

**TOWNSHIP OF STILLWATER  
SUSSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-25**

**A STATE MANDATED ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF STILLWATER  
THAT PROHIBITS ILLICIT CONNECTIONS TO THE MUNICIPAL SEPARATE  
STORM SEWER SYSTEM**

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee of the Township of Stillwater has been directed by the State of New Jersey to implement this Ordinance and must comply with said directive.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Stillwater, that the Township Code shall be amended as follows:

**SECTION 1**

A new Chapter shall be added to the Township Code as follows:

**Chapter \_\_\_\_ . ILLICIT CONNECTIONS TO THE MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM  
SEWER SYSTEM**

**§ \_\_\_\_ -1. Purpose.**

An ordinance to prohibit illicit connections to the municipal separate storm sewer systems operated by the Township of Stillwater so as to protect public health, safety and welfare, and to prescribe penalties for the failure to comply.

**§ \_\_\_\_ -2. Definitions.**

For the purpose of this ordinance, the following terms, phrases, words, and their derivations shall have the meanings stated herein unless their use in the text of this Chapter clearly demonstrates a different meaning. When not inconsistent with the context, words used in the present tense include the future, words used in the plural number include the singular number, and words used in the singular number include the plural number. The word "shall" is always mandatory and not merely directory. The definitions below are the same as or based on corresponding definitions in the New Jersey Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NJPDES) rules at N.J.A.C. 7:14A-1.2.

- a. Domestic sewage - waste and wastewater from humans or household operations.
- b. Illicit connection - any physical or non-physical connection that discharges domestic sewage, non-contact cooling water, process wastewater, or other industrial waste (other than stormwater) to the municipal separate storm sewer system operated by the Township of Stillwater unless that discharge is authorized under a NJPDES permit other than the Tier A Municipal Stormwater General Permit (NJPDES Permit Number NJ0141852). Non-physical connections may include, but are not limited to, leaks, flows, or overflows into the municipal separate storm sewer system.

- c. Industrial waste- non-domestic waste, including, but not limited to, those pollutants regulated under Section 307(a), (b), or (c) of the Federal Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. §1317(a), (b), or (c)).
- d. Municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4)- a conveyance or system of conveyances (including roads with drainage systems, municipal streets, catch basins, curbs, gutters, ditches, manmade channels, or storm drains) that is owned or operated by the Township of Stillwater or other public body, and is designed and used for collecting and conveying stormwater. MS4s do not include combined sewer systems, which are sewer systems that are designed to carry sanitary sewage at all times and to collect and transport stormwater from streets and other sources.
- e. NJPDES permit- a permit issued by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection to implement the New Jersey Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NJPDES) rules at N.J.A.C. 7:14A.
- f. Non-contact cooling water - water used to reduce temperature for the purpose of cooling. Such waters do not come into direct contact with any raw material, intermediate product (other than heat) or finished product. Non-contact cooling water may however contain algaecides, or biocides to control fouling of equipment such as heat exchangers, and/or corrosion inhibitors.
- g. Person - any individual, corporation, company, partnership, firm, association, or political subdivision of this State subject to municipal jurisdiction.
- h. Process wastewater - any water which, during manufacturing or processing, comes into direct contact with or results from the production or use of any raw material, intermediate product, finished product, byproduct, or waste product. Process wastewater includes, but is not limited to, leachate and cooling water other than non-contact cooling water.
- i. Stormwater - water resulting from precipitation (including rain and snow) that runs off the land's surface, is transmitted to the subsurface, is captured by separate storm sewers or other sewerage or drainage facilities, or is conveyed by snow removal equipment.

**§ \_\_\_\_-3. Prohibited Conduct.**

No person shall discharge or cause to be discharged through an illicit connection to the municipal separate storm sewer system operated by the Township of Stillwater any domestic sewage, non-contact cooling water, process wastewater, or other industrial waste (other than stormwater).

**§ \_\_\_\_-4. Enforcement.**

This Ordinance shall be enforced by the New Jersey State Police, and all Township and County Officials whose duties permit municipal code enforcement.

**§ \_\_\_\_-5. Penalties.**

Any person(s) who is found to be in violation of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$ 100 for each storm drain that is not retrofitted to meet the design standard.

**§ \_\_\_\_-6. Severability.**

Each section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase of this Ordinance is declared to be an independent section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase, and the finding or holding of any such portion of this Ordinance to be unconstitutional, void, or ineffective for any cause, or reason, shall not affect any other portion of this Ordinance.

**§ \_\_\_\_-7. Effective Date.**

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption and any publication as may be required by law.

**SECTION 2**

The Township Clerk shall take all necessary action to assure the Code is promptly updated to include this Ordinance.

**SECTION 3**

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

**ATTEST:**

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Lynda Knott, Clerk

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Lisa Chammings, Mayor

Introduced: September 19, 2023

Adopted: October 3, 2023