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Town of Goshen  
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## 1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. This is an ordinance regulating the use of Public Sewers and Drains, establishing the procedures for the installation and connection of building sewers and the discharge of waters and wastes into the public sewer system and providing penalties for violations thereof in the Woodridge Lake Sewer District (WLSD), Town of Goshen, County of Litchfield, State of Connecticut.
- 1.2. This ordinance is intended to:
  - 1.2.1. Inform the public as to the technical and administrative procedures to be followed in obtaining connection to the WLSD sanitary sewer system.
  - 1.2.2. Prevent the introduction of pollutants into the sanitary sewer system which will interfere with the collection and/or treatment system.
  - 1.2.3. Prevent the introduction of pollutants into the treatment system which will pass through the system, inadequately treated, into the waters of the State, or the atmosphere, or otherwise be incompatible with the system.
  - 1.2.4. Improve the opportunity to recycle and reclaim wastewaters and sludges from the system.
- 1.3. This ordinance shall apply to the WLSD and to persons outside the WLSD who are users of the WLSD sewer system. Except as otherwise provided herein, the WLSD Sewer Authority or its agents shall implement and enforce the provisions of this ordinance.

## 2. DEFINITIONS - Unless the context specifically indicates otherwise, the meaning of terms used in this ordinance shall be as follows:

- 2.1. **“Act” or “the Act”** The Federal Water Pollution Control Act, also known as the Clean Water Act, as amended, 33 USC 1251, et. seq.
- 2.2. **“Authority”** shall mean The Woodridge Lake Sewer District Sewer Authority.
- 2.3. **“BOD”** (Biochemical Oxygen Demand) shall mean the quantity of oxygen utilized in the biochemical oxidation of organic matter under aerobic conditions for five (5) days. The determination of BOD shall be performed

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in accordance with the procedures prescribed in the latest edition of "Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater" as authored by: The American Public Health Association, The American Water Works Association and The Water Pollution Control Federation.

- 2.4. **"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 (5) feet (1.5 meters) outside the inner face of the building wall.
- 2.5. **"Building Sewer"** shall mean the extension from the building drain to the public sewer or other place of disposal.
- 2.6. **"Combined Sewer"** shall mean a sewer receiving both surface runoff and sewage.
- 2.7. **"Commissioner"** shall mean the Commissioner of Environmental Protection for the State of Connecticut.
- 2.8. **"Cooling Water"** shall mean process water in general used for cooling purposes to which the only pollutant added is heat and which has such characteristics that it may be discharged to a natural outlet in accordance with Federal and State laws and regulations.
- 2.9. **"District"** shall mean the Woodridge Lake Sewer District.
- 2.10. **"Garbage"** shall mean solid waste from the domestic and commercial preparation, cooking, and dispensing of food, and from the handling, storage, and sale of produce.
- 2.11. **"Hearing Board"** shall mean that board appointed according to the provisions of Section 10.
- 2.12. **"Industrial Wastes"** shall mean the liquid wastes from industrial manufacturing processes, trade, or business as distinct from sanitary sewage.
- 2.13. **"Natural Outlet"** shall mean any outlet into a watercourse, pond, ditch, lake, or other body of surface or groundwater.
- 2.14. **"National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit"** A permit issued pursuant to Section 402 of the Act (33 USC 1342).

