

**ORDINANCE REGULATING THE USE OF
PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SEWER AND DRAINS**

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE USE OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SEWERS AND DRAINS, PRIVATE SEWAGE DISPOSAL, THE INSTALLATION AND CONNECTION OF BUILDING SEWERS, AND THE DISCHARGE OR WASTES INTO THE PUBLIC SEWER SYSTEM(S): AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATING THEREOF: IN THE CITY OF READING, COUNTY OF LYON, STATE OF KANSAS.

Be it ordained by the Mayor and Council of the City of Reading, State of Kansas, as follows:

ARTICLE I

Unless the context specifically indicates otherwise, the meaning of terms used in this ordinance shall be as follows:

- Sec. 1. "BOD" (denoting Biochemical Oxygen Demand) shall mean the quantity of oxygen utilized in the Biochemical oxidation of organic matter under standard laboratory procedure in five (5) days at 20 degrees C, expressed in milligrams per liter.*
- Sec. 2. "Building Drain" shall mean 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 (5) feet (1.5 meters) outside the inner face of the building wall.*
- Sec. 3. "Building Sewer" shall mean the extension from the building drain to the public sewer or other place of disposal.*
- Sec. 4. "Combined Sewer" shall mean a sewer receiving both surface runoff and sewage.*
- Sec. 5. "Garbage" shall mean solid wastes from the domestic and commercial preparation, cooking and Dispensing of food, and from the handling, storage and sale of produce.*
- Sec. 6. "Industrial Wastes" shall mean the liquid wastes from industrial manufacturing processes, trade, or Business as distinct from sanitary sewage.*
- Sec. 7. "Natural Outlet" shall mean any outlet into a watercourse, pond, ditch, lake, or other body of surface Or groundwater.*
- Sec. 8. "Person" shall mean any individual, firm, company, association, society, corporation, or group.*
- Sec. 9. "pH" shall mean the logarithm of the reciprocal of the weight of hydrogen ions in grams per liter of solution.*
- Sec. 10. "Properly Shredded Garbage" shall mean the waste from the preparation, cooking, and dispensing of food 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 particles, greater than one-half (1/2) inch (1.27 centimeters) in any Dimension.

Sec. 11. "Public Sewer" shall mean a sewer in which all owners of abutting properties have equal rights, and is controlled by public authority.

Sec. 12. "Sanitary Sewer" shall mean a sewer which carries sewage and to which storm, surface, and groundwaters are not intentionally admitted.

Sec. 13. "Sewage" shall mean a combination of the water-carried wastes from residents, business buildings, Institutions, and industrial establishments, together with such ground, surface, and stormwaters as may be present.

Sec. 14. "Sewage Treatment Plant" shall mean any arrangement of devices and structures used for treating sewage.

Sec. 15. "Sewage Works" shall mean all facilities for collecting, pumping, treating and disposing of sewage.

Sec. 16. "Sewer" shall mean a pipe or conduit for carrying sewage.

Sec. 17. "Shall" is mandatory; "May" is permissive.

Sec. 18. "Slug" shall mean any discharge of water, sewage, or industrial waste which in concentration of any given constituent or in quantity of flow exceeds for any period of duration longer than fifteen (15) minutes more than five (5) times the average twenty-four (24) hours concentration or flows during normal operation.

Sec. 19. "Storm Drain" (sometimes termed "storm sewer") shall mean a sewer which carries storm and surface Waters and drainage, but excludes sewage and industrial wastes, other than unpolluted cooling water.

Sec. 20. "Superintendent" shall mean the (Maintenance Manager) Of the City of Reading, or his authorized agent, or representative.

Sec. 21. "Suspended Solids" shall mean 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.

Sec. 22. "Watercourse" shall mean a channel in which a flow of water occurs, either continuously or intermittently.

ARTICLE II

Sec. 1. It shall be unlawful for any person to place, deposit, or permit to be deposited in any unsanitary manner on public or private property within in the City of Reading, or in any area under jurisdiction of said, Reading, any human or animal excrement, garbage, or other objectionable waste.

