

**MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

ORDINANCE NO. 24-341

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 187-75 OF THE MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP CODE, SEWERS, "GREASE INTERCEPTORS AND SAND, SOIL AND OIL SEPARATORS", TO PROVIDE DESIGN REGULATIONS FOR INTERIOR GREASE INTERCEPTORS FOR SINGLE SERVICE KITCHENS; TO SPECIFY THAT FRYER GREASE CANNOT BE DISPERSED INTO THE SEWER SYSTEM; TO DENOTE THE REQUIRED FREQUENCY OF GREASE TRAP CLEANINGS; AND TO UPDATE MAINTENANCE LOG RECORD REQUIREMENTS FOR GREASE TRAPS AND SAND, SOIL AND OIL SEPARATORS

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Second Class Township Code and the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, 53 P.S. § 10101, *et seq.*, authorizes the Board of Supervisors of Montgomery Township ("Board") to make, amend, and adopt ordinances that are consistent with the constitution and laws of the Commonwealth when necessary for the property management, care and control of Montgomery Township ("Township") and the maintenance of peace, good government, health and welfare of the Township and its citizens;

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors, in association with the Montgomery Township Municipal Sewer Authority ("Authority"), desires to prevent fats, oils and grease from entering sewer lines and causing blockages and damage to the sewer/water system;

WHEREAS, both the Board and Authority recognize that "single service kitchens", where there is no food preparation and only uses paper service items, require less stringent requirements for grease interceptors to maintain the integrity of the public sewer system;

WHEREAS, the Township, in consultation with the Authority, has determined that additional requirements are necessary regulate the health to protect the health and welfare of its citizens by requiring updated grease trap and sand, soil and oil separator cleaning and maintenance log recording requirements and additional grease trap cleaning and maintenance requirements;

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has met the procedural requirements of the Second Class Township Code for the adoption of the proposed ordinance;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Board of Supervisors of the Montgomery Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, it is hereby enacted and ordained by the authority of same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Code Amendment.

A. Section 187-75.D, Design criteria, is hereby amended to provide design criteria for interior grease interceptors for "single service kitchens" as follows:

D. Design criteria.

(1) Exterior Grease Interceptors

- (a) Construction. Grease interceptors shall be constructed in accordance with the standards of the MTMSA and shall have a minimum of two compartments with fittings designed for grease retention. All grease-removal devices or technologies shall be subject to the written approval of MTMSA. Such approval shall be based on demonstrated removal efficiencies of the proposed technology.
- (b) Access. Access to grease interceptors shall be available at all times, to allow for their maintenance and inspection. Access to grease traps shall be provided by two manholes (one on each compartment) terminating at finished grade with cast-iron frame and cover.
- (c) Load-bearing capacity. In areas where additional weight loads may exist, the grease interceptor shall be designed to have adequate load-bearing capacity.
- (d) Inlet and outlet piping. Wastewater discharging to a grease interceptor shall enter only through the inlet pipe of the interceptor. Each grease interceptor shall have only one inlet and one outlet pipe.
- (e) Grease trap sizing. The required size of the grease interceptor shall be calculated using the EPA-2 model. All grease interceptors shall have a capacity of not less than 1,000 gallons nor exceed a capacity of 3,000 gallons. If the calculated required capacity exceeds 3,000 gallon, multiple units plumbed in series shall be installed.

(2) Interior Grease Interceptors

- (a) In the circumstances of "single service kitchens" with no food preparation (heat/service only) and which use only paper service items, interior grease interceptors may be used. In these instances, the grease interceptors are to be installed in an area separate from the food-handling area, and the grease interceptor must be readily accessible for cleaning and maintenance. The design, capacity, and location of the interior grease interceptor must be approved by Montgomery Township and the MTMSA.

B. Section 187-75.E, Grease interceptor cleaning/maintenance, is hereby amended to include additional cleaning and maintenance requirements as follows:

