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SUMMARY OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 503 N.S.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASO ROBLES AMENDING MUNICIPAL CODE
CHAPTER 14.08 SECTIONS 14.08.010 THROUGH 14.08.150,
AND ADDING SECTIONS 14.08.160 THROUGH 14.08.240,
SEWER CONNECTION AND USE.

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5. No cesspools shall be permitted, nor other methods of wastewater disposal, that are detrimental to health and safety; except that, under special safe conditions, the city engineer may approve cesspools.

6. No commercial or industrial plants shall be permitted to construct or use cesspools or septic tank leach line systems.

7. At such time as a public sewer becomes available to a property served by a private sewage disposal system, as provided in Section 14.08.020(4), a direct connection shall be made to the public sewer in compliance with this chapter, and any septic tanks, cesspools, and similar private sewage disposal facilities shall be abandoned, cleaned of sludge and filled in with suitable material immediately, or within sixty days.

8. The owner shall operate and maintain the private sewage disposal facilities in a sanitary manner at all times, at no expense to the city of Paso Robles.

9. No statement contained in this section shall be construed to interfere with any additional requirements that may be imposed by the county health officer.(Ord.334 N.S.(part), 1972).

14.08.050 Storm Water.

Storm water and all unpolluted drainage shall be discharged to such sewers as are specifically designated as storm sewers, or to a natural outlet approved by the Director of Municipal Services. Industrial cooling water or unpolluted process waters may be

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discharged, upon approval of the Director of Municipal Services, to a storm sewer or natural outlet. Appropriate permits from all affected public agencies may be required by the City and shall be obtained by the applicant.

14.08.060 Building Sewers and Connections.

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 city engineer or his designated representatives.

There shall be two 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 of Paso Robles. The permit application shall be supplemented by any plans, specifications or other information considered pertinent in the judgement of the city engineer or his designated representatives.

All costs and expenses including permit and inspection fees incident to the installation and connection of the building sewer shall be borne by the owner. The owner shall indemnify the city of Paso Robles from any loss or damage that may directly or indirectly be occasioned by the installation of the building sewer.

A separate and independent building sewer shall be provided for every building; except where one building stands at the rear of another (under the same ownership) on an interior lot and no private sewer is

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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.

Old building sewers may be used in connection with new buildings only when they are found, on examination and test by the city engineer or his designated representatives, to meet all requirements of this chapter.

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 all conform to the requirements of the building and plumbing code or other applicable rules and regulations of the city of Paso Robles. In the absence of code provisions or in amplification thereof, the materials and procedures set forth in appropriate specifications of the A.S.T.M. and W.P.C.F. shall apply.

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. Where possible, upper floors shall be designed to flow by gravity into the lateral flowing to the public sewer, and only the basement area should be pumped.

No person shall make connection of roof downspouts, exterior foundation drains, areaway drains or other sources of surface runoff or

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groundwater to a building sewer or building drain which in turn is connected directly or indirectly to a public sanitary sewer.

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 of Paso Robles, or the procedures set forth in appropriate specifications of the A.S.T.M. and W.P.C.F. All such connections shall be made gastight and watertight. Any deviation from the prescribed procedures and materials must be approved by the city engineer before installation, or by a qualified person designated by him. Mortar, lead, C.P.I. or tar joints shall not be permitted.

The applicant for the building sewer permit shall notify the city engineer when the building sewer is ready for inspection and connection to the public sewer. The connection shall be made under the supervision of the city engineer or his representatives.

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 engineer and at no expense to the city.

While performing the work designated in this section on private or public property, all parties shall observe all safety rules applicable under federal, state, county and city regulations, and the city shall be held harmless against liability claims and demands for any personal injury.

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14.08.070 Discharge Quality.

Except as hereinafter provided, no person shall discharge or cause to be discharged any of the following described waters or wastes to any public sewers:

(a) Any liquid or vapor having a temperature higher than 150 degrees Fahrenheit into the sewer and in no case higher than 104 degrees Fahrenheit at introduction into the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

(b) Any water or waste containing grease as follows:

1. Floatable grease in excess of 25 parts per million. Grease is an oil, fat, grease, or other ether-soluble matter. Floatable grease is grease which rises to the surface of quiescent sewage or waste upon dilution of the sewage or waste with water.

2. Dispersed grease, other than soap, in excess of 300 parts per million. Dispersed grease is grease which is not floatable.

