



CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD MEETING FEBRUARY 22, 2018

ALPHARETTA CITY HALL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
2 PARK PLAZA
3:30 PM

- I. CALL TO ORDER
 - II. ROLL CALL
 - III. PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
 - A. Approval of September 21, 2017 Code Enforcement Board Meeting Minutes
 - IV. ITEMS FROM STAFF
 - A. Election of Officers
 - V. PUBLIC HEARING
 - A. New Business
 - 1. CE180016
 - VI. ADJOURNMENT
- 3 South Main Street – Officer Smith
Mrs. Jill Bazinet,
Senior Stormwater Engineer



CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD MEETING SUMMARY MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 21, 2017

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The public is advised the following minutes are not a verbatim transcription of business presented at the Code Enforcement Board meeting of the date shown, but are a synopsis of pertinent information. The public is further advised that the recording of said meeting is a matter of public record and is available to be heard at the City of Alpharetta Community Development Department during normal business hours.

The purpose of this Board is to hear testimony and review evidence related to alleged violations of the City Codes and ordinances. It is the responsibility of the Board to judicially consider such evidence and make findings of fact related to the enforcement of the Codes and ordinances.

I. Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Smith at 3:30 p.m.

II. Roll Call:

Board:

Fred Smith
Phil Kingry
Richard Freeman
Mark Wingate
Jim Cregge

Staff:

Beau Smith
Robert Sturgess
Bret Schroeder
Dawn Crowley

III. Approval of July 27, 2017 Minutes:

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JULY 27, 2017.

By: Mark Wingate

Seconded: Jim Cregge

Vote: Unanimous (5-0) (Wingate, Cregge, Smith, Kingry, Freeman)

The Chairman, Mr. Fred Smith, swore in all parties.

IV. Public Hearing

A. Old Business

CEB160072

3325 Kimball Bridge Road

Code Enforcement Officer Robert Sturgess updated the Board on the progress made concerning the property located at 3325 Kimball Bridge Rd. Photographic evidence was presented.

The City of Alpharetta Building Official, Mr. James Brooker approached and informed the Board that Mr. Minjane had followed proper procedure and granted a demolition permit. Despite the many obstacles concerning access to the property, work has commenced.

The property owner of 3325 Kimball Bridge Road, Mr. Jan Minjane, approached and updated the Board on the progress and thanked the City staff for their assistance.

The Board thanked Mr. Minjane for his efforts and working diligently to bring the property into compliance.

I'D LIKE TO PROPOSE THAT WE EXTEND HIS DEADLINE UNTIL OCTOBER 31, 2017.

By: Jim Cregge

Seconded: Phil Kingry

Vote: Unanimous (5-0) (Cregge, Kingry, Smith, Freeman, Wingate)

B. New Business
CEB170106

8035 Canter Lane

Code Enforcement Officer Beau Smith presented the case for the City. Officer Smith went over the timeline with the Board as follows:

7/12/2017	While on routine patrol Officer Smith noticed a boat parked in the driveway of the residence, visible from the street. This is a violation of the City of Alpharetta Unified Development Code section 2.5.4 B. Officer Smith left a hangtag.
8/10/2017	The property remained out of compliance with the City of Alpharetta Unified Development Code section 2.5.4 B. Officer Smith issued a Notice of Violation.
8/22/2017	Officer Smith issued a Summons to Appear since the boat remained in the driveway. Violating City of Alpharetta Unified Development Code section 2.5.4 B.
9/21/2017	Officer Smith conducted a follow up inspection and found the property had been brought into compliance.

Photographic evidence was shown throughout the testimony.

The property owner of 8035 Canter Lane, Mr. David Harris, approached and explained to the Board that he travels for a living. Mr. Harris informed the Board he was out of town for much longer than anticipated or he would have moved the boat right away.

I MAKE A MOTION THAT WE DISMISS THIS CASE.

By: Mark Wingate

Seconded: Jim Cregge

Vote: Unanimous (5-0) (Wingate, Cregge, Smith, Kingry, Freeman)

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:49 p.m.

