

Sec. 19. Use of Public Wastewater System Required.

- (a) All premises shall be provided, by the owner thereof, with at least one toilet. All toilets shall be kept clean and in a sanitary working condition.
- (b) No person shall dispose of human excrement except in a toilet.
- (c) It shall be unlawful to discharge to any natural outlet within the city, or in any area under the jurisdiction of said city, any wastewater or other polluted waters, except where suitable treatment has been provided in accordance with subsequent provision of these regulations.
- (d) 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 wastewater.
- (e) All structures used for human occupancy, and all sinks, dish washing machines, lavatories, basins, shower baths, bathtubs, laundry tubs, washing machines, and similar plumbing fixtures or appliances shall be connected to a public or private wastewater system.

Sec. 20. Public Wastewater System.

(a) At such time as a public wastewater becomes available to a property served by a private wastewater disposal system, a direct connection shall be made to the public wastewater within ninety (90) days after notice. Any septic tanks, cesspools, and similar private wastewater disposal facilities shall then be cleaned of sludge and filled with suitable materials, according to the closure procedures described in Chapter 10D-6, Florida Administrative Code or latest revision thereof, of the Department of Health and Rehabilitation Services.

- (1) Wastewater system shall be considered available to an existing single-family dwelling when the dwelling can be connected to a sanitary sewer line in any public right-of-way or easement which passes the property at any point.
- (2) Wastewater system shall be considered available to any new single-family dwelling when the dwelling can be connected by the installation of 200 linear feet of gravity flow sanitary sewer line from the nearest point of the property.
- (3) Wastewater system service charges shall be in effect ninety (90) days following notification of the availability of wastewater service.

Sec. 21. Private Wastewater Disposal.

(a) Where a public sanitary sewer is not available under the provisions of this subsection, the building sewerage shall be connected to a private wastewater disposal system complying with the provisions of this subsection. No person shall construct a septic tank or other wastewater disposal facility without prior approval from the director and city manager.

- (b) Septic tanks shall be constructed, repaired, altered, enlarged, and maintained in accordance with Chapter 10D-6, Florida Administrative Code and plans and specifications approved by the Florida Health Department.
- (c) No person shall construct, repair, alter, or enlarge any septic tank unless he receives approval by the director or designee and shall hold a valid permit for such work issued by the Florida Health Department.
- (d) The type, capacities, location, and layout of a private wastewater disposal system shall comply with all regulations of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) and the State of Florida. No septic tank shall be permitted to discharge to any natural resource.
- (e) No septic tank or other subsurface disposal facility shall be installed where a public wastewater is accessible to the premises involved.
- (f) The owner(s) shall operate and maintain the private wastewater disposal facilities in a sanitary manner at all times, at no expense to the city.
- (g) No pit privy shall be installed.
- (h) Discharge of septic tanks into wastewater system:
- (1) *Restricted.* It shall be unlawful to empty, dump, throw or otherwise discharge, into any manhole, catch basin or other opening, into the city wastewater system, or any system connected with and discharging into the wastewater system, the contents of any septic tank, sludge, sewage or other similar matter or material, except as provided in the paragraph below.
 - (2) *Permits.* The director is hereby authorized to grant permits to discharge the contents of septic tanks (from domestic sources only) at locations specified by him and under his supervision. Such permits may be revoked at any time if, in the opinion of the director, continued dumping of such matter into the sewers will be injurious to the wastewater system or treatment or treatment processes.
 - (3) *Charges.* A charge shall be made for the privilege of dumping contents of septic tanks, as provided in separate rules. A record shall be kept of such dumping and statements shall be payable within ten days after rendition. Failure to pay the amounts due within such ten-day period shall be cause for revoking the permit and employing all penalties, as described in this article.
- (i) Any premises that has a septic tank, privy or any other sewage, industrial waste or liquid waste disposal system, located thereon that does not function in a sanitary manner shall be corrected within 30 days from the receipt of written notification from the Florida Health Department that said system is not functioning in a sanitary manner, and order that said system be corrected.
- (j) Premises with private water systems shall not be connected to the public wastewater system unless approved by the city manager or designee.

(k) No statement contained in this article shall be construed to interfere with any additional requirements that may be imposed by the Florida Health Department.

Sec. 22. Building Sewers and Connections.

No unauthorized person shall uncover, make any connections with or opening into, use, alter, or disturb any public wastewater or appurtenance thereof without first obtaining a written permit from the utilities permit coordinator as provided in the *Utilities Department Manual of Standards and Specifications*.

Sec. 23. Restricted Use of Public Sanitary Sewers.