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- 2.15. **“Person”** shall mean any individual, partnership, copartnership, firm, company, corporation, association, joint stock company, trust, estate, governmental entity or any other legal entity, or their legal representatives, agents or assigns. The masculine gender shall include the feminine, the singular shall include the plural where indicated by the context.
- 2.16. **“pH”** shall mean the logarithm of the reciprocal of the weight of hydrogen ions in grams per liter of solution.
- 2.17. **“Pretreatment or Treatment”** shall mean the reduction of the amount of pollutants, the elimination of pollutants, or the alteration of the nature of pollutant properties in wastewater to a less harmful state prior to or in lieu of discharging or otherwise introducing such pollutants into a water pollution control facility. The reduction or alteration can be obtained by physical, chemical or biological processes, except as prohibited by Title 40, Code of Federal regulations, Section 403.6(d).
- 2.18. **“Properly Shredded Garbage”** shall mean the wastes from the 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 (½) inch (1.27 centimeters) in any dimension.
- 2.19. **“Public Sewer”** shall mean a sewer in which all owners of abutting properties have equal rights, and is controlled by public authority.
- 2.20. **“Sanitary Sewer”** shall mean a sewer which carries sewage and to which storm, surface, and groundwaters are not intentionally admitted.
- 2.21. **“Septage”** shall mean the liquids and solids which are removed from a tank used to treat domestic sewage.
- 2.22. **“Sewage”** means human and animal excretions and all domestic and such manufacturing wastes as may tend to be detrimental to the public health.
- 2.23. **“Sewage Treatment Plant”** shall mean any arrangement of devices and structures used for treating sewage.
- 2.24. **“Sewage Works”** shall mean all facilities and equipment for collecting, pumping, treating, and disposing of sewage.
- 2.25. **“Sewer”** shall mean any pipe or conduit for conveying sewage.

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- 2.26. "Shall" is mandatory; "May" is permissive.
- 2.27. "Slug" means any sudden or excessive discharge which exceeds permitted levels either in terms of pollutant concentration or instantaneous flow rate in such a manner as to adversely affect the sewage collection system and/or the water pollution control facility.
- 2.28. "Storm Drain" (sometimes termed "Storm Sewer") shall mean a sewer which conveys storm and surface waters and drainage, but excludes sewage and industrial wastes, other than unpolluted cooling water.
- 2.29. "Superintendent" shall mean the authorized representative, or authorized designee, of the Woodridge Lake Sewer District Sewer Authority, who is responsible for the operation and management of the Woodridge Lake Sewer District Sewage Works.
- 2.30. "Suspended Solids" shall mean the solid matter, measured in mg/liter, which may be in suspension, floatable, or settleable and is removable by laboratory filtering as prescribed in the latest edition of "Standard Methods for Examination of Water and Wastewater" as authored by: The American Public Health Association, The American Water Works Association and The Water Pollution Control Federation.
- 2.31. "Town" shall mean the Town of Goshen.
- 2.32. "Watercourse" shall mean a channel in which a flow of water occurs, either continuously or intermittently.
- 2.33. "WLSD" shall mean the Woodridge Lake Sewer District, a municipality in the Town of Goshen, County of Litchfield, State of Connecticut.

3. PERMIT SYSTEM

- 3.1. Permits other than those to attach single family dwellings to the WLSD Sewer System, must have prior approval from all required agencies, such as, but not limited to, the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection, the Goshen Planning and Zoning Commission, Goshen Town Building Inspector, Torrington Area Health and Inland Wetlands Commission.

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- 3.2. The WLS D Permit System consists of three classes. The Owner(s) or their agent shall make an application on the WLS D Application form furnished by the District. The permit application shall be supplemented by any plans, specifications, or other information considered pertinent in the judgment of the District. The Sewer Permit Fee and Connection/Inspection Charge shall be paid to the Authority at the time the application is filed.
- 3.2.1. There shall be one (1) class of building sewer permit for Residential Service. The Sewer Permit Fee and Connection/Inspection Charge for Residential Service shall be as defined in Sections 3 and 4 of the Rules and Regulations of the WLS DSA.
- 3.2.2. There shall be one (1) class of building sewer permit for Multiple Family Dwelling service. The Sewer Permit Fee and Connection/Inspection Charge for Multiple Family Dwelling service shall be as defined in Sections 3 and 4 of the Rules and Regulations of the WLS DSA.
- 3.2.3. There shall be one (1) class of building sewer permit for Commercial Service. The Sewer Permit Fee and Connection/Inspection Charge for Commercial Service shall be as defined in Sections 3 and 4 of the Rules and Regulations of the WLS DSA.