CE180016

3 SOUTH MAIN STREET



2 PARK PLAZA
ALPHARETTA, GA 30009
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April 27, 2017

Ms. Glenda Lalljee
Operations Director
Butcher & Brew
3 S. Main Street
Alpharetta, GA 30009

RE: Violation of the City of Alpharetta's Unified Development Code
pertaining to an Illicit Discharge - **Washing debris from grills
and cleaning mats into the storm drain system**

Dear Ms. Lalljee,

Thank you for taking the time to speak with me today regarding the washing of the grills and kitchen mats into the storm drain. As we discussed it is important to be aware of harmful contaminants from entering Alpharetta's Storm Sewer System in order to keep our waterways clean and free of pollutants such as solid and food wastes, fats, oils, grease and cleaning detergents. The City considers anything other than rainwater entering the storm sewer system as an illicit discharge.

The City of Alpharetta's Unified Development Code Section 3.3.9.C. Prohibition of Illicit Discharges states the following:

No person shall throw, drain, run, or otherwise discharge, cause, or allow others under its control to throw, drain, or otherwise discharge into any component of the City of Alpharetta separate storm water system, or to cause, permit or suffer to be thrown, drained, run, or allow to seep or otherwise discharge, into such system, any pollutants or waters containing any pollutants, other than stormwater.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this issue, please do not hesitate to contact me at 678-297-6200.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Richard E. Boston".

Richard Boston, P.E.
Civil Engineer

CC: Jill Bazinet, PE, Senior Engineer

MAYOR
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May 28, 2017

Ms. Glenda Lalljee
Operations Director
Butcher & Brew
3 S. Main Street
Alpharetta, GA 30009

RE: Violation of the City of Alpharetta's Unified Development Code
pertaining to an Illicit Discharge - **Washing debris from grills
and cleaning mats into the storm drain system**

Dear Ms. Lalljee,

On April 27, 2017, you were notified of an illicit discharge from your restaurant. Employees were observed washing grills and kitchen mats in the street and allowing soap and waste to flow into the storm drain. On August 28, 2017, your employees were again observed washing grills and kitchen mats and allowing soap and waste to flow into the storm drain. See the enclosed picture. As we discussed it is important to be aware of harmful contaminants from entering Alpharetta's Storm Sewer System in order to keep our waterways clean and free of pollutants such as solid and food wastes, fats, oils, grease and cleaning detergents. The City considers anything other than rainwater entering the storm sewer system as an illicit discharge.

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The City would rather see the illicit discharge violation be fixed than issue fines, but the code does allow for fines up to \$2000.00 per offense each day the violation exists as stated in the Unified Development Code Section 3.3.14.E.4 penalties. If we observe the infraction again, the City will begin issuing fines.

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In order to avoid fines, please refrain from washing grills and kitchen mats in the streets and allowing the runoff to flow into the storm drain. The runoff needs to be contained and disposed of into the sanitary sewer system. If you have any questions or comments regarding this issue, please do not hesitate to contact me at 678-297-6200.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Richard E. Boston". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Richard Boston, P.E.

Civil Engineer

CC: Jill Bazinet, PE, Senior Engineer



City of Alpharetta Codes Enforcement
2 Park Plaza - Alpharetta, GA 30009
Tel: 678-297-6080 Fax: 678-297-6081

SUMMONS TO APPEAR

5301

Date: 1/25/18 Time: 11:00 AM - PM Case No. _____
Name: Butcher and Brew Glenda Halljee
Address: 3 South Main Street
Suite/Apt. No. _____ City/State: Alpharetta GA Zip: 30009

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED TO BE AND APPEAR before the

- ☐ **Municipal Court Judge** in the City Courtroom located in the Crabapple Government Center at 12624 Broadwell Road, Alpharetta, GA 30004
☒ **Code Enforcement Board** in the Council Chambers located in Alpharetta City Hall at 2 Park Plaza, Alpharetta, GA 30009