- Sec. 2. It shall be unlawful to discharge to any natural outlet with the City of Reading, or any area under the Jurisdiction of said Reading, any sewage or other polluted waters, except where suitable treatment has been provided in accordance with subsequent provisions of this ordinance.*
- Sec. 3. Except as hereinafter provided, it shall be unlawful to construct or maintain any privy, privy vault, septic tank, cesspool, or other facility intended or used for the disposal of sewage.*
- Sec. 4. The owner of all houses, buildings, or properties used for human employment, recreation, or other purposes Situated with the City of Reading 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 combines sewer of the City of Reading, is hereby required at his expense to install suitable toilet facilities therein, and to connect such facilities directly proper public sewer in accordance with the provisions of this ordinance, with (90 days) after date of official notice to do so, provided that said public sewer is within (100 ft.) of property line.*

ARTICLE III

- Sec. 1. 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 permission from the Maintenance Manager.*
- Sec. 2. There shall be two (2) classes of building sewer connection: (a) for residential and commercial service, and (b) for service to establishments producing industrial wastes. In either case, the owner or his agent shall a request from to the city at City Hall.*
- Sec. 3. All cost and expense incident to the installation and connection of the building sewer shall be borne by the owner.*
- Sec. 4. A separate and independent building sewer shall be provided for every building; except where one building Stands at the rear of another on an interior lot and no private sewer is available or can be constructed to the rear of the building through an adjoining alley, court yard, or driveway, the building sewer from the front of the building may be extended to the rear building and the whole considered as one building sewer.*
- Sec. 5. Old building sewers may be used in connection with new buildings only when they are found, on Examination and test by the Maintenance Manager, to meet all requirements of this ordinance.*
- Sec. 6. The size, slope, alignment, materials of construction of 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 Reading. In the absence of code provisions or in amplification thereof, the materials and procedure Set forth in appropriate specifications of the A.S.T.M. and W.P.C.F. Manual of Practice No. 9 shall apply.

Sec. 7. 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 approved means and discharged to building sewer.

Sec. 8. Connections are not allowed for roof downspouts, interior and exterior foundation drains, areaway drains, Or other sources of surface runoffs or groundwater to a building sewer or building drain which in turn is Connected directly to a public sanitary sewer.

Sec. 9. The connection of the building sewer into the public sewer shall conform to the requirements of the other applicable rules and regulations of the City of Reading, or procedures set forth in appropriate specifications of the A.S.T.M. and the W.P.C.F. Manual of Practice No. 9. All such connections shall be made gastight and watertight. Any deviation from the prescribed procedures and materials must be approved by the Maintenance Manager (of the city) before installation.

Sec. 10. The applicant for the building sewer permit shall notify the Maintenance Manager when the building sewer is ready for inspection and connection to the public sewer. The connection shall be made under the supervision of the Maintenance Manager.

Sec. 11. 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 of Reading.

ARTICLE IV

Sec. 1. No person shall discharge or cause to be discharged any stormwater, surface water, groundwater, roof Runoff, subsurface drainage, including interior and exterior foundation drains, uncontaminated cooling Water, or unpolluted industrial process waters to any sanitary sewer.

Sec. 2. Stormwater and all other unpolluted drainage shall be discharged to such sewers as are specifically Designation as combined sewers or storm sewers, or to a natural outlet approved by the Maintenance Manager, to a storm sewer, combined sewer, or natural outlet.

Sec. 3. No person shall discharge or cause to be discharged any of the following described waters or wastes

To any public sewers:

- (a) Any gasoline, benzene, naphtha, fuel oil, or other flammable or explosive liquids, solid or gas.*
- (b) Any waters or wastes containing toxic or poisonous solids, liquids, or gases insufficient quantity, either singly or by interaction with other wastes, to injure or interfere with any sewage treatment process, constitute a hazard to humans or animals, create a public nuisance, or create any hazard in the receiving waters of the sewage treatment plant, including but not limited to cyanides in excess of two (2) Mg/l as CN in the wastes as discharged to the public sewer.*
- (c) Any waters or wastes having a pH lower than 5.5, or having any other corrosive property capable of causing damage or hazard to structures, equipment, personnel of the sewage works.*
- (d) Solid or viscous substances in quantities or of such size capable of causing obstruction to the flow in sewers or other interference with the proper operation of the sewage works such as, but not limited to, ashes, cinders, sand, mud, straw, shavings, metal, glass, rags, feathers, tar, plastics, wood, unground garbage, whole blood, paunch manure, hair and fleshings, entrails and paper dishes, cups, milk containers, etc., either whole or ground by garbage grinders.*