(c) Any gasoline, benzene, naphtha, fuel oil, or other flammable or explosive liquid, solid or gas which the PDTW has declared a hazard to the system.

(d) Any garbage that has not been properly shredded.

(e) Any ashes, cinders, sand, mud, straw, shavings, metal, glass, rags, feathers, tar, plastics, woods, paunch manure, or any other solid or viscous substance capable of causing obstruction to the flow in sewers or other interference with the proper operation of the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP).

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(f) Any water or wastes having a pH lower than 5.5 or higher than 9.0, or having any other corrosive property capable of causing damage or hazard to structures, equipment, or personnel of the WWTP.

(g) Any waters or wastes containing a toxic or poisonous substance in sufficient quantity to injure or interfere with any sewage treatment process, constitute a hazard to humans or animals, or create a hazard in the receiving waters of the WWTP, or to exceed the limitations set forth in the categorical pretreatment standards.

(h) Any waters or wastes containing suspended solids of such character and quantity that unusual attention or expense is required to handle such materials at the WWTP.

(i) Any noxious or malodorous gas or substance which either alone or by interaction with other wastes are capable of creating a public nuisance.

(j) Any wastewater containing in excess of:

8.0	mg/l	aluminium
0.30	mg/l	arsenic
0.15	mg/l	beryllium
0.25	mg/l	cadmium
0.075	mg/l	cobalt
0.30	mg/l	copper
0.05	mg/l	chromium
0.20	mg/l	cyanide
1.50	mg/l	fluoride
7.50	mg/l	iron
0.05	mg/l	lead
0.115	mg/l	lithium
0.005	mg/l	mercury
0.30	mg/l	nickel
0.01	mg/l	selenium
2.00	mg/l	vanadium
2.00	mg/l	zinc
0.20	mg/l	M.B.A.S. (foaming agent)
0.001	mg/l	phenol
20.00	mg/l	ammonia

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200.00	mg/l	sulfate
2.50	mg/l	boron

Any wastewater, other than water-softening regeneration brine, containing in excess of:

1000.0	mg/l	total dissolved solids
200.0	mg/l	sodium
150.0	mg/l	chloride

(k) Commercial or Industrial Plants discharging water-softening brine shall be restricted in the concentrations of total dissolved solids, sodium, or chloride of the wastewater discharged. All plants shall make application to the City for a discharge permit. All applications shall include such things as daily water volume, pounds of sodium chloride, volume of portable exchange units regenerated, grains of hardness removed, method of disposal of brine waste and methods of internal controls to assure compliance of any established discharge limitations.

Upon receipt of such applications, the City may issue a discharge permit, establishing limitations on discharge to the P.O.T.W. of such things as, but not limited to; sodium, chlorides, and total dissolved solids. All permits shall require owner to maintain records of all sodium chloride purchased, used, and amount of concentrated salt brine disposed of other than through a discharge to the WWTP. Internal controls shall be maintained by owner to assure compliance and all required records shall be made available to the City upon request.

Notwithstanding the immediately preceding paragraph, if the supervisor of the WWTP determines that such a plant or plants are interfering with the operation of the WWTP or causing the WWTP to violate its NPDES permit, such plants shall comply with all reasonable

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orders of the supervisor designated to eliminate the interference or to stop the violation of the NPDES permit.

(l) The admission into the public sewers of any water or wastes having (1) a 5-day Biochemical Oxygen Demand greater than 250 parts per million by weight, or (2) containing more than 250 parts per million by weight of suspended solids, or (3) containing any quantity of substances having the characteristics described in Chapter 14.08.020, or (4) having an average daily flow of .01 percent of the total WWTP flow into the WWTP, shall be subject to the review and approval of the Director of Municipal Services.

(m) Any waters or wastes with an objectionable color not removed in the treatment process, such as, but not limited to, dye wastes and vegetable tanning solutions.

(n) Any waters or wastes containing any radioactive wastes or isotopes of halflife or concentrations that exceed limits established by the supervisor of the WWTP.

(o) Any substance which will cause the WWTP effluent and by-products, such as sludge, to be unsuitable for reclamation and reuse. In no case shall a substance discharged to the WWTP cause the plant to be in violation of sludge use or disposal guidelines and regulations.

(p) Any substance which will cause the POTW to violate its NPDES permit.

When the supervisor of the WWTP determines that a user is contributing any of the above-mentioned substances in such amounts as to interfere with the operation of the WWTP, the supervisor shall:

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- (1) advise the user of the impact of the contribution to the WWTP,
- (2) develop effluent limitations for the user to correct,
- (3) place limits on rate and time of discharge or requirements for flow regulations and equalization, or
- (4) take any other action necessary to eliminate the interference.