At: 3:30 A.M. (P.M.) on the 22nd day of February 20 18

To answer to the charge of

Violation: ☐ CPMC ☒ UDC ☐ City Code Section: 3.3.9.C

Violation Description: Illicit Discharge

Type of Delivery: ☒ Hand Delivery ☐ U.S. Mail ☐ Courier ☐ Other _____

X: _____

Signature of Recipient

Notifying Officials Certification

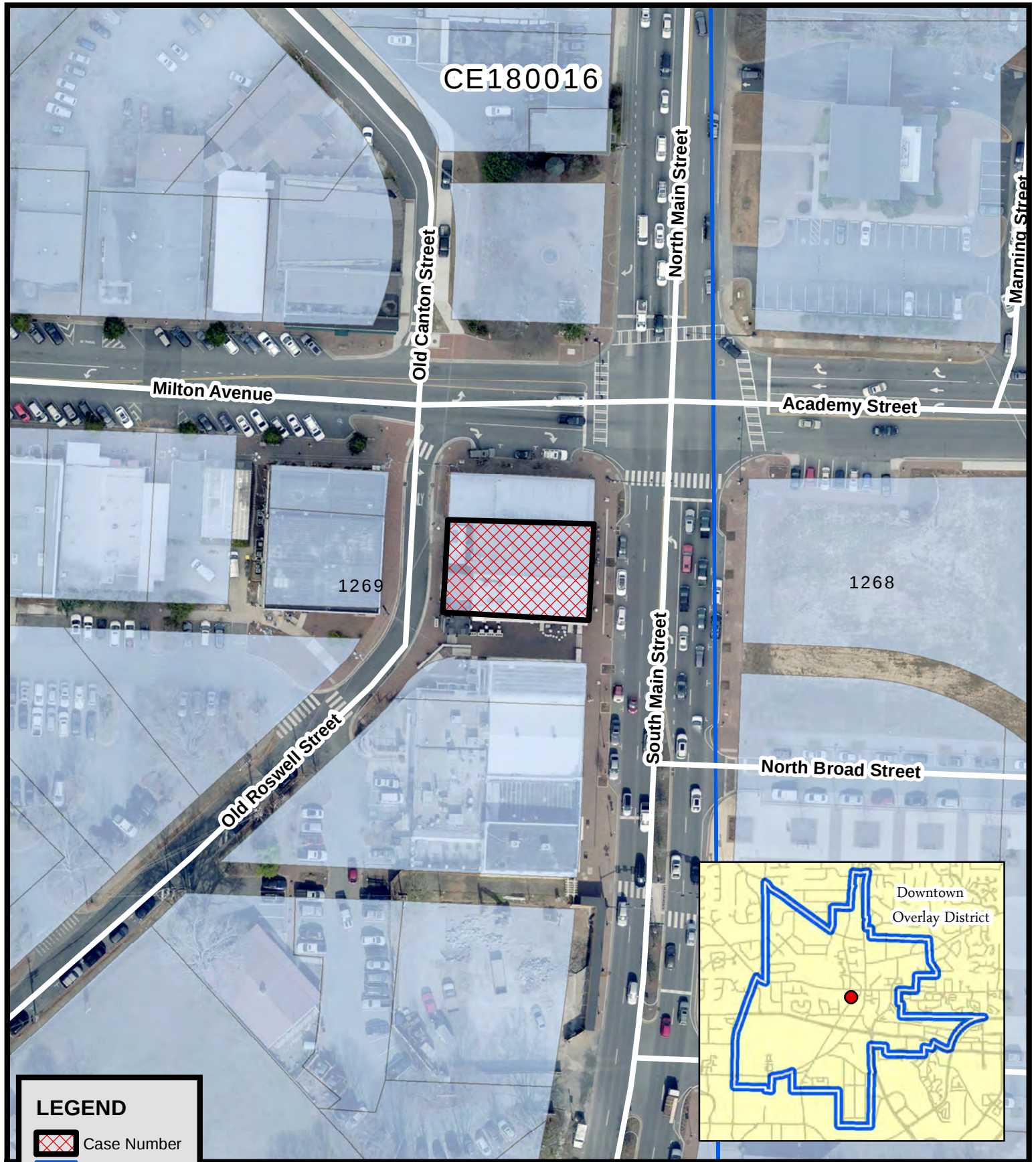
The undersigned, being a City of Alpharetta Georgia codes enforcement official, deposes or states that he or she has reasonable grounds to believe and does believe the person(s) and property named herein are in violation as set forth herein and contrary to law.

Comments: _____

Citing Officer: B. Smith Badge No.: 604

Signature: B. Smith Tel. No.: 678-297- 6087





LEGEND

-  Case Number
-  Land Lots
-  Tax Parcels

Location Map
3 South Main Street

CE180016
Hearing Date: 2/22/18



Location Map Provided by:
Community Development - GIS

UDC Article III – Land Development Activities Section 3.3.9 Illegal connection

Specifically - 3.3.9 C

3.3.9 Illegal connection.

A. *Findings.* It is hereby determined that:

Discharges to the City of Alpharetta's separate storm sewer system that are not composed entirely of stormwater runoff contribute to increased nonpoint source pollution and degradation of receiving waters;

These non-stormwater discharges occur due to spills, dumping and improper connections to the City's separate storm sewer system from residential, industrial, commercial or institutional establishments.