Sec.4. No person(s) shall discharge or cause to be discharged the following described substances, materials, Waters, or wastes if it appears likely in the opinion of the Maintenance Manager that such wastes can harm either the sewers, sewage treatment process, or equipment, have an adverse effect on the receiving stream, or can otherwise endanger life, limb, public property, or constitute a nuisance. In forming his opinion as to the acceptability of these wastes, the Maintenance Manager will give consideration to such factors as the quantities of subject wastes in relation to the flows and velocities in the sewers, materials of construction of sewers, nature of the sewage treatment process, capacity of the sewage treatment plant degree of treatability of wastes in the sewage treatment plant, and other pertinent factors. The substances prohibited are:

- (a) Any liquid vapor having a temperature higher than one hundred fifty (150) degrees F (65) C.*
- (b) Any water or wastes containing fats, wax, grease or oils, whether emulsified or not, in excess of one hundred (100) mg/l or containing substances which may solidify or become viscous at temperatures between thirty-two (32) one hundred fifty (150) F or (65)C*
- (c) Any garbage that has not been properly shredded. The installation and operation of any garbage grinder equipped with a motor or three-fourths (3/4) horsepower (.76 hp metric) or greater shall be subject to the review and approval of the Maintenance Manager.*
- (d) Any waters or wastes containing strong acid iron pickling wastes, or concentrated plating solutions whether neutralized or not.*
- (e) Any waters or wastes containing iron chromium, copper, zinc, and similar objectionable or toxic substances; or wastes exerting an excessive chlorine requirement, to such degree that any such material received in the composite sewage at the sewage treatment works exceeds the limits established by the Maintenance Manager for such materials.*
- (f) Any waters or wastes containing phenols or other taste- or odor- producing substances, in such concentrations exceeding limits which may be established by the Maintenance Manager as necessary, after treatment of the composite sewage, to meet the requirements of State, Federal and other public agencies of jurisdiction for such discharge to the receiving waters.*

- (g) Any radioactive wastes or isotopes of such half-life or concentration as may exceed limits established by the Maintenance Manager in compliance with applicable State and Federal regulations.
- (h) Any waters or wastes having pH in excess of (9.5).
- (i) Materials which exert or cause:
 - (1.) Unusual concentrations of inert suspended solids (such as, but not limited to, Fullers earth, lime slurries, and lime residues) or of dissolved solids (such as, but not limited to, sodium chloride or sodium sulfate).
 - (2.) Excessive discoloration (such as, but not limited to, dye wastes and vegetable tanning solutions).
 - (3.) Unusual BOD, chemical oxygen demand, or chlorine requirements in such quantities as to constitute a significant load on the sewage treatment works.
 - (4.) Unusual volume of flow or concentration of wastes constituting "slugs" as defined herein.
- (j) Waters or wastes containing substances which are not amenable to treatment or reduction by the sewage treatment processes employed, or are amenable to treatment only to such degree that the sewage treatment plant effluent cannot meet the requirements of other agencies having jurisdiction over discharge to the receiving waters.
- (k) Any waters or wastes having (1) a 5-day BOD greater than 300 parts per million by weight, or (2) containing more than 350 parts per million by weight of suspended solids, (3) having an average daily flow greater than 2 percent of the average sewage flow of the City of Reading, shall be subject to the review of the Maintenance Manager. Where necessary in the opinion of the Maintenance manager, the owner shall provide, at his expense, such preliminary treatment as may be necessary to (1) reduce the biochemical oxygen demand to 300 parts per million by weight, or (2) reduce the suspended solids to 350 parts per million by weight or (3) control the quantities and rates of discharge of such waters or wastes. Plans, specifications, and any other pertinent information relating to proposed preliminary treatment facilities shall be submitted for approval of the Maintenance Manager and no construction of such facilities shall be commenced until said approvals are obtained in writing.

Sec. 5 If any waters or wastes are discharged, or are proposed to be discharged to the public sewers, which waters contain the substances or possess the characteristics enumerated in Section 4 of this Article, and which in the judgement of the Maintenance Manager, may have a deleterious effect upon the sewage works, processes, equipment, or receiving waters, or which otherwise create a hazard to life to constitute a public nuisance, the Maintenance Manager may:

- (a) Reject the wastes,
- (b) Require pretreatment to an acceptable condition for discharge to the public sewers,
- (c) Require control over the quantities and rates of discharge, and/or
- (d) Require payment to cover the added cost of handling and treating the wastes not covered by existing taxes or sewer charges under the provisions of Section 10 of the Article.

