

ORDINANCE 336-24

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UPPER FREEHOLD AMENDING
CHAPTER 21 ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATIONS, OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF
THE TOWNSHIP OF UPPER FREEHOLD.**

BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Upper Freehold that Chapter 21, of the Municipal Code of the Township of Upper Freehold is hereby amended, with the following Section 21-2 entitled Illicit Connection added as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 21 is amended as follows:

§ 21-2 ILLICIT CONNECTION.

§ 21-2.1 Purpose.

An ordinance to prohibit illicit connections to the municipal separate storm sewer system(s) operated by the Township of Upper Freehold, so as to protect public health, safety and welfare, and to prescribe penalties for the failure to comply.

§ 21-2.2 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 [insert name of municipality], unless that discharge is authorized under a NJPDES permit other than the Tier A Municipal Stormwater General Permit. 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 [insert name of municipality] or other public body, and is designed and used for collecting and conveying stormwater.

- 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.

§ 21-2.3 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 Upper Freehold any domestic sewage, non-contact cooling water, process wastewater, or other industrial waste (other than stormwater).

§ 21-2.4 Enforcement.

This ordinance shall be enforced by the Township of Upper Freehold Code Enforcement Officer.

§ 21-2.5 Penalties.

Any person who violates or fails to comply with any provision of this section or any rule or regulation promulgated pursuant thereto by resolution of the Township Committee to the penalty stated in Chapter 1, Section 1-5.

SECTION 2. REPEALER.

The remainder of all other sections and subsections of the aforementioned ordinances not specifically amended by this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3. INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES.

All other Ordinances or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed as to such inconsistency.

SECTION 4. 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.


SECTION 5. 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.

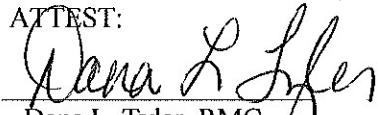
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Dr. Robert A. Frascella, Mayor

ATTEST:


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Municipal Clerk/Administrator