No person shall discharge or cause to be discharged any unpolluted waters such as stormwater, groundwater, roof runoff, subsurface drainage, swimming pool drains and filter discharge, or cooling water to any sanitary sewer unless otherwise provided in the *Utilities Department Manual of Standards and Specifications*.

Sec. 24. Malicious Damage.

No 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 wastewater facilities. Any person violating this provision shall be subject to immediate arrest under charge of disorderly conduct and shall be responsible for any loss of revenue or monetary expenditures needed for repairs brought about by their actions.

Sec. 25. Powers and Authority of Inspectors.

(a) Duly authorized employees of the city bearing proper credentials and identification shall be admitted with permission from proper authorities to all properties for the purposes of inspection, observation, measurement, sampling and testing pertinent to discharge to the wastewater system in accordance with the provisions of these regulations.

(b) While performing the necessary work on private properties referred to herein, the authorized employees of the city shall observe all safety rules applicable to the premises established by the company, and the company shall, to the extent permitted by law, be held harmless for injury or death to the employees, and the city shall, to the extent permitted by law, indemnify the company against loss or damage to its property by city employees and against liability claims and demand for personal injury or property damage asserted against the company, except as such may be caused by negligence or failure of the company to maintain safe conditions as required by these regulations.

(c) Duly authorized employees of the city bearing proper credentials and identification shall be permitted to enter all private properties through which the city holds an easement for the purposes of, but not limited to, inspection, observation, measurement, sampling, repair, and maintenance of any portion of the wastewater facilities 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.

Sec. 26. Pretreatment of Industrial Wastewater.

There shall be pretreatment of wastewater by industrial users discharging into the city wastewater collection and treatment systems and enables the city to comply with all applicable state and federal laws required by the Clean Water Act of 1977 and the General Pretreatment Regulations (40 CFR, Part 403) and shall be regulated by the *Utilities Department Manual of Standards and Specifications*.

Sec. 27. Compliance with Regulatory Requirements.

The provisions of these regulations shall not be deemed as alleviating compliance with applicable state and federal regulations. Specific user charge and industrial cost recovery requirements, promulgated pursuant to Public Law 92-500, shall be considered as a part of these regulations upon official adoption. All nonresidential users will be required to comply with pretreatment standards as outlined in Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 403, as provided in the *Utilities Department Manual of Standards and Specifications*.

Sec. 28. Violations.

(a) Violation of these regulations shall be a misdemeanor punishable under the laws of the State of Florida.

(b) The director may suspend the wastewater treatment service and/or a wastewater contribution permit when such suspension is necessary, in the opinion of the director, in order to stop an actual or threatened discharge which presents or may present an imminent or substantial endangerment to the health or welfare of persons, to the environment, causes interference to the wastewater system or causes the city to violate any condition of this NPDES permit.

(c) Any person notified of a suspension of the wastewater treatment service and/or the wastewater contribution permit shall immediately stop or eliminate the contribution. In the event of a failure of the person to comply voluntarily with the suspension order, the director shall take such steps as deemed necessary including initiation of legal action by the city attorney and immediate severance of the wastewater connection, to prevent or minimize damage to the wastewater system or endangerment to any individuals. The director shall reinstate the wastewater contribution permit and/or the wastewater treatment service upon proof of the elimination of the noncomplying discharge. A detailed written statement submitted by the user describing the causes of the harmful contribution and the measures taken to prevent any future occurrence shall be submitted to the utility director or designee within 15 calendar days of the date of occurrence.

(d) Any user who violates the following conditions of these regulations, or applicable state and federal regulations, is subject to having his permit revoked in accordance with the procedures of this subsection:

- (1) Failure of a user to report factually the wastewater constituents and characteristics of his discharge.

- (2) Failure of the user to report significant changes in operations, or wastewater constituents and characteristics.
 - (3) Refusal of reasonable access to the user's premises for the purpose of inspection or monitoring.
 - (4) Violation of conditions of the permit.
- (e) Whenever the department finds that any user has violated or is violating these regulations, wastewater contribution permit, or any prohibition, limitation or requirements contained herein, the department may serve upon such person a written notice stating the nature of the violation. Within 30 days of the date of the notice, a plan for satisfactory correction thereof shall be submitted to the department by the user.
- (f) In the event of violation of these regulations, the authorized employees may verbally instruct the owner as to the necessary corrective action. If the owner fails to carry out verbal instructions in a timely manner or if a serious violation or hazard to public health exists, the director may issue to the owner a written order stating the nature of the violation, the corrective action, and the time limit for completing the corrective action. This time limit will be not less than 24 hours nor more than 120 days depending upon the type and severity of the violation. The offender shall, within the period of time stated in such notice, permanently cease all violations. The record of the mailing of said notice or order shall be prima facie evidence thereof and failure of said owner or owners to receive same shall in no way affect the validity of any proceedings conducted pursuant to these regulations.
- (g) If any person discharges sewage, industrial wastes or other wastes into the city's wastewater disposal system contrary to the provisions of these regulations, federal or state pretreatment requirements, or any order of the city, the city's attorney may commence an action for appropriate legal and/or equitable relief in the appropriate court.
- (h) A person violating any provisions of this Section authorizing the aforementioned action by the designated employee shall be charged the normal and usual charges for discontinuance and disconnection of said water and wastewater services and the usual charges for recommencing said water and wastewater services.

