authorization to dispose of industrial wastes through the municipal system, the industrial applicant for a sewer permit shall provide the City with information describing wastewater constituents and characteristics, and the type of activity and quantity of production.

Section 3. All costs and expense incident to the installation and connection of the building sewer shall be borne by the owner. The owner shall indemnify the City from any loss or damage that may directly or indirectly be occasioned by the installation of the building sewer.

Section 4. 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 private sewer is available or can be constructed to the rear building through an adjoining alley, court,

yard, or driveway, the building sewer from the front building may be extended to the rear building and the whole considered as one building sewer.

Section 5. Old building sewers may be used in connection with new buildings only when they are found, on examination and test by the Superintendent to meet all requirements of this ordinance.

Section 6. The size, slope, alignment, materials of construction of a building sewer, and the methods to be used in excavating, placing of the pipe, jointing, testing, and backfilling the trench, shall conform to the requirements of the building and plumbing code or other applicable rules and regulations of the City. In the absence of code provisions or in amplification thereof, the materials and procedures set forth in appropriate specification of the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) and the Water Pollution Control Federation (WPCF) Manual of Practice No. 9 shall apply.

Section 7. Whenever possible, the building sewer shall be brought to the building at an elevation below the basement floor. In all buildings in which any building drain is too low to permit gravity flow to the public sewer, sanitary sewage carried by such building drain shall be lifted by an approved means and discharged to the building sewer.

Section 8. No person shall make connection of roof downspouts, exterior foundation drains, areaway drains, or other sources of surface run-off or groundwater to a building sewer or building drain which in turn is connected directly or indirectly to a public sanitary sewer.

Section 9. The connection of the building sewer into the public sewer shall conform to the requirements of the building and plumbing code or other applicable rules and regulations of the City, or the procedures set forth in appropriate specification of the ASTM and the WPCF Manual of Practice No. 9. All such connections shall be made gastight and watertight. Any deviation from the prescribed procedures and materials shall be approved by the Superintendent before installation.

Section 10. The applicant for the building sewer permit shall notify the Superintendent when the building sewer is ready for inspection and connection to the public sewer. The connection shall be made under the supervision of the superintendent or his representative.

Section 11. All excavations for building sewer installation 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 satisfactory to the City.

**ARTICLE V**

Use of the Public Sewers

Section 1. No person shall discharge or cause to be discharged any stormwater, surface water, groundwater, roof runoff, subsurface drainage, uncontaminated cooling water, or unpolluted industrial process waters to any sanitary sewer.

Section 2. Stormwater and all other unpolluted drainage shall be discharged to such sewers as are specifically designated as storm sewers, or to a

natural outlet approved by the Superintendent. Industrial cooling water or unpolluted process waters may be discharged, on approval of the Superintendent and the Office of the Pollution Control, to a storm sewer or natural outlet.

**Section 3.**

No person shall discharge or cause to be discharged any of the following described waters or wastes to any public sewer:

- (a) Any gasoline, benzene, naphtha, fuel oil, or other flammable or explosive liquid, solid, or gas.
- (b) Any waters or wastes containing toxic or poisonous solids, liquids, or gases in sufficient quantity, either singly or by interaction with other wastes, to injure or interfere with any sewage treatment process, constitute a hazard to humans or animals, create a public nuisance, or create any hazard in the receiving waters of the sewage treatment plant.
- (c) Any waters or wastes having a pH lower than 6.0 or having any other corrosive property capable of causing damage or hazard to structures, equipment, and personnel of the sewage works.
- (d) Solid or viscous substances in quantities or of such size capable of causing obstruction to the flow in sewers, or other interference with the proper operation of the sewage works such as, but not limited to ashes, cinders, sand, mud, straw, shavings, metal, glass, rags, feathers, tar, plastics, wood, unground garbage, whole blood, paunch manure, hair and fleshings, entrails and paper dishes, cups, milk containers, etc. either whole or ground by garbage grinders.