These non-stormwater discharges not only impact waterways individually, but geographically dispersed, small volume non-stormwater discharges can have cumulative impacts on receiving waters.

The impacts of these discharges adversely affect public health and safety, drinking water supplies, recreation, fish and other aquatic life, property values and other uses of lands and waters;

These impacts can be minimized through the regulation of spills, dumping and discharges into the City's separate storm sewer system;

Localities in the State of Georgia are required to comply with a number of State and Federal laws, regulations and permits which require a locality to address the impacts of stormwater runoff quality and nonpoint source pollution due to improper non-stormwater discharges to the City's separate storm sewer system;

Therefore, the City of Alpharetta adopts this ordinance to prohibit such non-stormwater discharges to the City's separate storm sewer system. It is determined that the regulation of spills, improper dumping and discharges to the City's separate storm sewer system is in the public interest and will prevent threats to public health and safety, and the environment.

B. *Purpose and Intent.* The purpose of this ordinance is to protect the public health, safety, environment and general welfare through the regulation of non-stormwater discharges to the City's separate storm sewer system to the maximum extent practicable as required by Federal law. This ordinance establishes methods for controlling the introduction of pollutants into the City's separate storm sewer system in order to comply with requirements of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit process. The objectives of this ordinance are to:

1. Regulate the contribution of pollutants to the City's separate storm sewer system by any person;
2. Prohibit illicit discharges and illegal connections to the City's separate storm sewer system;

3. Prevent non-stormwater discharges, generated as a result of spills, inappropriate dumping or disposal, to the City's separate storm sewer system; and,
4. To establish legal authority to carry out all inspection, surveillance, monitoring and enforcement procedures necessary to ensure compliance with this ordinance;
5. No variances shall be granted to illicit discharge or illegal connection.

C. *Prohibition of Illicit Discharges.* No person shall throw, drain, run, or otherwise discharge, cause, or allow others under its control to throw, drain, or otherwise discharge into any component of the City of Alpharetta separate storm sewer system, or to cause permit or suffer to be thrown, drained, run, or allow to seep or otherwise discharge, into such system, any pollutants or waters containing any pollutants, other than stormwater.

1. The following discharges are exempt from the prohibition provision above:
 - a. Water line flushing performed by a government agency, other potable water sources, landscape irrigation or lawn watering, diverted stream flows, rising ground water, ground water infiltration to storm drains, uncontaminated pumped ground water, foundation or footing drains (not including active groundwater dewatering systems), crawl space pumps, air conditioning condensation, springs, natural riparian habitat or wetland flows, and any other water source not containing pollutants;
 - b. Discharges or flows from firefighting, and other discharges specified in writing by the City of Alpharetta as being necessary to protect public health and safety;
 - c. The prohibition provision above shall not apply to any non-stormwater discharge permitted under an NPDES permit or order issued to the discharger and administered under the authority of the State and the Federal Environmental Protection Agency, provided that the discharger is in full compliance with all requirements of the permit, waiver, or order and other applicable laws and regulations, and provided that written approval from the City Engineer has been granted for any discharge to the City's separate storm sewer system.

D. *Prohibition of Illegal Connections.* The construction, connection, use, maintenance or continued existence of any illegal connection to the City's separate storm sewer system is prohibited.

1. This prohibition expressly includes, without limitation, illegal connections made in the past, regardless of whether the connection was permissible under law or practices applicable or prevailing at the time of connection.
2. A person violates this ordinance if the person connects a line conveying sewage to the City's separate storm sewer system, or allows such a connection to continue.