Sec. 29. Authority to Disconnect Service.

- (a) The city reserves the right to terminate water and wastewater disposal services and disconnect a customer from the system when:
- (1) Acids or chemicals damaging to wastewater lines or treatment process are released into the wastewater causing rapid deterioration of these structures or interfering with proper conveyance and treatment of wastewater; or
 - (2) A governmental agency informs the city that the effluent from the wastewater treatment plant is no longer of a quality permitted for discharge into a watercourse, and it is found that the customer is delivering wastewater to the city's system that cannot be

sufficiently treated or requires treatment that is not provided by the city as normal domestic treatment; or

(3) The customer:

- a. Discharges industrial waste or wastewater that is in violation of the permit issued by the approving authority;
- b. Discharges wastewater at an uncontrolled, variable rate in sufficient quantity to cause an imbalance in the wastewater treatment systems;
- c. Fails to pay monthly bills for water and sanitary wastewater services when due; or
- d. Repeats a discharge of prohibited wastes into the public wastewater system.

Sec. 30. Compliance by Dischargers.

It shall be unlawful to discharge without a city permit to the wastewater system any wastewater except as authorized by the director in accordance with the provisions of these regulations.

Sec. 31. Wastewater Contribution Permits.

(a) All significant industrial users proposing to connect to or to contribute to the wastewater system shall obtain a wastewater discharge permit before connecting to or contributing to the utility system.

(b) All existing significant industrial users connected to or contributing to the wastewater system shall obtain a wastewater contribution permit within 180 days after the effective date of these regulations.

Sec. 32. Materials.

The materials and construction of wastewater collection and treatment systems shall be in accordance with the established design criteria and procedures, required material specifications, and construction procedures as described in the *Utilities Department Manual of Standards and Specifications*.

ARTICLE IV. RECLAIMED WATER

Sec. 33. Reclaimed Water in General.

(a) *Generally.* When an application is received for connection to the city's water and/or wastewater systems and where the city offers to extend a reclaimed water transmission line to the applicant's parcel for purposes of irrigation, the applicant shall be required to connect to the reclaimed water system as a condition of connection to either the city's potable water or wastewater system. Reclaimed water service charges shall become effective and begin to accrue once the meter is installed.

(b) *Cross-connections.* No cross-connection between the reclaimed water system and any potable water system shall be permitted. Cross-connections between the reclaimed water system and other sources of irrigation water, including but not limited to, surface water and wells, shall be subject to approval by the director after review of the construction plans for such connection.

(c) *Materials for Reclaimed Water System.* The materials and construction of reclaimed water systems shall be in accordance with the established design criteria and procedures, required material specifications, and construction procedures as described in the *Utilities Department Manual of Standards and Specifications*.

Sec. 34. Discontinuance of Service.

The city may suspend or discontinue reclaimed water service to any customer who violates the provisions of this chapter, including delinquency of any amounts owed the city.

Sec. 35. Meters.

(a) All new connections to the water and reclaimed water system shall be individually metered to include all residential, business, and industrial premises. Master meters (serving more than one residential, business, or industrial premises) may be permitted upon the expressed approval of the city manager.

(b) Meters shall be placed just within the property line at the right or left boundary at the nearest point to the tap-in main or as otherwise may be designated in the *Utilities Department Manual of Standards and Specifications* or authorized by a utility agreement. The meter and service valve shall always remain accessible to utilities personnel for reading, inspection, testing, and maintenance. Landscape plants and trees shall not hinder visual identification or direct physical access to the meter. Landscape shrubs and ground cover shall remain at least 18 inches from the edges of the meter box. Trees shall not be planted within four feet of the meter. The property owner shall ensure that the meter is accessible.

(c) If a customer requests a test of the meter to determine accuracy, the city will charge a testing fee as provided in the utility rate ordinance. Whenever a tested meter is found to register fast, in excess of tolerance provided in the *Utilities Department Manual of Standards and Specifications*, the director shall return the fee, replace the meter at no cost to the