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**CERTIFICATE OF VOTE
ARTICLE 7**

**Amend the Town Code, Chapter 132, Section 3 "Grinder Pumps"
2015 Fall Annual Town Meeting
First Session – Monday, October 19, 2015**

I, Onorina Z. Maloney, Town Clerk of Chelmsford, Massachusetts, do hereby certify the following vote taken under Article 7 at the first session of the October 19, 2015 Fall Annual Town Meeting held at the Chelmsford Senior Center 75 Groton Road, North Chelmsford. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Moderator Jon H. Kurland. There were 137 Town Meeting Representatives in attendance which satisfied the quorum of 82.

Motion under ARTICLE 7. I move that the Town amend the Town Code, Chapter 132, Section 3 "Grinder Pumps" by deleting the language shown in strikethrough and adding the language shown as underlined, with the text not being changed shown in regular type for informational purposes only, as follows:

§ 132-3 Grinder pumps.

[Added 4-28-2014 ATM by Art. 25]

A. The preferred method of discharge of sewage from an individual building or group of buildings to the Town's sewer system is gravity flow. ~~Grinder pumps shall be used~~ approved only after alternatives for gravity service connections have been thoroughly considered and, in the opinion of the Town of Chelmsford Department of Public Works, such alternatives cannot reasonably discharge to the Town's sewer system by gravity flow. Grinder pumps shall only be used in accordance with regulations established by the Town of Chelmsford Department of Public Works.

B. ~~Each owner/applicant~~ Licensed Drain Layers shall submit required documentation to the Department of Public Works, apply for a sewer connection permit and install the grinder system. ~~The owner~~ shall be responsible for all of the costs related to the connection to the Town's sewer system.

C. Grinder pumps remain the private property of the homeowner. Both eExisting single or 2 family residential grinder pumps, and installed controls and new single or 2 family DPW approved residential grinder pumps and the associated appurtenances and installed controls installed shall be maintained, serviced and repaired or replaced by the Town of Chelmsford at the election of the Department of Public Works, as integral components of the Town's wastewater collection system respecting that while a pump is inoperable the homeowner is without sanitary facilities. The Town of Chelmsford shall not be responsible for the maintenance or repair of grinder pumps or systems servicing commercial properties and residential properties comprised of three or more units.

D. ~~Various i~~ Items that may cause damage to the Town's sewer system or grinder pump system should shall not be introduced into any sewer system either directly or through a drain or waste disposal, including:

- (1) Glass, metal or plastic.
- (2) Diapers, sanitary napkins, tampons or baby wipes.

(3) Socks, rags or clothes.

(4) Explosives or flammable material.

(5) Lubricating oils or grease.

(6) Strong chemicals or gasoline.

(7) Seafood shells or kitty litter.

E. The property owner shall be responsible for any and all costs to repair and/or replace a grinder pump as a result of improper disposal of materials into the sewer system.

SUBMITTED BY: Town Manager

Recommendations:

Finance Committee: Took no action taken on Article 7

Board of Selectmen: Recommends favorable action on Article 7

Mr. Jerry Loew, Precinct 9, moved to amend by inserting the word 'either' prior to the word 'maintained' in Paragraph C. The sentence would read:

The electronic voting devices registered the following votes on the motion on the amendment.

YES: 12

NO: 123

Abstentions: 1

Amendment fails to carry.

The body was now ready to vote on the main motion under Article 7.

YES: 124

NO: 10

Abstentions: 1

Motion under Article 7 carries.



Onorina Z. Maloney