



CITY OF WESTBROOK, MAINE
IN CITY COUNCIL

Date: July 11, 2022

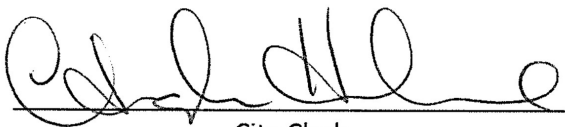
Order: 2022-80

Amending the Code of Ordinances Section 260-62 Regarding Wastewater Pretreatment

That the Westbrook City Council hereby amends the Westbrook Code of Ordinances Section 260-62 regarding Wastewater Pretreatment, as outlined in the attached exhibit.

First and Final Reading: July 11, 2022

Attest:



City Clerk



Mayor



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REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

PROPOSED TITLE: Amending the Code of Ordinances Section 260-62 Regarding Wastewater Pretreatment

REQUESTED BY: Katherine Kelley

DATE: 7/11/2022

SUMMARY:

The Department of Engineering and Public Services requests authorization to make the attached changes to Section 260-62 Pretreatment. Disposable wipes -- used for changing diapers, housecleaning and more -- cause major problems when flushed down toilets. This is because they don't break down the way toilet paper does. These wipes can clog homeowner and municipal sewer pipes, put stress of community wastewater collection and treatment equipment and cause cities to spend thousands on premature equipment repair and replacement. This ordinance change is an effort to try and reduce the problem at the source in large dwelling units.

§260-62 Pretreatment

Each user shall provide necessary wastewater treatment as required to comply with these rules and regulations, including the local discharge limitations set forth in Schedule A hereto, and shall achieve compliance with all applicable National Categorical Pretreatment Standards within the time limitations specified by said standards. Any facilities required to pretreat wastewater to a level which will achieve compliance with these rules and regulations shall be provided, operated and maintained at the user's expense. Detailed plans showing the pretreatment facilities and operating procedures shall be submitted to the City for review and shall be acceptable to the City before construction of the facility. The review of such plans and operating procedures will in no way relieve the user from the responsibility of modifying the facility as necessary to produce an effluent which complies with the provisions of these rules and regulations or from liability for noncompliance with pretreatment standards or pretreatment requirements and these rules and regulations. Any subsequent changes in the pretreatment facilities or method of operation shall be reported to and be acceptable to the City prior to the user's initiation of the changes.

- A. Whenever deemed necessary, the City may require users to restrict their discharge during peak flow periods, designate that certain wastewater be discharged only into specific sewers, relocate and/or consolidate points of discharge, separate sewage waste streams from industrial waste streams, and such other conditions as may be necessary to protect the POTW and determine the user's compliance with the requirements of these rules.
- B. The City may require any persons discharging into the POTW to install and maintain, on their property and at their expense, a suitable storage and flow-control facility to ensure equalization of flow. An individual wastewater discharge permit may be issued solely for flow equalization.
- C. Grease, oil, and sand interceptors shall be provided when they are necessary for the proper handling of wastewater containing excessive amounts of grease and oil or sand, except that such interceptors shall not be required for residential users. All interception units shall be of a type and capacity approved by the City and shall be so located to be easily accessible for cleaning and inspection. Such interceptors shall be inspected, cleaned, and repaired by the users at their expense.
- D. For residential projects that create more than 20 dwelling units within one or more multi-family dwelling structures, pretreatment measures shall be required to prevent the introduction of pollutants that may cause interference in the public collection system. Pretreatment facilities may include, but not be limited to, bar screens, grinder pumps, wedge wire, perforated plate and mesh. All pretreatment measures shall be of a type and capacity approved by the City and shall be so located to be easily accessible for cleaning and inspection. All pretreatment systems shall be provided, operated, and maintained at the users' expense.