3. The person responsible for any connection in violation of this Ordinance shall immediately cause the illegal connection to be disconnected and redirected, if necessary to Fulton County's sanitary sewer system upon approval by the Director of Fulton County' sanitary sewer department or an approved onsite wastewater management system. Such person shall provide the City Engineer with written confirmation that the connection has been disconnected, and, if necessary, redirected to Fulton County sanitary sewer.
 4. Any drain or conveyance that has not been documented in plans, maps or equivalent, and which may be connected to the storm sewer system, shall be located by the owner or occupant of that property upon receipt of written notice of violation from the City Engineer requiring that such locating be completed. Such notice will specify a reasonable time period within which the location of the drain or conveyance is to be completed, that the drain or conveyance be identified as storm sewer, sanitary sewer or other, and that the outfall location or point of connection to the storm sewer system, sanitary sewer system or other discharge point be identified. Results of these investigations are to be documented and provided to the City Engineer.
- E. *Industrial or Construction Activity Discharges.* Any person subject to an industrial or construction activity NPDES stormwater discharge permit shall comply with all provisions of such permit. Proof of compliance with said permit may be required in a form acceptable to the City Engineer prior to allowing discharges to the City's separate storm sewer system.
- F. *Access and Inspection of Properties and Facilities.* Representatives of the City shall be permitted to enter and inspect properties and facilities at reasonable times as often as may be necessary to determine compliance with this ordinance.
1. If a property or facility has security measures in force which require proper identification and clearance before entry into its premises, the owner or operator shall make the necessary arrangements to allow access to representatives of the City.
 2. The owner or operator shall allow representatives of the City ready access to all parts of the premises for the purposes of inspection, sampling, photography, videotaping, examination and copying of any records that are required under the conditions of an NPDES permit to discharge stormwater.
 3. The City shall have the right to set up on any property or facility such devices as are necessary in the opinion of representatives of the City to conduct monitoring and/or sampling of flow discharges.

4. The City may require the owner or operator to install monitoring equipment and perform monitoring as necessary, and make the monitoring data available to the Public Works Department. This sampling and monitoring equipment shall be maintained at all times in a safe and proper operating condition by the owner or operator at his/her own expense. All devices used to measure flow and quality shall be calibrated to ensure their accuracy.
 5. Any temporary or permanent obstruction to safe and easy access to the property or facility to be inspected and/or sampled shall be promptly removed by the owner or operator at the written or oral request of the City Engineer and shall not be replaced. The costs of clearing such access shall be borne by the owner or operator.
 6. Unreasonable delays in allowing representatives of the City access to a facility is a violation of this ordinance.
 7. If a representative of the City has been refused access to any part of the premises from which stormwater is discharged, and the representative of the City is able to demonstrate probable cause to believe that there may be a violation of this ordinance, or that there is a need to inspect and/or sample as part of a routine inspection and sampling program designed to verify compliance with this ordinance or any order issued hereunder, or to protect the overall public health, safety, environment and welfare of the community, then the representative of the City may seek issuance of a search warrant from any court of competent jurisdiction.
- G. *Notification of Accidental Discharges and Spills.* Notwithstanding other requirements of law, as soon as any person responsible for a facility, activity or operation, or responsible for emergency response for a facility, activity or operation has information of any known or suspected release of pollutants or non-stormwater discharges from that facility or operation which are resulting or may result in illicit discharges or pollutants discharging into stormwater, the City's separate storm sewer system, State Waters, or Waters of the U.S., said person shall take all necessary steps to ensure the discovery, containment, and cleanup of such release so as to minimize the effects of the discharge.

Said person shall notify the Public Works Department by phone, facsimile, or in person within 24 hours of the nature, quantity and time of occurrence of the discharge. Notifications in person or by phone shall be confirmed by written notice addressed and mailed to the Public Works Department within three business days of the phone or in person notice. If the discharge of prohibited materials emanates from a commercial or industrial establishment, the owner or operator of such establishment shall also retain an on-site written record of the discharge and the actions taken to prevent its recurrence. Such records shall be retained for at least three years. Said person shall also take immediate steps to ensure no recurrence of the discharge or spill.

Failure to provide notification of a release as provided above is a violation of this ordinance.

([Ord. No. 732](#), § 29, 2-6-2017)

Description of violations, enforcements, and penalties to the Stormwater Ordinances in Article III Section 3.3 can be found in 3.3.14

3.3.14 Violations, enforcement and penalties.

Any action or inaction which violates the provisions of this ordinance or the requirements of an approved stormwater management plan or permit, may be subject to the enforcement actions outlined in this Section. Any such action or inaction which is continuous with respect to time is deemed to be a public nuisance and may be abated by injunctive or other equitable relief.

It shall be unlawful for any person to violate any provision or fail to comply with any of the requirements of this Ordinance. Any person who has violated or continues to violate the provisions of this ordinance, may be subject to the enforcement actions outlined in this Section or may be restrained by injunction or otherwise abated in a manner provided by law. The imposition of any of the penalties described below shall not prevent such equitable relief.

In the event the violation constitutes an immediate danger to public health or public safety, representatives of the City are authorized to enter upon the subject private property, without giving prior notice, to take any and all measures necessary to abate the violation and/or restore the property. The City is authorized to seek costs of the abatement as outlined in this Section.