**Section 4.**

No person shall discharge or cause to be discharged the following described substances, materials, waters, or wastes if it appears likely in the opinion of the Superintendent that such wastes can harm either the sewers, sewage treatment process, or equipment, have an adverse effect on the receiving stream, or can otherwise endanger life, limb, public property, or constitute a nuisance. In forming his opinion as to the acceptability of these wastes, the Superintendent will give consideration to such factors as the quantities of subject wastes in relation to flows and velocities in the sewers, materials of construction of the sewers, nature of the sewage treatment process, capacity of the sewage treatment plant, degree of treatability of wastes in the sewage treatment plant, and other pertinent factors. The substances prohibited are:

- (a) Any liquid or vapor having a temperature higher than 120°F, (49°C).
- (b) Any water or waste containing fats, wax, grease, or oils, whether emulsified or not, in excess of 150 mg/l or containing substances which may solidify or become viscous at temperatures between 32 and 150°F, (0 and 65°C).
- (c) Any garbage that has not been properly shredded. The installation and operation of any garbage grinder equipped with a motor of 3/4 horsepower (0.76 hp metric) or greater shall be subject to the review and approval of the Superintendent.

- (d) Any waters or wastes containing strong acid iron pickling wastes, or concentrated plating solutions whether neutralized or not.
- (e) Any waters or wastes containing iron, chromium, copper, zinc, and similar objectionable or toxic substances; or wastes exerting an excessive chlorine requirement, to such degree that any such material received in the composite sewage at the sewage treatment works exceeds the limits established by the Superintendent for such materials. (For Industrial Processes Wastes, see Article V, Section 5.)
- (f) Any waters or wastes containing phenols or other taste or odor-producing substances, in such concentrations exceeding limits which may be established by the Superintendent as necessary, after treatment of the composite sewage, to meet the requirements of the State, Federal, or other public agencies of jurisdiction for such discharge to the receiving waters.
- (g) Any radioactive wastes or isotopes of such half-life or concentration as may exceed limits established by the Superintendent in compliance with applicable State or Federal regulations.
- (h) Any waters or wastes having a pH in excess of 8.5 or below 6.0
- (i) Materials which exert or cause:
  - (1) Unusual concentrations of inert suspended solids (such as, but not limited to, Fullers earth, 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, chemical oxygen demand, or chlorine requirements in such quantities as to constitute a significant load on the sewage treatment works.
  - (4) Unusual volume of flow or concentration of wastes constituting "slugs" as defined herein.
- (j) Waters or wastes containing substances which are not amenable to treatment or reduction by the sewage treatment processes employed, or are amenable to treatment only to such degree that the sewage treatment plant effluent cannot meet the requirements of other agencies having jurisdiction over discharge to the receiving waters.
- (k) Any waste prohibited by Environmental Protection Agency standards 40 CFR 403.

Section 5.

All industrial and commercial process wastewater shall be pretreated prior to discharge to the public sewers, if necessary, in accordance with the provisions of the United States Environmental Protection Agency, the Bureau of Pollution Control, and/or the City, whichever is more stringent. The minimum pretreatment requirements are as follows:

<u>Parameter</u>	<u>Maximum Concentration (mg/l)</u>
BOD <sub>5</sub>	300.0*
Suspended Solids (SS)	300.0*
TKN	30.0*
Oil or Grease	150.0
Arsenic	A
Barium	A
Boron	A
Cadmium	A
Chromium	A
Copper	A
Cyanide	A
Lead	A
Manganese	A
Mercury	A
Nickel	A
Selenium	A
Silver	A
Zinc	A

\*Any non-conventional parameter that is specific to an industrial process that results in a discharge BOD<sub>5</sub>, SS and TKN may be increased by written approval of Superintendent for limited periods of time.

- (A) The determination of limits for these parameters shall be based on any applicable EPA categorical industrial guidelines, receiving stream water quality standards/criteria, biological process threshold inhibition levels and sludge quality criteria.

As a condition for authorization to dispose of industrial wastes through the municipal system, the industrial applicant for a sewer permit shall provide the City with information describing wastewater constituents and characteristics, and the type of activity and quantity of production.

Section 6.

If any waters or wastes are discharged, or are proposed to be discharged to the public sewers, which waters contain the substances or possess the characteristics enumerated in Sections 4 and 5 of this Article, and which in the judgment of the Superintendent may have a deleterious effect upon the sewage works, processes, equipment, or receiving waters, or which otherwise create a hazard to life or constitute a public nuisance, the superintendent may:

- (a) Reject the wastes,
- (b) Require pretreatment to an acceptable condition for discharge to the public sewers,
- (c) Require control over the quantities and rates of discharge, and/or
- (d) Require payment to cover the added cost of handling and treating the wastes not covered by existing taxes or sewer charges under the provisions of Section 10 of this article.

If the Superintendent permits the pretreatment or equalization of wastes flows, the design and installation of the plants and equipment shall be subject to the review and approval of the Superintendent,



and subject to the requirements of all applicable codes, ordinances, and laws.

