

ORDINANCE NO. C-17-13

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, AMENDING ARTICLE V - SEWER USE REGULATIONS, DIVISION 3 – PRETREATMENT OF WASTEWATER, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, TO AMEND SECTION 28-209 – PRETREATMENT FACILITIES REQUIREMENTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCE PROVISIONS; AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, from December 2014 through October 2016, over forty percent (40%) of sanitary sewer overflows were caused by blockages; and

WHEREAS, grease is a contributing factor in blockages in pipes and at lift stations; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Lauderdale (“City”) currently regulates grease trap cleanouts, primarily at restaurants, using a performance metric of maintaining at least fifty percent (50%) of the retention capacity of the trap; and

WHEREAS, the retention capacity is difficult to measure; and

WHEREAS, a survey conducted on a subset of restaurant owners showed support for a mandated frequency for the pump out;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. That Section 28-209 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, is hereby amended as follows:

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(e) The director may require grease traps, oil traps, or sand traps, separators, or both, when deemed necessary. The interceptors shall be installed by the industrial users when they are necessary for the proper handling of liquid wastes containing grease in excessive amounts, or any flammable wastes, sand or other harmful

ingredients. All traps, separators, or both shall be of a type and capacity approved by the director based on industry standards, and shall be located as to be readily and easily accessible for cleaning and inspection.

(1) All traps, separators, or both, shall be pumped and cleaned by a licensed liquid waste hauler at least three (3) times per year and as often as necessary to maintain at least fifty percent (50%) of the retention capacity prevent grease from entering the City's sanitary sewer system as evidenced by grease residue in the cleanout. Receipts for pump-out and cleaning services must be retained for two (2) years and be available for inspection by the City upon request.

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SECTION 2. That if any clause, section or other part of this Ordinance shall be held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Ordinance shall not be affected thereby, but shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3. That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith, be and the same are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 4. That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect ten days from the date of final passage.

PASSED FIRST READING this the 6th day of June, 2017.

PASSED SECOND READING this the ____ day of _____, 2017.

Mayor
JOHN P. "JACK" SEILER

ATTEST:

City Clerk
JEFFREY A. MODARELLI