A. *Notice of Violation.* If the City determines that an applicant or other responsible person has failed to comply with the terms and conditions of a permit, an approved stormwater management plan or the provisions of this ordinance, it shall issue a written notice of violation to such applicant or other responsible person. Where a person is engaged in activity covered by this ordinance without having first secured a permit therefor, the notice of violation shall be served on the owner or the responsible person in charge of the activity being conducted on the site.

1. The notice of violation shall contain:

- a. The name and address of the owner or the applicant or the responsible person;
- b. The address or other description of the site upon which the violation is occurring;
- c. A statement specifying the nature of the violation;
- d. A description of the remedial measures necessary to bring the action or inaction into compliance with the permit, the stormwater management plan or this ordinance and the date for the completion of such remedial action [the City Engineer shall provide a reasonable opportunity, of not less than ten days (except, that in the event the violation constitutes an immediate danger to public health or public safety, 24 hours' notice shall be sufficient) to cure the violation];

- e. A statement of the penalty or penalties that may be assessed against the person to whom the notice of violation is directed and the City's intended action; and
 - f. A statement that the determination of violation may be appealed to the City of Alpharetta by filing a written notice of appeal within fifteen (15) days after the notice of violation (except, that in the event the violation constitutes an immediate danger to public health or public safety, 24 hours' notice shall be sufficient).
- 2. Such notice may require without limitation:
 - a. The performance of monitoring, analyses, and reporting;
 - b. The elimination of illicit discharges and illegal connections;
 - c. That violating discharges, practices, or operations shall cease and desist;
 - d. The abatement or remediation of stormwater pollution or contamination hazards and the restoration of any affected property;
 - e. Payment of costs to cover administrative and abatement costs; and,
 - f. The implementation of pollution prevention practices.
- B. *Appeal of Notice of Violation.* Any person receiving a Notice of Violation may appeal the determination of the City Engineer in accordance with [Section 4.5](#) Appeals.
- C. *Enforcement Measures After Appeal.* If the violation has not been corrected pursuant to the requirements set forth in the Notice of Violation, or, in the event of an appeal, within ten (10) days of the decision of the appropriate authority upholding the decision of the City Engineer, then representatives of the City may enter upon the subject private property and are authorized to take any and all measures necessary to abate the violation and/or restore the property. It shall be unlawful for any person, owner, agent or person in possession of any premises to refuse to allow the government agency or designated contractor to enter upon the premises for the purposes set forth above.
- D. *Costs of Abatement of the Violation.* Within thirty (30) days after abatement of the violation, the owner of the property will be notified of the cost of abatement, including administrative costs. The property owner may file a written protest objecting to the assessment or to the amount of the assessment within fifteen (15) days of such notice. If the amount due is not paid within thirty (30) days after receipt of the notice, or if an appeal is taken, within thirty (30) days after a decision on said appeal, the charges shall become a special assessment against the property and shall constitute a lien on the property for the amount of the assessment.

Any person violating any of the provisions of this article shall become liable to the City by reason of such violation.

E. *Penalties.* In the event the remedial measures described in the notice of violation have not been completed by the date set forth for such completion in the notice of violation, any one or more of the following actions or penalties may be taken or assessed against the person to whom the notice of violation was directed.

1. Stop Work Order—The City Engineer may issue a stop work order which shall be served on the applicant or other responsible person. The stop work order shall remain in effect until the applicant or other responsible person has taken the remedial measures set forth in the notice of violation or has otherwise cured the violation or violations described therein, provided the stop work order may be withdrawn or modified to enable the applicant or other responsible person to take the necessary remedial measures to cure such violation or violations.
2. Withhold Certificate of Occupancy—The City Engineer may refuse to approve a certificate of occupancy for the building or other improvements constructed or being constructed on the site until the applicant or other responsible person has taken the remedial measures set forth in the notice of violation or has otherwise cured the violations described therein.
3. Suspension, Revocation or Modification of Permit—The City Engineer may suspend, revoke or modify the permit authorizing the land development project. A suspended, revoked or modified permit may be reinstated after the applicant or other responsible person has taken the remedial measures set forth in the notice of violation or has otherwise cured the violations described therein, provided such permit may be reinstated [upon such conditions as the City Engineer may deem necessary] to enable the applicant or other responsible person to take the necessary remedial measures to cure such violations.
4. Penalties.
 - a. Each violation of this Ordinance is subject to a penalty not to exceed two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) or thirty (30) days in the City's jail.
 - (1) The City may institute appropriate actions or proceedings at law or equity for the enforcement of this Ordinance;
 - (2) Any court of competent jurisdiction shall have the right to issue restraining orders, temporary or permanent injunctions, or other appropriate forms of remedy or relief;
 - (3) Each day of noncompliance is considered a separate offense; and