14.08.080 Protection From Damage.

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.

Contractors, utility companies and private and commercial excavators shall locate all sewers and water lines prior to any excavation work, and will be held responsible for any damage, accidental or willful.

No persons shall dump, or cause to be dumped, into any manhole, or lamp hole, any materials (solid, liquid or gaseous) whatsoever without prior city approval.

All provisions of Chapter 14.18, entitled "Cross-connections Control and Inspections" shall be complied with.(Ord. 334 N.S.(part),1972).

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14.08.090 Federal Categorical Pretreatment Standards.

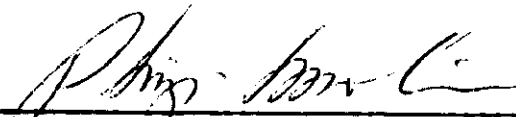
Upon the promulgation of the federal categorical pretreatment standards for a particular industrial subcategory, the federal standard shall apply in any instance where its limitations are more stringent than those in this Section.

14.08.100 Effluent Limitations Promulgated by the Federal Water Pollution Control Act.

Effluent limitations promulgated by the Federal Water Pollution Control Act PL 92-500, shall apply in any instance where they are more stringent than those in this Section. Under Section 307(b) of the Act, Federal pretreatment standards are designed to achieve two purposes: (1) to protect the operation of publicly owned treatment works, and (2) to prevent the discharge of pollutants which pass through such works inadequately treated. Users in industrial categories subject to effluent guidelines issued under Section 304(b) of the Act, which are discharging incompatible pollutants to public owned treatment works, are required to adopt best practical control technology currently available, as defined by the Administrator pursuant to Section 304(b) of the Act. For some industrial categories it may be necessary to define pretreatment guidelines for problems that may arise as a result of the discharge into publicly owned treatment works. However, any adjustments required for particular industrial categories should be considered in connection with the City's requirements rather than in the national pretreatment standard. Limitations on wastewater strength in this Chapter may be supplemental with more stringent limitations if:

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A complete certified copy of the text of Ordinance No. 503 N.S. regarding sewer connections and sewer use is posted at City Hall in the office of the City Clerk. Ordinance No. 503 N.S. was presented for first reading by the City Council at the regular meeting held August 20, 1985 and is referred to as Ordinance No. 503 N.S., An Ordinance of the City of Paso Robles Amending Municipal Code Chapter 14.08 Sections 14.08.010 through 14.08.150, and Adding Sections 14.08.160 through 14.08.240, Sewer Connections and Use.



PHILLIP S. MOLINA, ACTING CITY MANAGER

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1. The City determined that the limitations in Section 14.08.030 may not be sufficient to protect the operation of the City's treatment works, or

2. The City determines that the limitations in Section 14.08.030 may not be sufficient to enable the City's treatment works to comply with water quality standards or effluent limitations specified in the City's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit.

14.08.110 Grease, Oil, and Sand Interceptors.

Grease, oil and sand interceptors shall be provided when in the opinion of the Director of Municipal Services, they are necessary for the proper handling of liquid wastes containing grease in excessive amounts, or any flammable wastes, sand and 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 Director of Municipal Services, and shall be located as to be readily and easily accessible for cleaning and inspection. Grease and oil interceptors shall be constructed of impervious materials capable of withstanding abrupt and extreme changes in temperature. They shall be of substantial construction, watertight, and equipped with easily removable covers which, when bolted in place, shall be gas-tight and water-tight. Where installed, all grease, oil and sand interceptors shall be maintained by the owner, at his expense, in continuously efficient operation at all times.

14.08.120 Pretreatment Facilities.

Where pretreatment of discharge is required by the supervisor of

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the WWTP, the necessary facilities shall be provided, operated, and maintained at the user's expense. Detailed plans showing the facilities and their operating procedures shall be submitted to the City for review. Such plans must be acceptable to the City before construction is begun. Any changes in the pretreatment facilities or method of operation must be reported to and approved of by the City prior to implementation of the proposed changes.

14.08.130 Control Manhole.

When required by the Director of Municipal Services, the owner of any property served by a building sewer carrying industrial wastes shall install a suitable control manhole in the building sewer to facilitate observation, sampling and measurement of the wastes. Such manhole, when required, shall be accessible and safely located, and shall be constructed in accordance with plans approved by the Director of Municipal Services. 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.

