

**ORDINANCE 2024-009 OF THE TOWN OF LAWRENCE, WISCONSIN  
TO REPEAL AND REPLACE SECTION 216-4 OF THE  
SEWER ORDINANCE; Use of Public Sewers – Deduct Meters**

The Town Board of Supervisors of the Town of Lawrence do ordain as follows:

**Section 1:** Town of Lawrence Ordinance § 216-4 is hereby repealed and replaced to read as follows:

**§ 216-4. Use of public sewers.**

- A. Sanitary sewers. No person(s) shall discharge or cause to be discharged any unpolluted waters such as stormwater, groundwater, roof runoff, subsurface drainage, or cooling water to any sanitary sewer, except that stormwater runoff from limited areas, which stormwater may be polluted at times, may be discharged to the sanitary sewer by permission of the approving authority.
- B. User connections.
- (1) The owner(s) of all houses, buildings, or properties used for human occupancy, employment, recreation, or other purposes, situated within the Utility District and abutting on any street, alley or right-of-way in which there is now located or may in the future be located a public sanitary sewer of the Utility District, is hereby required at the owner's expense to install suitable toilet facilities therein and connect such facilities directly to the proper sewer in accordance with the provisions of this article within six months after the date of official notice from the Utility District. The Utility District Administrator shall be responsible for properly notifying the owner(s).<sup>1</sup>
  - (2) The sewer service charges contained in the user charge system shall take effect as of the day a connection to the sewer is made.
- C. Deduct Meters
- (1) User charge credits for extraneous water usage are available for residential customers. Extraneous water use is that portion of the Town of Lawrence Utility District metered water which does not return to the sanitary system. A credit is available for this water from the Town of Lawrence Utility District.
    - (a) Credit shall be determined by multiplying the recorded deduct meter flow by the Town Board approved Water and Wastewater Utilities sewer rate in place at the time of the recorded flow.
    - (b) All cost, including but not limited to installation, maintenance and operation of the deduct meter shall be the responsibility of the property owner at which the meter resides
  - (2) Current meters, placed into service prior to acceptance of this article, may continue usage in accordance with previous methodologies, except as herein specified.
    - (a) Proper and correct meter installation methods (orientation in proper flow direction) shall be followed and are the responsibility of the deduct meter owner.

- (b) Utility shall not provide a credit for meters which are incorrectly installed or determined to have been installed backwards.
- (3) New meters shall be allowed when installation meets the following criteria:
  - (a) Require plumbing permit and be installed by a Wisconsin duly licensed plumber.
  - (b) Shall be hard-lined to the interior water system, after the water meter, on nonconsumable lines, in accordance with all applicable statutes, including but not limited to Chs. SPS 381 to 387, Wis. Adm. Code (Wisconsin State Plumbing Code), Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources standards for cross-connection controls.
  - (c) No drain or plumbing line which returns water to the sewer side of residential plumbing shall be located in-line, cross-connected or downstream of this meter.
  - (d) Prior to acceptance and proper use of deduct meter with subsequent credit, meter shall be inspected by an authorized representative of Public Works Department and deemed an acceptable installation. Once approved, meter shall be acknowledged by Town Utility Clerk/ Public Works Director with the Utility record system.
- (4) Meter charges.
  - (a) Meters of record shall be susceptible to a quarterly fee as determined by the Town Board.
  - (b) Deduct meter service fee shall be a Sewer Utilities charge and is established to offset the administrative cost of the program.
  - (c) Upon removal, meter shall be deactivated from the record system
- (5) Privilege of the meter.
  - (a) Any tampering of a meter will disqualify participation in the program immediately upon discovery.
- D. Storm sewers. Stormwater other than that exempted under Subsection A and all other unpolluted drainage shall be discharged to such sewers as are specifically designated as combined sewers or storm sewers or to a natural outlet approved by the approving authority and other regulatory agencies. Unpolluted industrial cooling water or process waters may be discharged, on approval of the approving authority, to a storm sewer or natural outlet.
- E. Prohibitions and limitations.
  - (1) Except as hereinafter provided, no person shall discharge or cause to be discharged any of the following described waters or wastes to any public sewer:
    - (a) Any gasoline, benzene, naphtha, fuel oil, or other flammable or explosive liquid, solid, or gas.
    - (b) Any waters or wastes containing toxic or poisonous solids, liquids, or gases in sufficient quantity, either singly or by interaction with other wastes, to injure or interfere with any treatment process, constitute a hazard to humans or animals or

create a public nuisance in the receiving water of the wastewater treatment works.