- (4) Nothing herein contained shall prevent the City from taking such other lawful action as is necessary to prevent or remedy any violation, including application for injunctive relief.
- b. Any person who undertakes any development activity requiring a stormwater management plan hereunder without first submitting the plan for review and approval shall pay to the City, in addition to any permit or inspection fee, an administrative fee of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00).
- c. The determination by the City Engineer that a violation of this Ordinance has occurred shall be conclusive and final unless the accused violator submits a written request for a hearing within seven (7) days of the violation notice being served.
- F. *Violations Deemed a Public Nuisance.* In addition to the enforcement processes and penalties provided, any condition caused or permitted to exist in violation of any of the provisions of this ordinance is a threat to public health, safety, welfare, and environment and is declared and deemed a nuisance, and may be abated by injunctive or other equitable relief as provided by law.
- G. *Remedies Not Exclusive.* The remedies listed in this ordinance are not exclusive of any other remedies available under any applicable Federal, State or local law and the City of Alpharetta may seek cumulative remedies.

The City may recover attorney's fees, court costs, and other expenses associated with enforcement of this ordinance, including sampling and monitoring expenses.

([Ord. No. 732](#), § 30, 2-6-2017)

the Clean Water Campaign

The Clean Water Campaign is a collaborative public education initiative that brings together local, state and federal government agencies, environmental and community groups and corporate partners who all share the common vision of protecting water quality in metro Atlanta. It is spearheaded by local governments in metro Atlanta, supported by the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District and managed by the Atlanta Regional Commission.

This brochure is one of a series of publications dedicated to raising awareness of pollution prevention to protect water quality. Special thanks to the City of Portland (OR) Bureau of Environmental Services for the use of its artwork in portions of this brochure.

To find your county board of health near you, visit: <http://dph.georgia.gov/district-office-directory>

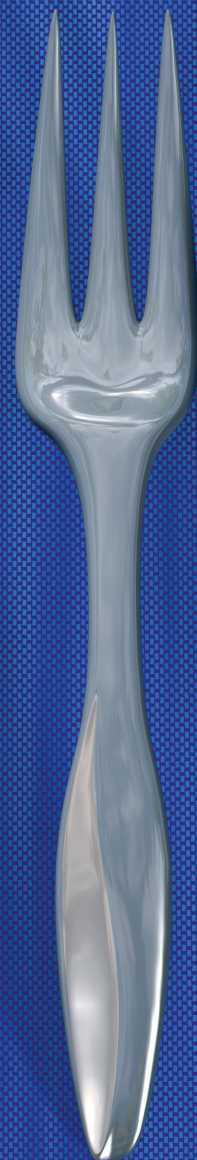


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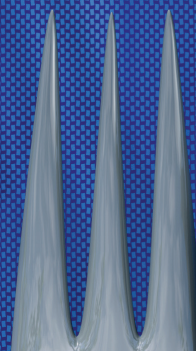
for a cleaner and
healthier environment



A Water Pollution Prevention
Guide for the Food Service Industry

The recipe for a cleaner environment begins in your restaurant or food service operation

Grease poured down the sink or floor drain can clog sewer lines causing backups and sewage spills. Food residue, detergents, grease and trash left outside or poured in a storm drain are picked up by rainwater and carried to the nearest stream as polluted stormwater runoff. Both of these sources of pollution are harmful to humans and aquatic life and impact our rivers, lakes and streams. By following the tips below, you can be part of the solution to water pollution!



Pour wash water into a janitorial or mop sink. Don't pour it out onto a parking lot, alley, sidewalk or street.

Arroje el agua empleada en la limpieza dentro del fregadero para trapeadores. No la arroje en los estacionamientos, callejones, veredas o en la calle.



Use dry methods for spill cleanup – sweeping, cat litter, etc. Don't hose down spills.

Use métodos secos para limpiar los derrames – escobas, aserrín de los gatos, etc. No utilice mangueras para limpiar los derrames.