14.08.140 Measurement and Tests.

All measurements and tests and analysis of the characteristics of waters and wastes shall be determined in accordance with "Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Sewage," and shall be determined at the control manhole 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. The cost of any program of regular

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testing required by the Director of Municipal Services shall be billed directly to the industry or business involved.

14.08.150 Special Agreement.

No statement contained in this Chapter shall be construed as preventing any special agreement or arrangement between the City of Paso Robles and any industrial concern whereby an industrial waste or unusual strength or character may be accepted by the City for treatment, subject to payment therefore by the industrial concern of all City costs connected with such extra treatment; provided, no State or Federal Pretreatment Standards shall be exceeded by the discharge of such industrial waste.

14.08.160 Drainage Below Curb and Also Below Main Sewer Level.

(a) Any sewer lateral, serving fixtures with a flood level rim below the elevation of the curb or property line and above the crown level of the sewer main, shall drain by gravity and shall be protected from back flow of sewage by installing an approved type backwater valve.

If the drainage piping is lower than the next upstream manhole, the property owner may be required to install a backwater valve.

b) Director of Municipal Services empowered to stop overflow. If the property owner fails to install and maintain a backwater trap or backwater valve in good working condition, when required under this Section, the Director of Municipal Services may order and require said plumbing fixture to be disconnected and removed and the outlet plugged or capped. In the event that the property owner fails to disconnect

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and plug or cap the sewer connection within ten (10) days after written notice by the Director of Municipal Services, then the Director of Municipal Services shall arrange for such disconnection and capping; the cost of which shall be a debt of the property owner and which may be collected by court action or may be declared to be a lien by action of the City Council after public hearing and notice to the property owner and shall be added to and collected as part of the tax roll.

(c) Alternate right to terminate water service. As an alternate to the procedure set forth above, if the property owner fails to install and maintain a backwater trap or backwater valve in good working condition when requested under this chapter, the Director of Municipal Services may order and require termination of water service to the parcel and all structures connected to the sewer outlet subject to overflow. Said water service shall not be reinstated until the maintenance or installation of the backwater trap or backwater valve has been approved by the Director of Municipal Services.

(d) Maintenance of Sewer Connections. All house connection sewers, industrial sewers, private sewage disposal systems and appurtenances thereto, now existing or hereafter constructed, shall be maintained by the owner of the property in a safe and sanitary condition and all devices or safeguards which are required by the section for the operation thereof, shall be maintained in a good working order.

(a) Inspection of Premises. The Director of Municipal Services, the Health Officer, or other duly authorized employees or representatives of the City or the Health Department bearing proper

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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 Director of Municipal Services, the Health Officer, or their 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.

(b) Time and Cost of Inspection. Inspections shall take place during the normal working hours of the Director of Municipal Services, the Health Officer or other duly authorized employees or representatives of the City or Health Department. Each discharger shall pay a reasonable inspection fee sufficient to cover the costs of the inspection. Any discharger of non-domestic wastewater who requires an inspection other than during normal business hours set forth above shall pay any additional costs attributable to such inspection, including overtime payable to the inspector.

(c) Inspection Schedules. Authorized inspectors shall be permitted to enter and inspect industrial users premises for wastewater discharge and treatment facilities pursuant to a schedule established by the City or set forth in the wastewater treatment discharge permit. Inspection schedules will be based upon the potential hazardous discharge of each industrial user of the POTW. Users with high potential for discharge of hazardous pollutants will be inspected at shorter time intervals than those users with less potential discharge hazard. Discharge permits may contain inspection schedules and/or

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conditions. If the City discovers significant pollutants in the POTW, inspections shall be permitted, as needed, on an emergency basis, in addition to regularly scheduled inspections.

(d) Liability for Injury. While performing the necessary work on private properties referred to in "a" above, authorized employees, and the City shall indemnify the company against loss or damage to its property by such employees and against liability claims and demands for personal injury or property damage asserted against the company and growing out of the gauging and sampling operation, except as such may be caused by negligence or failure of the company to maintain safe conditions as required in this ordinance.

(e) Rights of City Entry. The Director of Municipal Services, the Health Officer, and other duly authorized employees of the City or Health Department 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, inspections, observation, measurement, sampling, repair, and maintenance of any portion of the sewage works lying with 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.

