

Food Service Establishment Sewer Use Ordinance

- 1.1 No person who owns, operates, or maintains a restaurant (restaurant user) shall discharge wastewater from such restaurant to the sewer without the presence of a grease interceptor. Restaurants must receive approval to begin design on the grease interceptor from Oxford Water Works & Sewer Board (OWWSB). The minimum required design is two 1,000 gallon in-line grease traps. All interceptor design drawings must be submitted to and approved by Oxford Water Works & Sewer Board. OWWSB retains the right to conduct a review of the interceptor design prior to installation, and forbid discharge into the sewer based on the interceptor designs deemed inadequate.
- 1.2 Restaurant user shall direct all wastewater and waste from floor drains, floor sinks, sinks, waste container wash racks, dishwashers, mop sinks, utility sinks and garbage grinders through an approved interceptor complying with this Ordinance. The user shall keep all domestic wastewater from restrooms, showers, drinking fountains, and condensate, soda machines, bar sinks, (i.e., ice melt, air conditioning condensate) separate from the restaurant wastewater until the restaurant wastewater has passed through all interceptors, pretreatment equipment, devices, or monitoring stations.
- 1.3 All restaurant users shall separate, to the maximum extent practicable, remove all fats, oils, and greases from the restaurant wastewater for off-site disposal. Each restaurant user shall store these separated wastes in accordance with all applicable laws, rules, policies and regulations, including the OWWB and this Ordinance.
- 1.4 All floor sinks, floor drains, and drains shall be equipped with screens or devices that shall exclude from the wastewater discharged all particles larger than three eighths of an inch in any dimension.
- 1.5 No restaurant user shall discharge any wastewater to a storm drain, service dock areas, parking lot, or ground. All wastewater generated by restaurants, including trash enclosure wash/rinse water and drive through wash/rinse water, shall be disposed of to a sewer through an approved gravity separation interceptor, or a sample station connected to sewer, or hauled offsite and disposed of at a legal disposal site.

- 1.6 If a restaurant has a blocked sewer lateral or a failed sewage pumping device which causes the discharge of the wastewater to the storm drain, service dock areas, parking lot, drive through areas, or ground, the restaurant user shall immediately cease all activities causing that discharge and immediately contact a plumber to have the discharges collected and if necessary have laterals cleared, televised and repaired. Failure to comply with this requirement shall be considered a violation of this Ordinance and shall subject the restaurant user to enforcement actions. If the OWWSB determines that public safety requires immediate action and the restaurant owner is unable to or unwilling to arrange for a pumping company and plumber, the OWWSB may in its discretion contact a pumping company and plumber to mitigate the violation and charge the restaurant user for all associated costs.
- 1.7 Oxford Water Works & Sewer Board requires each restaurant to have inspections conducted to ensure the proper maintenance and operation of the grease interceptors. These inspections may be monthly, quarterly or yearly depending on the interceptor condition. Failure to comply with this ordinance will result in enforcement actions, including fines and the possibility of termination of sewer service. An example of the yearly inspection sheet for the current restaurants is shown in Appendix C and is for Oxford and ADEM's use only.
- 1.8 Oxford Water Works & Sewer Board is instituting a FOG [Fats, Oils and Grease] permit for all food service establishments. Annual fees for the FOG permit would be \$100.
- 1.9 If grease is physically apparent on the POTW's bar screen or upon arrival, the septic tank haulers will be assessed a \$100 fine and will be required to cease pumping of sewage immediately. After multiple fines, the General Manager has the right to terminate service with the septic tank hauler.
- 1.10 When the grease removal device is cleaned out, the owner is required to contact Oxford Water Works & Sewer Board to have a representative present during the pumping and inspection. Failure to contact OWWSB will result in a \$100 fine. After multiple fines, the General Manager has the right to terminate service with the owner.