

**BOROUGH OF PENNINGTON
ORDINANCE NO. 2017-2**

**ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 159 OF THE BOROUGH
CODE TO AUTHORIZE THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
TO HELP ENFORCE THE GREASE INTERCEPTOR ORDINANCE**

WHEREAS, owners of properties in which any food establishment or facility is located in the Borough of Pennington must install and maintain one or more exterior grease interceptors to prevent the discharge of grease and oil into the sewer system in excess of a maximum permitted concentration;

WHEREAS, maintenance of exterior grease interceptors includes regular removal of intercepted grease and oil to limit accumulation in excess of a specified maximum, the removal and hauling of grease and oil by a licensed waste disposal or rendering firm, and the keeping of accurate records of the dates of cleaning and the means of disposal;

WHEREAS, enforcement of the ordinance includes inspection of properties having exterior grease interceptors to measure concentrations and make copies of pertinent documents;

WHEREAS, the grease interceptor ordinance currently authorizes the Department of Health as the Borough's authorized representative for enforcement of the ordinance;

WHEREAS, Borough Council seeks to augment the enforcement resources of the Department of Health by authorizing as well the Superintendent of Public Works to make inspections and enforce the ordinance;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Pennington, that Section 159-13.6 of the Code of the Borough of Pennington, concerning interceptor operation, maintenance and inspection, is hereby amended (with new language underlined, deleted language crossed out) as follows:

- A. Except for food preparation byproducts and/or wash water waste fat, grease and oil shall be removed to the greatest extent possible upstream of grease interceptors and disposed of in accordance with all applicable regulations.
- B. None of the following agents shall be placed directly into a grease interceptor or into any drain that leads to an interceptor:
 - (1) Emulsifiers, de-emulsifiers, surface active agents, enzymes, degreasers or any type of product that will liquefy grease interceptor wastes;
 - (2) Any substance that may cause excessive foaming in Borough sanitary sewers; or
 - (3) Any substance capable of passing the solid or semisolid contents of the grease interceptor to the receiving sewer.
- C. The influent to interceptors shall not exceed 140° F. The temperature at the closest point of measurement upstream of the grease interceptor shall be considered equivalent to the temperature of the influent.
- D. Toilets, urinals and other similar fixtures shall not discharge through a grease interceptor.
- E. All exterior grease interceptors shall be maintained by the owner at the owner's expense to ensure at all times that discharge of grease or oil from the property, establishment or facility does not violate this chapter. Maintenance shall include all steps necessary to achieve the intended purpose and maximum recovery of all contents, including floating materials, wastewater, bottom sludge and solids on a periodic basis. Interceptors shall be serviced at a frequency required to limit grease accumulation to not more than 25% of the volume between the bottom of the interceptor and the outlet pipe invert or more frequently as required by the Department of Health to prevent discharge of grease or oil into the sewer system. The initial service interval shall not exceed six months. The removal and hauling of grease and oil shall be performed by a licensed waste disposal or rendering firm. The owner shall maintain accurate manifests and logs of the dates of cleaning and the means of disposal of grease and oil. These records shall be subject to inspection by the Department of Health and the Superintendent of Public Works.
- F. If the exterior grease interceptor discharge exceeds the maximum permissible concentration, the Borough may require the owner, upon notice pursuant to § ~~159-34~~, to increase the grease interceptor maintenance frequency and/or repair, replace or upgrade the interceptor at the owner's expense. The owner shall install a manhole immediately downstream of the grease interceptor to permit observation, sampling and measurement of the discharge of grease and oil.

- G. An authorized representative of the Department of Health or the Superintendent of Public Works bearing proper credentials and identification shall be permitted to enter and inspect all properties having exterior grease interceptors upon reasonable notice. This right of inspection shall include the right to measure, observe, monitor, sample, test, record, review and make copies of all pertinent documents.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this ordinance shall be effective upon passage and publication as required by law.

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ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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