14.08.180 Permits and Users Survey.

All dischargers of non-domestic wastewater to the city sewer system shall obtain a wastewater discharge permit and shall complete an Industrial User's Survey. It shall be unlawful to discharge non-domestic wastewater without a permit, or to fail to complete an

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Industrial User's Survey.

1. Permit Conditions: Wastewater discharge permits shall be expressly subject to all provisions of this Ordinance and all other regulations, user charges and fees established by the City. The conditions of wastewater discharge permits shall be uniformly enforced by the Director of Municipal Services in accordance with this Ordinance, and applicable State and Federal Regulations. Permit requirements may include, but not be limited to the following:

(a) the unit charge or schedule of user charges and fees for wastewater to be discharged to a community sewer;

(b) the average and maximum wastewater constituents and characteristics:

limits on rate and time of discharge or requirements for flow regulations and equalization;

requirements for installations of inspection and sampling facilities;

(e) pretreatment requirements;

(f) specifications for monitoring programs which may include sampling locations, frequency and method of sampling, number, types and standards for tests and reporting schedule;

(g) requirements for submission of technical reports or discharge reports;

(h) requirements for maintaining plant records relating to

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wastewater discharge as specified by the City, and affording Department of Municipal Services access thereto;

(i) mean and maximum mass emission rates, or other appropriate limits when incompatible pollutants (as defined by City Ordinance) are proposed or present in the user's wastewater discharge;

(j) requirements for submission to inspections;

(k) other conditions as deemed appropriate by the City to insure compliance with this Ordinance.

2. Duration of Permits. Permits shall be issued for a specified time period, not to exceed five (5) years. A permit may be issued for a period of less than one year or may be stated to expire on a specific date. If the user is not notified by the City thirty days prior to the expiration of the permit, the permit shall be extended one additional year. The terms and conditions of the permit may be subject to modification and change by the City during the life of the permit as limitations or requirements as identified in the Municipal Code is modified or changed. The user shall be informed of any proposed changes in this permit at least thirty days prior to the effective date of change. Any changed or new conditions in the permit shall include a reasonable time schedule for compliance.

3. Transfer of a Permit. Wastewater Discharge Permits are issued to a specific user for a specific operation. A wastewater Discharge Permit shall not be reassigned or transferred or sold to a new owner, new user, different premises, or a new or changed operation. Provided that if in the opinion of the Director of Municipal Services the sale

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or transfer of an operation does not result in a change in use, the permit may be reassigned.

4. Revocation of Permit. Any user who violates any of the following conditions of the permit, or of this ordinance, or of applicable State and Federal regulations, is subject to permit revocations:

(a) failure to factually report the wastewater constituents and characteristics of discharge;

(b) failure to report significant changes in operations or wastewater constituents and characteristics;

(c) refusal of reasonable access to the user's premises for the purpose of inspection or monitoring;

(d) failure to provide official evidence of proper disposal of non-domestic wastes not permitted by City Ordinances (hazardous and toxic wastes).

14.08.190 Reporting Requirements for Permittees.

(a) Any user subject to pretreatment standards and requirements shall submit a report indicating the nature, concentration, and daily flows of all limiting pollutants to the supervisor of the WWTP. The report shall also state whether the applicable pretreatment standards and requirements are being consistently met and, if not, set forth a schedule of compliance for the installation of technology or changes in character of the discharge.

(b) After meeting the above requirements, the user shall submit

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self monitoring reports, as required by the supervisor of the WWTP, to assess and assure continued compliance with pretreatment standards and requirements, including but not limited to the reports required in 40 CFR 403.12. These reports shall contain the results of sampling and analysis of the discharge, done in accordance with the procedures approved by the POTW.

14.08.200 Confidentiality/ Public Disclosure.

(a) Any information submitted to EPA may be claimed as confidential by the submitter. Any such claim must be asserted at the time of submission in the proper manner. If no claim is made at the time of submission, EPA may make the information available to the public without further notice.

(b) Effluent data shall be available to the public without restriction.

(c) Notification of continuing violations will be published at least once every 12 months in a major local newspaper.

14.08.210 Penalties.

1. Any person found to be violating any provision of this chapter except Section 14.08.110 shall be served by the city of El Paso de Robles 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.

2. Any person who continues any violation beyond the time limit

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BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Paso Robles as
follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 14.08, Sections .010 through .150 of the Paso
Robles Municipal Code, Sewer Connections and Use, is hereby amended to
read, and Sections .160 through .240 is hereby added, as follows:

CHAPTER 14.08.