Section 7. Grease, oil, and sand interceptors shall be provided when, in the opinion of the Superintendent, they are necessary for the proper handling of liquid wastes containing grease in excessive amounts, or any flammable wastes, sand, or other harmful ingredients; except that such interceptors shall not be required for private living quarters or dwelling units. All interceptors shall be of a type and capacity approved by the Superintendent, and shall be located as to be readily and easily accessible for cleaning and inspection.

Section 8. Where preliminary treatment or flow-equalizing facilities are provided for any waters or wastes, they shall be maintained continuously in satisfactory and effective operation by the owner at his expense.

Section 9. When required by the Superintendent, the owner of any property serviced by a building sewer carrying industrial wastes shall install a suitable control manhole together with such necessary meters and other appurtenances in the building sewer to facilitate observation, sampling, and measurement of the wastes. Such manhole, when required, shall be accessibly and safely located, and shall be constructed in accordance with plans approved by the Superintendent. The manhole shall be installed by the owner at his expense, and shall be maintained by him so as to be safe and accessible at all times.

Section 10. All measurements, tests, and analyses of the characteristics of waters and wastes 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, Methods for Chemical Analysis of Water and Wastes published by EPA, and 40 CFR 136 and shall be determined at the control manhole provided, or upon suitable samples taken at said control manhole. In the event that no special manhole has been required, the control manhole shall be considered to be the nearest downstream manhole in the public sewer to the point at which the building sewer is connected. Sampling shall be carried out by customarily accepted methods to reflect the effect of constituents upon the sewage works and to determine the existence of hazards to life, limb, and property. (The particular analyses involved will determine whether a 24-hour composite of all outfalls of a premise is appropriate or whether a grab sample or samples should be taken. Normally, but not always, BOD and suspended solids analyses are obtained from 24-hour composites of all outfalls whereas pH's are determined from periodic grab samples).

Section 11. No statement contained in this article shall be construed as preventing any special agreement or arrangement between the City and industrial concern whereby an industrial waste of unusual strength or character may be accepted by the City for treatment, subject to payment therefore, by the industrial concern.

ARTICLE VI

Protection From Damage

Section 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 works. Any person violating this provision shall be subject to immediate arrest under charge of disorderly conduct.

**ARTICLE VII**

**Powers and Authority of Inspectors**

Section 1. The Superintendent 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. The Superintendent or his representatives shall have no authority to inquire into any processes including metallurgical, chemical, oil, refining, ceramic, paper, or other industries beyond that point having a direct bearing on the kind and source of discharge to the sewers or waterways or facilities for waste treatment.

Section 2. While performing the necessary work on private properties referred to in Article VII, Section 1 above, the Superintendent or duly authorized employees of the City shall observe all safety rules applicable to the premises established by the company. The company is responsible for providing access as required in Article V, Section 9.

Section 3. The Superintendent 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, but not limited to, inspection, observation, measurement, sampling, repair, and maintenance of any portion of the sewage works 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 involved.

**ARTICLE VIII**

**Penalties**

Section 1. Any person found to be violating any provision of this ordinance except Article VI shall be served by the City 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 2. Any person who shall continue any violation beyond the time limit provided for in Article VIII, Section 1, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof shall be fined in the amount not exceeding Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) for each violation. Each day in which any such violation shall continue shall be deemed a separate offense. Additionally, chronic violation of the terms of this ordinance may result in termination of the sewer disposal permit.

Section 3. Any person violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall become liable to the City for any expense, loss, or damage occasioned the City by reason of such violation.

ARTICLE IX

Validity

Section 1. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.


Section 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.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance be published one time in The Wayne County News with said Ordinance to take effect and be enforced from and after its passage and publication according to law.


The above Ordinance was first reduced to writing and read and considered by Sections at the regular September 7, 1993, public meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen and on motion duly made by Alderman Joe Grimley for the adoption of said Ordinance and seconded by Johnny Gray, a vote was taken as follows:

Alderman Joe Barnett	Aye
Alderman Johnny Gray	Aye
Alderman Joe Grimley	Aye
Alderman Robert Hicks	Aye
Alderman Rhonda McGill	Aye

Thereupon the Mayor declared the Ordinance duly adopted this the 7th day of September, 1993, and declared same to be in full force and effect according to law.

  
CRAIG L. EZELL, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
ALLENE RIGNEY, CITY CLERK