- (c) Any waters or wastes having a pH lower than 5.5 or higher than 9.0 or having any other corrosive property capable of causing damage or hazard to structures, equipment, and personnel of the wastewater works.
- (d) Solid or viscous substances in quantities or of such size capable of causing obstruction to the flow in sewers or other interference with the proper operation of the wastewater facilities, such as, but not limited to, ashes, cinders, sand, mud, straw, shavings, metal, glass, rags, feathers, tar, plastics, wood, unground garbage, whole blood, paunch manure, hair and fleshings, entrails, and paper dishes, cups, milk containers, etc., either whole or ground by garbage grinders.
- (e) The following described substances, materials, waters, or wastes shall be limited in discharges to municipal systems to concentrations or quantities which will not harm either the sewers, wastewater treatment process or equipment, will not have an adverse effect on the receiving stream, or will not otherwise endanger lives, limb, or public property or constitute a nuisance. The approving authority may set limitations lower than the limitations established in the regulations below if in its opinion such more severe limitations are necessary to meet the above objectives. In forming an opinion as to the acceptability, the approving authority will give consideration to such factors as the quantity of subject waste in relation to flows and velocities in the sewers, materials of construction of the sewers, the wastewater treatment process employed, capacity of the wastewater treatment facility, and other pertinent factors. The limitations or restrictions on materials or characteristics of wastes or wastewaters discharged to the sanitary sewer which shall not be violated without approval of the approving authority are as follows:
  - [1] Wastewater having a temperature higher than 150° F. (65° C.).
  - [2] Wastewater containing more than 25 milligrams per liter of petroleum, oil, nonbiodegradable cutting oils, or product of mineral oil origin.
  - [3] Wastewater from industrial plants, hotels, restaurants, hospitals, institutions, catering establishments or similar places containing floatable excess oils, fat, or grease.
  - [4] Any garbage that has not been properly shredded. Garbage grinders may be connected to sanitary sewers from homes, hotels, institutions, restaurants, hospitals, catering establishments, or similar places where garbage originates from the preparation of food in kitchens for the purpose of consumption on the premises or when served by caterers.
  - [5] Any waters or wastes containing iron, chromium, copper, zinc, and similar objectionable or toxic substances to such degree that any material received in the composite wastewater at the wastewater treatment works exceeds the limits established by the approving authority for such materials.
  - [6] Any waters or wastes containing odor-producing substances exceeding limits which may be established by the approving authority.

- [7] Any radioactive wastes or isotopes of such half-life or concentrations as may exceed limits established by the approving authority in compliance with applicable state or federal regulations.
- [8] Quantities of flow, concentrations, or both which constitute a slug as defined herein.
- [9] Water or wastes containing substances which are not amenable to treatment or reduction by the wastewater treatment processes employed, or are amenable to treatment only to such degree that the wastewater treatment facility effluent cannot meet the requirements of other agencies having jurisdiction over discharge to the receiving waters.
- [10] Any water or wastes which, by interaction with other water or wastes in the public sewer system, release obnoxious gases, form suspended solids which interfere with the collection system, or create a condition deleterious to structures and treatment processes.
- [11] Materials which exert or cause:
  - [a] Unusual BOD5, chemical oxygen demand, or chlorine requirements in such quantities as to constitute a significant load on the wastewater treatment facility.
  - [b] Unusual volume of flow or concentration of wastes constituting slugs as defined herein.
  - [c] Unusual concentrations of inert suspended solids (such as, but not limited to, fuller's earth, lime slurries, and lime residues) or of dissolved solids (such as, but not limited to, sodium sulfate.)
  - [d] Excessive discoloration (such as, but not limited to, dye wastes and vegetable tanning solutions).

(2) No wastewater, regardless of character, shall be discharged to the wastewater system in such a manner as to interfere with the designed operation of the collection system or treatment facilities or to cause the treatment works to exceed the limits established by the WPDES permit.

- F. Special arrangements. No statement contained in this section shall be construed as prohibiting any special agreement between the Utility District and any person whereby an industrial waste of unusual strength or character may be admitted to the wastewater treatment works, either before or after pretreatment, provided that there is no impairment of the functioning of the wastewater treatment works by reason of the admission of such wastes and no extra costs are incurred by the Utility District without recompense by the person, provided that all rates and provisions set forth in this article are recognized and adhered to.<sup>2</sup>
- G. New connections. New connections to the sewer system shall not be permitted if there is insufficient capacity in the treatment works to adequately transport and/or treat, as required by the WPDES permit, the additional wastewater anticipated to be received from such connections.

**Section 2: Severability**

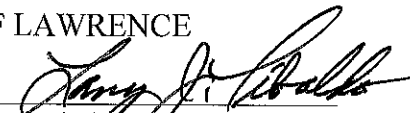
If any provision of this ordinance is found invalid or unconstitutional, or if the application of this Ordinance to any person or circumstances is invalid or unconstitutional, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the other provisions or application of this Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid or unconstitutional provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are severable.

**Section 3:** This amendment to existing ordinances shall be effective upon passage and publication as provided by Law.

Passed by the Town Board of Supervisors of the Town of Lawrence, Wisconsin on this 25<sup>th</sup> day of November 2024.

Introduced by: Supervisor Vannieuwenhoven  
Seconded by: Supervisor Frigo  
Vote: 4-ayes, 0-nays

TOWN OF LAWRENCE

  
Town Chairman, Lanny Tibaldo

Attest:

  
Town Clerk, Cindy Kocken