SECTION 14.08.010 Purpose and Scope.

This ordinance sets forth standards and regulations governing
discharges into the Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTW) for the City
of Paso Robles, These standards and regulations enable 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).

The objectives of this ordinance are:

(a) to prevent the introduction of pollutants into the POTW which
will interfere with the operation of the POTW, including interference
with the use or disposal of municipal sludge;

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provided for in subsection 1 of this section is guilty of an infraction punishable by the following:

- (a) a fine not exceeding fifty dollars for a first violation;
- (b) a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars for a second violation of same ordinance within one year;
- (c) a fine not exceeding two hundred fifty dollars for each additional violation of the same ordinance within one year.

Each day in which any such violation continues shall be deemed a separate offense.

3. Any person violating any of the provisions of this chapter shall become liable to the city of El Paso de Robles for any expense, loss, or damage occasioned the city by reason of such violation. (Ord.408 N.S.3,1977; Ord.334 N.S.(part),1972).

14.08.220 Validity.

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

2. The invalidity of any section, clause, sentence or provision of this chapter shall not affect the validity of any other part of this chapter which can be given effect without such invalid part or parts. (Ord,334 N.S.(part),1972).

14.08.230 Procedure and Fees.

The city council of the city of El Paso de Robles may from time to time establish and set by resolution the procedures for obtaining permits for installation and operation of water softeners and fees for such permits and inspections. (Ord,408.4,1977).

14.08.240 Definitions. Unless the context specifically indicates

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otherwise, the meaning of terms used in this chapter shall be as follows:

a. "BOD" (denoting biochemical oxygen demand) means the quantity of oxygen utilized in the biochemical oxidation of organic matter under standard laboratory procedure in five days at twenty degrees C, expressed in milligrams per liter;

b. "Building drain" means 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 five feet (1.5 meters) outside the inner face of the building wall;

c. "Building sewer" means the extension from the building drain to the public sewer or other place of disposal;

d. "Industrial user's survey" - a questionnaire (and related process) used by the City to identify and categorize Industrial Users and the characteristics of their wastewater discharge.

e. "City engineer" means the engineer employed by the city of El Paso de Robles or his designated representatives;

f. "Code" means the Uniform Plumbing Code as adopted by the city council from time to time;

g. "Combined sewer" means a sewer receiving both surface runoff and sewage;

h. "Dwelling unit" means a residence for a single family only and shall include each unit in multiple dwellings whether permanent,

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temporary, residential or commercial;

i. "Garbage" means solid wastes from the domestic and commercial preparation, cooking and dispensing of food, and from the handling, storage and sale of produce;

j. "Industrial wastes" means the liquid wastes from industrial manufacturing processes, trade or business as distinct from sanitary sewage;

k. "Natural outlet" means any outlet into a watercourse, pond, ditch, lake or other body of surface or groundwater;

l. "Person" means any individual, firm, company, association, society, corporation or group;

m. "pH" means the logarithm of the reciprocal of the weight of hydrogen ions in grams per liter of solution;

n. "Properly shredded garbage" means the wastes from the preparation, cooking and dispensing of feed 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 one-half inch (1.25 centimeters) in any dimension;

o. "Public sewer" means a sewer in which all owners of abutting properties have equal rights and is controlled by public authority;

p. "Sanitary sewer" means a sewer which carries sewage and to which storm, surface and groundwaters are not intentionally admitted;

q. "Septic tank" means a water-tight receptacle which receives

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the discharge of a drainage system or part thereof, designed and constructed so as to retain solids, digest organic matter through a period of detention and allow the liquids to discharge into the soil outside of the tank through a system of open joint piping meeting the requirements of this code;

r. "Sewage" means 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;

s. "Sewage treatment plant" means any arrangement of devices and structures used for treating sewage;

t. "Special sewer" means any public sewer in the sewage system of the city of El Paso de Robles constructed within the boundaries of this city, territory annexed to this city or area outside of this city, the cost of which has been, or may hereafter be, designated as such "special sewer" by resolution of the city council;

u. "Special sewer fee" means the fee established by resolution of the city council to be paid by any person, firm or corporation upon issuance of a permit to connect to a special sewer;

v. "Sewage works" means all facilities for collecting, pumping, treating and disposing of sewage;

w. "Sewer" means a pipe or conduit for carrying sewage;

x. "Shall" is mandatory; "may" is permissive;