If the Maintenance Manager permits the pretreatment or equalization of waste flows, the design and installation of the plants and equipment shall be subject to the review and approval of the Maintenance Manager, and subject to the requirements of all applicable codes, ordinances and laws

Sec. 6. Grease, oil, and sand interceptors shall be provided when, in the opinion of the Maintenance Manager, the necessary for the proper handling of liquid wastes containing grease in excessive amounts, or any flammable wastes, sand, or 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

Maintenance Manager, and shall be located as to be readily and accessible for cleaning and inspection.

- Sec. 7. Where preliminary treatment or flow-equalizing facilities are provided for any waters or wastes, they shall be maintained continuously in satisfactory and effective operation by the owner at his expense.*
- Sec. 8. When required by the Maintenance Manager, the owner of any property serviced by a building sewer Carrying industrial wastes shall install a suitable control manhole together with such necessary meters and And other appurtenances in the building sewer to facilitate observation, sampling, and measurement of the wastes. Such manhole, when required, shall be accessible and safety located, and shall constructed in accordance with plans approved by Maintenance Manager. 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.*
- Sec. 9. All measurements, tests, and analyses of the characteristics of waters and wastes to which reference is Is made in this ordinance shall be determined in accordance with the latest edition of "Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater", published by the American Public Health Association, and shall be determined at the control manhole provided, 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. Sampling shall be carried out by customarily accepted methods to reflect the effect of constituents upon the sewage works and to determine the existence of hazards to life, limb, and property. (The particular analyses involved will determine whether a twenty-four (24) hours composite of all outfalls of a premise is appropriate or whether a grab sample or samples should be taken. Normally, but not always, BOD and suspended solids analyses are obtained from 24 hour composites of all outfalls whereas pH's are determined from periodic grab samples.)*
- Sec. 10. No statement contained in this article shall be construed as preventing any special agreement or Arrangement between the City of Reading and any industrial concern whereby an industrial waste of unusual strength or character may be accepted by the City of Reading for treatment, subject to payment therefore, by the industrial concern.*

ATIRCLE V

- Sec. 1. No unauthorized person shall maliciously, willfully, or negligently break, damage, destroy, uncover, deface or tamper with any structure, appurtenance, or equipment which is part of the sewage works. Any person this provision shall be subject to immediate arrent under charge of disorderly conduct.*

ARTICLE VI

- Sec. 1. The Maintenance Manager and other duly authorized employees of the City of Reading bearing proper Credentials and identification shall be permitted to enter all properties for the purpose of inspection, observation, measurement, sampling and testing in accordance with the provisions of this ordinance. the Maintenance Manager or his 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.*
- Sec. 2. While performing the necessary work on private properties referred to in Article VI, Section 1 above, the Maintenance manager or duly authorized employees of the City of Reading shall observe all safety rules applicable to the premises established by the company and the company shall be held harmless for injury or death to the City of Reading employees and the City shall indemnify the company against loss or damage to its property by the City of Reading employees and against liability claims and demands for personal injury or property 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 Article IV, Section 8.*
- Sec. 3. The Maintenance Manager and other duly authorized employees of the City 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, inspection, observation, measurement, Sampling, repair, and maintenance of any portion of the sewage works lying within 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.*

ARTICLE VII

- Sec. 1. Any person found to be violating any provision of this ordinance except Article V shall be served by the City of Reading 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.*
- Sec. 2. Any person who shall continue any violation beyond the time limit provided for in Article VII Section 1, shall Be guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof shall be fined in the amount not exceeding (\$100)*

Dollars for each violation. Each 24-hour period in which any such violation shall continue shall be deemed Separate offense.

Sec. 3. Any person violating any of the provisions of his ordinance shall become liable to the City of Reading for Any expense, loss, or damage occasioned the City of Reading by reason of such violation.

ARTICLE VIII

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

Sec. 2. The invalidity of any section, clause, sentence, or provision of this ordinance shall not affect the Validity of any other part of this ordinance which can be given effect without such invalid part of parts.

ARTICLE IX

Sec. 1. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval, recording, and Publication as provided by law.

Sec.2. Passed and adopted by the Council of the City of Reading, State of Kansas on the 1st day of September, 2022.

Approved this 1st of September 2022.


Malsune P. Davis Mayor



Attest:

 Tony Conrath City clerk