

REGULATING SEWAGE DISPOSAL

CHAPTER 51

TOWN OF GORHAM

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ARTICLE I

SHORT TITLE AND APPLICABILITY

- 51.100 Short Title

This Local Law shall be known as the “Town of Gorham Sewer Use Local Law.”

- 51.200 Applicability

This Local Law shall apply only within Gorham Sewer District No. 1 established by the Town of Gorham.

ARTICLE II

DEFINITIONS

- 51.300 Definitions

Unless the context specifically indicates otherwise, the meaning of the terms herein shall be as follows:

51.302.10 “BOD” (denoting Biochemical Oxygen Demand) shall mean the quantity of oxygen utilized in the biochemical oxidation of organic matter under standard laboratory procedure in five (5) days at 20 degrees C. expressed in milligrams per liter.

51.302.20 “Building Drain” shall mean that part of the lowest horizontal piping of a drainage system which receives the discharge from soil, waste, and other drainage pipes inside the walls of the building and conveys it to the building sewer, beginning five feet outside the inner face of the building wall.

51.302.30 “Building Sewer” shall mean the extension from the building drain to the public sewer or other place of disposal.

51.302.40 “Combined Sewer” shall mean a sewer receiving both surface runoff and sewage.

51.302.50 “District” shall mean the town sewer district or districts specified in Section 2 of Article I hereof.

51.302.60 “Garage” shall mean solid wastes from the domestic and commercial preparation, cooking, and dispensing of food, from the handling, storage and sale of produce.

51.302.70 “Industrial Wastes” shall mean the liquid wastes from industrial manufacturing processes, trade or business as distinct from sanitary sewage.

51.302.80 “Natural Outlet” shall mean any outlet into a watercourse, pond, ditch, lake or other body of surface or groundwater.

51.302.90 “NYSDEC” shall mean the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation or duly authorized official of said department.

51.302.100 “Person” shall mean any individual, firm, company, association, society, corporation, or group.

51.302.110 “pH” shall mean the logarithm of the reciprocal of the weight of hydrogen ions in grams per liter of solution.

51.302.120 “POTW” shall mean publicly owned treatment works.

51.302.130 “POTW Treatment Plant” shall mean that portion of a POTW which is designed to provide treatment (including recycling and reclamation) of municipal sewage and industrial waste.

51.302.140 “Properly Shredded Garbage” shall mean the wastes from preparation, cooking, and dispensing of food that have been shredded to such a degree that all particles will be carried freely under the flow conditions normally prevailing in public sewers, with no particle greater than one-half (1/2) inch in any dimension.

51.302.150 “Public Sewer System” shall mean a main sewer, lateral sewer and septic tank which is controlled by public authority.

51.302.160 “Sanitary Sewer” shall mean a sewer which carries sewage and to which storm, surface, and groundwaters are not intentionally admitted.

51.302.170 “Sewage” shall mean a combination of the water-carried wastes from residences, business buildings, institutions, and industrial establishments, together with such ground, surface and storm waters as may be present.

51.302.180 “Sewer” shall mean a pipe or conduit for carrying sewage.

51.302.190 “Shall” is mandatory; “May” is permissive

51.302.200 “Slug” shall mean any discharge of water, sewage, or industrial waste which in concentration of any given constituent or any quantity of flow exceeds for any period of duration longer than fifteen (15) minutes more than five (5) times the average twenty-four (24) hour concentration of flows during normal operation.

51.302.210 “SPDES” shall mean State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System.

51.302.220 “Storm Drain” (sometimes termed “storm sewer”) shall mean a sewer which carries storm and surface waters and drainage, but excludes sewage and industrial wastes, other than unpolluted cooling water.

51.302.230 “Superintendent” shall mean the Superintendent of Sewers of the district, or his authorized deputy, agent, or representative.

51.302.240 “Suspended Solids” shall mean solids that either float on the surface of, or are in suspension in water, sewage, or other liquids, and which are removable by laboratory filtering.

51.302.250 “USEPA” shall mean United States Environmental Protection Agency or duly authorized official of said agency.

51.302.260 “Watercourse” shall mean a channel in which a flow of water occurs, either continuously or intermittently.

ARTICLE III

USE OF PUBLIC SEWER SYSTEM REQUIRED

51.400 Unlawful disposal of waste

It shall be unlawful for any person to place, deposit, or permit to be deposited in any unsatisfactory manner on public or private property within the district, or in any area under the jurisdiction of the district, any human or animal excrement, garbage, or other objectionable waste.

51.400.10 Unlawful discharge into natural outlet.

It shall be unlawful to discharge to any natural outlet within the district, or in any area under the jurisdiction of the district, any sewage or other polluted waters, except where suitable treatment has been provided in accordance with subsequent provisions of this local law.

51.400.20 Maintenance of private sewage disposal system prohibited.

Except as hereinafter provided, it shall be unlawful to construct or maintain any privy, privy vault, cesspool, or other facility intended or used for the disposal of sewage.

51.400.30 Connection with public sewer system required.

The owner of all houses, buildings, or properties used for human occupancy, employment, recreation, or other purposes, situated within the 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 district, is hereby required at his expense to install suitable toilet facilities therein, and to connect such facilities with the proper public sewer system in accordance with the provisions of this local law, within 90 days after date of official notice to do so, provided that said public sewer is within one hundred feet of the property line.