E. Grease interceptor cleaning/maintenance.

- (1) **Cleaning/pumping.** The owner of a food service facility shall, at such owner's expense, maintain and keep in good repair all grease interceptors to assure the proper operation and efficiency thereof. Cleaning of grease interceptors shall include the complete removal of all contents, including floating materials, wastewater, and bottom sludge and solids. This work shall be performed by a qualified and licensed hauler. Decanting or discharging of removed waste back into the grease interceptor from which it was removed or any other grease trap, for the purpose of reducing the volume to be disposed, is prohibited. Cleaning shall also include a thorough inspection of the interceptor and its components. Any needed repairs shall be noted, and repairs shall be made at the owner's expense.
- (2) **Cleaning/pumping frequency.**
 - (a) Exterior grease interceptors must be cleaned/pumped out completely a minimum of once every four months, or more frequently as determined by MTMSA, as needed to prevent carryover of grease into the MTMSA sewer system.
 - (b) Interior grease interceptors must be cleaned/pumped out completely a minimum of once every month or more frequently as determined by MTMSA, as needed to prevent carryover of grease into the MTMSA sewer system.
- (3) **Disposal.** All materials removed from each grease interceptor must be disposed of at a facility approved to receive such waste in accordance with the provisions of this program. In no way shall the pumpage be returned to any private or public portion of the public sewer system. Under no circumstances shall deep fryer oil be discharged into any private or public portion of the public sewer system. All pumpage from grease interceptors must be tracked by a manifest, which confirms pumping, hauling and disposal of the waste. The owner of the food service facility must obtain and retain a copy of the original manifest from the hauler.
- (4) **Maintenance log.** A grease interceptor cleaning/maintenance log, indicating each cleaning/pumping for the previous 24 months, shall be maintained for each food service facility by the owner thereof. This log shall include the date, time, amount pumped, hauler and disposal site and shall be kept in a conspicuous location for inspection. Said log shall be made available to MTMSA or its representative, upon request.
- (5) **Submittal of records.**
 - (a) Each owner of a food service facility shall submit all cleaning and maintenance records to MTMSA. The maintenance records shall include the following information:

[1] Facility name, address, contact person and phone number;

[2] Hauler Company name, address, phone number and contact name of person responsible for performing the maintenance, cleaning, pumping or repair of grease interceptor;

[3] Types of maintenance performed;

[4] Dates maintenance was performed;

[5] Copies of manifests.

- (b) The owner shall be required to submit maintenance records to MTMSA on a triannual basis (three times a year). Records shall be submitted by March 1, July 1, and November 1 of each year. The records shall be submitted to:

Administration Office
Montgomery Township Municipal Sewer Authority
1001 Stump Road
Montgomeryville, PA 18936

- (6) The MTMSA will perform periodic inspections of food service facilities and shall notify the owner thereof any additional required maintenance or repairs. Upon written notification by the MTMSA, the owner shall be required to perform the specified maintenance within 14 calendar days or a timeframe agreed upon in writing by MTMSA. Upon inspection by the MTMSA, the owner may be required to install, at his expense, additional controls to provide a complete system which prevents discharges of undesirable materials into the public sewer.

C. Section 187-75.H, Sand, soil and oil separators, is hereby amended to require a cleaning and maintenance log as follows:

- H. Sand, soil and oil separators. All owners of car washes, truck washes, garages, service stations, car and truck maintenance facilities, fabricators, utility equipment shops and other facilities (as determined by the MTMSA) that have sources of sand, soil and oil shall install effective sand, soil and oil traps, interceptors and/or oil/water separators. These systems shall be sized to effectively remove sand, soil and oil at the expected flow rates. These systems shall be designed in accordance with the criteria established within the latest edition of the International Plumbing Code. These systems shall be, at the owner's expense, cleaned or pumped on a regular basis to prevent impact upon the MTMSA sewer system. Users whose systems are deemed to be ineffective by the MTMSA shall be asked to change the cleaning frequency and/or to increase the size of the system. Owners of washing facilities will be required to prevent the inflow of detergents and rainwater into the MTMSA sewer system. Oil/water separator installations shall be required at facilities that accumulate petroleum oils and greases. A cleaning/maintenance log, indicating each cleaning/pumping for the previous 24 months, shall be maintained by the owner for any facility that has a sand, soil and oil traps, interceptors and/or oil/water separators. This log

shall include the date, time, amount pumped, hauler and disposal site and shall be kept in a conspicuous location for inspection. Said log shall be made available to MTMSA or its representative, upon request.

SECTION II. Severability. The terms, conditions, and provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable, and should any portion, part, or provision of this Ordinance be found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, unenforceable, or unconstitutional, the Montgomery Township Board of Supervisors hereby declares its intent that the Ordinance shall have been enacted without regard to the invalid, unenforceable, or unconstitutional portion, part or provision of this Ordinance, and the remainder of the Ordinance shall remain in force.

SECTION III. Repealer. Any and all other Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict with the terms, conditions, and provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such irreconcilable conflict.

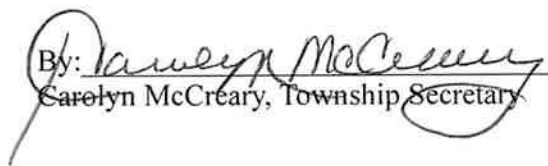
SECTION IV. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective upon enactment as provided by law.

SECTION V. Failure to Enforce Not a Waiver. The failure of Montgomery Township to enforce or delay enforcement of any provision of this Ordinance shall not constitute a waiver by Montgomery Township of its rights to future enforcement hereunder.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Board of Supervisors of Montgomery Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, this 28th day of May, 2024.

ATTEST:

**MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

By: 
Carolyn McCreary, Township Secretary

By: 
Candyce Fluehr Chimera, Chair
Montgomery Township Board of Supervisors