y. "Slug" means any discharge of water, sewage or industrial

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waste which in concentration of any given constituent or in quantity of flow exceeds for any period of duration longer than fifteen minutes more than five times the average twenty-four hour concentration or flows of the user during normal operation;

z. "Storm drain" (sometimes termed "storm sewer") means a sewer which carries storm and surface waters and drainage, but excludes sewage and industrial wastes, other than unpolluted cooling water;

aa. "Superintendent" means the superintendent of sanitation of the city of El Paso de Robles or his authorized deputy, agent or representative;

bb. "Suspended solids" means 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;

cc. "Testing and sampling" means the taking of a sample and testing of the discharge for the purpose of determining if requirements are being met. Costs of such sampling shall normally be borne by discharger;

dd. "Watercourse" means a channel in which a flow of water occurs, either continuously or intermittently;

ee. "Water softener" is a unit using the ion exchange process designed to remove hardness (magnesium and/or calcium ions) from a water supply and requiring sodium chloride to regenerate the exchange resin. Units that regenerate on location are referred to as "onsite regeneration units";

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ff. "Salt efficiency control" is a tamperproof device that controls the regeneration cycle on existing onsite regeneration water softeners. The control is set at the most efficient regeneration setting and sealed. (Ord. 408 N.S. 1, 1977; Ord. 334 N.S. (part), 1972).

SECTION 2. A summary of this ordinance, approved by the City Attorney, together with the eyes and noses, shall be published at least three (3) days prior to its final passage in the Daily Press, a newspaper published and circulated in said City, and the same shall go into effect at the expiration of thirty (30) days after its said final passage. A copy of the full text of this ordinance shall be on file in the office of the City Clerk on and after the date following introduction and passage to print and shall be available to any interested member of the public.


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INTRODUCED AND PASSED TO PRINT by the Council of the City of El Paso de Robles at a meeting held on September 17, 1985, on motion of Councilman Ovitt, seconded by Councilman Russell, and on the following roll call vote:


AYES: Councilpersons Cousins, Ovitt, Russell, Thorndyke & Stemper

NOES: None

ABSENT: None


MAYOR GARY E. STEMPER

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK JOHN R. MCCARTHY

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incompatible with the system;

(c) to improve opportunities to recycle and reclaim wastewaters and sludges from the system.

This ordinance provides for the regulation of direct and indirect contributors to the POTW through the issuance of permits to Industrial Users, pretreatment and reporting requirements for permittees, monitoring and enforcement of noncompliance.

14.08.020 Use of Public Sewers Required.

1. It is 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 El Paso de Robles or in any area under the jurisdiction of the city, any human or animal excrement, garbage or other objectionable waste.

2. It is unlawful to discharge to any natural outlet within the city of El Paso de Robles or in any area under the jurisdiction of the city, any sewage or other polluted waters, except where suitable treatment has been provided in accordance with subsequent provisions of this chapter.

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

4. The owner of all houses, buildings or properties used for human occupancy, employment, recreation or other purposes, situated

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within the city of El Paso de Robles 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 or combined sewer of the city of El Paso de Robles, is 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 chapter, within ninety days after date of official notice to do so, provided that the public sewer is within two hundred feet (61.0 meters) of the property line. The city does not assume any obligation or expense for maintaining such lateral from the sewer main to the premises served. All service and expense of operation and maintenance of the sewer main shall be borne by the city.

5. Sewer laterals serving property outside the city limit shall be subject to all the above requirements except that a connection charge and a monthly service charge shall be required in amount as the city council by resolution may direct.

6. No main extension will be made by the city except on an approved dedicated street, alley or recorded easement. Prior to construction of a sewer main or extension thereof, other than under an assessment district improvement proceeding, every applicant for sewer service shall enter into a written form agreement for such extension and shall deposit with the city of Paso Robles an amount equal to ten percent of his estimated cost of the extension including engineering and administration. The estimated cost shall be based on the actual size of the facilities required to meet the service demands from the extension, except that six inch pipe shall be the minimum size considered for general use. The city engineer shall then proceed with