Clean floormats, filters and garbage cans in a mop sink or over an internal floor drain. Don't wash them in a parking lot, alley, sidewalk or street.

Limpie las alfombras, filtros y basureros en un lavadero para trapeadores, un desagüe de piso, u otro contenedor secundario. No los lave en el estacionamiento, callejón, acera o calle.



Keep dumpster area clean and lid closed. Don't fill it with liquid waste or hose it out.

Mantega el área alrededor del basurero limpia y la tapa cerrada. No lo llene con desperdicios líquidos ni utilice la manguera.



Recycle grease and oil. Don't pour it into sinks, floor drains or onto a parking lot, street or storm drain.

Recicle grasa y aceite. No los arroje en lavaderos o desagües de piso ni en estacionamientos o calles.



Regularly clean up parking lots and the outside area surrounding the restaurant. Sweep up food refuse and other trash and debris from outside areas.

Regularmente limpie los estacionamientos y el área exterior que rodea el restaurante. Barra los desperdicios de comida y cualquier otro tipo de basura y escombros en las áreas exteriores.

www.cleanwatercampaign.com

Do's and Don'ts

DO NOT

- » Add additives or enzymes to break down **FOG**
- » Flush **FOG** down the drain with hot water
- » Dispose of unused food through a garbage disposal unnecessarily
- » Do not dispose of fryer grease in floor drains or dumpster pad drains

DO

- » Reduce your food service establishment's waste stream through collection and recycling
- » Absorb spills with kitty litter or saw dust and dispose in trash
- » Educate your employees about the effects of **FOG**
- » Use absorbent pads to clean up spilled grease and oil
- » Use secondary collection pans under all grease collection devices



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Don't Get Lost in the

FOG



*Managing the Discharge of
Fats, Oils, and Grease
from Food Service Establishments*



What is FOG?

Did you know that **FOG** (fats, oils and grease) is the number one cause of sewer **system blockages in the Metro Atlanta area**? **FOG** is a semi-solid, viscous byproduct of food preparation. It can be derived from either vegetable or animal sources. Although it can be found in residential kitchens, it is of particular concern in commercial kitchens due to the large volume of fats, oils and grease used to prepare food on a daily basis.

Why should you be concerned?

FOG sticks to the walls of sewer pipes and builds up over time. Eventually, it can block the pipes completely, resulting in sewage backing up into basements, overflowing from manholes or discharging to local streams. **FOG**-related overflows can result in property damage, environmental damage and civil penalties and fines.

What are common sources of FOG?

Butter	Mayonnaise
Cheese	Meats
Cookies	Pastries
Gravy	Salad dressings
Ice Cream	Sauces
Margarine	Used fryer oil
Marinades	Yogurt



How does FOG enter the sewer system?

At food service establishments, the common ways of for **FOG** to get into the sewer system include:

- » Washing **FOG**-covered dish- and cookware without first scraping and wiping grease into trash can
- » Washing hood and grill washdown water into floor drains
- » Using garbage disposals to dispose of **FOG**-bearing food particles and scraps
- » Improper drain connections that bypass **FOG** collection systems
- » Flushing **FOG** down drain with hot water

To reduce the amount of **FOG** entering the collection system, remember to **SCRAPE**:

- S** – Scrape or wipe grease into a sealable container, seal and place into trash can
- C** – Collect liquid cooking oils in an oil rendering tank
- R** – Rotate cleaning schedule among fryers and food preparation devices
- A** – Assign clean-up tasks to specific employees
- P** – Prepare foods with minimal amounts of fats, oils, and grease
- E** – Educate your employees on the importance of reducing FOG and following FOG prevention practices

Garbage Disposals

Garbage disposals conveniently dispose of grease-bearing food particles that may remain on a patron's dishware. However, this convenience often leads to higher incidence of sewer clogs, not only from the additional grease, but also from the food particles themselves which can become trapped by existing grease deposits in sewer pipes. Most jurisdictions have specific requirements regulating both the performance standards of the disposal as well as the end product going into the collection system. The easiest way to comply with these regulations and maintain a clog-free sewer system is not to use a garbage disposal at all. Rather, place all remaining food particles and scraps in a trash can.

Recycling

Used cooking oil and grease may be recycled. They should be collected and stored in a dedicated recycling storage container. These containers should be covered to keep water out, be placed on secondary collection bins in case of spills and maintained in a sanitary condition. Some companies will provide the collection containers and services free of charge, pay a small fee for the materials or offer a rebate on their services.