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plans and specifications for the proposed work and he shall then inform the applicant of the entire cost, including engineering and administration. Upon receipt by the city of an amount, which with the original deposit is equal to the cost of the work, the city will proceed with the construction of the extension. In the event that the applicant or applicants fail to deposit the required funds within sixty days after determination of the cost, the extension will not be made and no refund of the ten percent deposit will be made, except that when actual costs accrued up to the time of cancellation are less than the amount of such deposit, the city may refund the unused amount. Immediately upon completion of the sewer main extension the city engineer shall prorate the entire cost thereof against all lots or parcels of property that may be ultimately benefitted by direct connection to the sewer main extension in proportion to the frontage thereof, or in accordance with other equitable assessment of costs. In no case shall any applicant pay an amount less than the prorated cost of the extension for the length of his frontage as determined above. The sewer main extension charges as described in this section shall be in addition to the specified service connection charges. The original applicants, survivors or their heirs shall up to ten years from the date of signing the form agreement, be entitled to a refund for each connection made to the extension, based on the prorated cost as determined above for each lot or parcel. No interest shall be paid on or accrue on such deposits for sewer main extensions. Refunds of the deposit shall be made only if, as and when the sewer main extension charges are collected from the others requiring services from the sewer main extension.

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7. Where sewer main extensions are required for subdivisions and/or lot splits, it will be the responsibility of the owner or subdivider to pay the cost for complete installation of all sewer facilities required within the subdivision and for all extensions of the sewer mains from the subdivision to the nearest existing sewer main of adequate capacity for the area served, together with line extensions to provide for orderly development. Upon official acceptance by the city, the city shall assume full ownership, maintenance and control of such mains, excluding private service laterals, within the city limit. (Ord, 334 N.S. (part), 1972).

14.08.030 Special Sewers.

1. It is unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to connect any sewer to a special sewer without a permit therefor having been first obtained from the city engineer as provided in this chapter.

2. Before a connection may be made to a special sewer, a permit therefor must be secured from the city engineer. Application for such permit must be made by applicant on forms furnished by the city engineer, giving such information as the city engineer may require. Upon such written application being made, the city engineer may issue a permit to make such sewer connection upon payment of fees as provided in this chapter. The city engineer shall have the right to determine whether or not the special sewer is adequate and available. The permit may contain such conditions and requirements as the city engineer may determine to be necessary for the protection of the city of El Paso de Robles, with respect to the special sewer and such sewer connection. Upon issuance of such permit, applicant shall pay a special sewer fee

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to the city of El Paso de Robles, at the rate established by resolution of the city council.

3. The special sewer fee rate for each special sewer line will be determined and established by resolution of the city council. The rate of such special sewer fee may be determined as follows:

- (a) On a front-foot basis;
- (b) On a square-foot basis for the property being served;
- (c) On a per-connection basis;
- (d) On a quantity or quality basis;
- (e) On a basis of benefits to the property served; or
- (f) On a combination of any one or more of said bases.

Nothing in this section shall change or affect any ordinance or regulation pertaining to inspection or permit fees for the actual construction of a special sewer connection. All fees as provided in this section shall be deposited in the general fund of the city of El Paso de Robles.(Ord. 334N.S.(part), 1972).

14.08.040 Private Sewage Disposal.

1. Where a public sanitary or combined sewer is not available under the provisions of Section 14.08.020(4), the building sewer shall be connected to a private sewage disposal system complying with the provisions of this section.

2. Before commencement of construction of a private sewage disposal system the owner shall first obtain a written permit signed by the city engineer. The application for such permit shall be made on a form furnished by the city of Paso Robles, which the applicant shall supplement by any plans, specifications, and other information as deemed necessary by the city engineer. A permit and inspection fee shall be paid to the city at the time the application is filed.

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Construction or maintenance of a septic tank leach line system shall not be permitted on a lot of less than one acre. No septic tank leach line systems shall be permitted until percolation tests are made and approved by the San Luis Obispo County health department and the city of Paso Robles, and environmental impact report assuring against any pollution to the satisfaction of the city engineer must be provided.

3. A permit for a private sewage disposal system shall not become effective until the installation is completed to the satisfaction of the city engineer. He and other controlling agencies shall be allowed to inspect the work at any stage of construction and, in any event, the applicant for the permit shall notify the city engineer when the work is ready for final inspection and before any underground portions are covered.

4. The type, capacities, location and layout of a private sewage disposal system shall comply with all regulations of the San Luis Obispo County health department and the city of Paso Robles. No permit shall be issued for any private sewage disposal system employing subsurface soil absorption facilities where each dwelling unit has a lot area of less than forty-three thousand five hundred sixty square feet. No septic tank leach line system shall be permitted to discharge to any natural outlet. Septic tank leach line systems shall be a minimum of one hundred fifty feet above the high water table. No septic tank leach line system shall be within one mile of the Salinas River or its tributaries, or within two hundred feet of an adjacent property line.