## **4. BUILDING SEWERS AND CONNECTIONS**

- 4.1. No unauthorized person shall uncover, make any connections with or opening into, use, alter, repair or disturb any public sewer or appurtenance thereof without first obtaining a written permit from the Authority.
- 4.2. Any person proposing a new discharge into the public sewer system or a substantial change in the volume or character of pollutants that are being discharged into the public sewer system shall notify the WLS D Superintendent in writing, and file a written application, at least forty-five (45) days prior to the proposed change or connection.
- 4.2.1. Any person intending to connect a building drain from their property to the public sewer shall first obtain a permit to connect, from the WLS D Superintendent. The application shall be made on forms provided by the WLS D Superintendent, and it shall be accompanied by a sketch or plan showing the proposed installation in sufficient detail to enable the WLS D Superintendent to determine that the proposed installation meets the requirements of this regulation and other applicable specifications, codes, and laws. The

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application shall be signed by the owner(s) of the premises to be served or their authorized agent and by the qualified contractor (see Section 4.13.) who has been chosen to perform the work of installing and connecting the building drain to the public sewer. Upon approval of the application and plan, a permit shall be issued to have the work performed by the stated contractor. In the event the premises changes ownership before the work is completed, or if another contractor is chosen to perform or finish the work, the original permit becomes void, and a new permit must be obtained by the new parties in interest.

- 4.2.2. A connection to the public sewer will be made only after the building's plumbing has been approved by the Town/City Building Inspector in order to ensure that minimum standards are met for the installation.
- 4.2.3. Permits to connect to the public sewer may be revoked and annulled by the WLSD Superintendent for such cause and at such times as deemed sufficient and the WLSD held harmless as a consequence of said revocation or the cause thereof. All other parties in interest shall be held to have waived the right to claim damages from the WLSD or its Agents on account of said revocation.
- 4.3. All costs and expenses incident to the installation and connection of the building sewer shall be borne by the Owner(s). The Owner(s) shall indemnify the District from any loss or damage that may directly or indirectly be occasioned by the installation of the building sewer.
- 4.4. Proposed connections to the WLSD sewer, either within or outside the district, that can not be serviced by the existing sewer shall require an extension or addition to the sewer works in accordance with the following:
  - 4.4.1. The design of the proposed sewage works must be performed by a licensed and registered civil engineering agency knowledgeable in sanitary sewer systems.
  - 4.4.2. The proposed design shall be submitted to the WLSD, and their engineering representative, for review and approval.
  - 4.4.3. The District approved proposal shall be submitted to the State of Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection and the Town of Goshen, for approvals.



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- 4.4.4. The construction and connection of the proposed sewer works to the existing sewer works shall be performed by licensed and approved contractors. The WLS D reserves the right to perform necessary inspections during construction. The proposed sewer works shall be tested in accordance with approved procedures and accepted by the District prior to connecting to the existing sewer works.
- 4.4.5. Upon final acceptance by the WLS D, the owner(s) shall provide sufficient documentation on the system design and location to the WLS D Plant Superintendent. In addition, the owner(s) must provide "deeded" right of ways for the sewer works in accordance with existing statutes and/or Town of Goshen zoning requirements.
- 4.4.6. All costs and expenses incurred, including but not limited to, design, review, approval (district, town, state, federal, etc.) construction, testing and conveyance of all property associated with the sewage works shall be borne by the owner(s). The owner(s) shall indemnify the District from any loss or damage that may directly or indirectly be occasioned by the installation of the sewage works.
- 4.4.7. The District shall be responsible for all repairs and maintenance of the sewage works upon final acceptance and conveyance.
- 4.4.8. The connection of any building sewer to the public sewer is subject to the provisions of this ordinance.
- 4.5. A separate and independent building sewer shall be provided for every building; except where one building stands at the rear of another on an interior lot and no public sewer is available or can be constructed to the rear building through an adjoining alley, courtyard, or driveway, the building sewer from the front building may be extended to the rear building and the whole considered as one building sewer; the WLS D does not and will not assume any obligation or responsibility for damage caused by or resulting from any such aforementioned connection.
- 4.6. Existing building sewers may be used in connection with new buildings only when they are found, on examination, test and approval by the District, to meet all requirements of this ordinance. Any costs associated with this examination and testing will be borne by the Owner(s).

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- 4.7. The size, slope, alignment, materials of construction of a building sewer, and the methods to be used in excavating, placing of the pipe, jointing, testing, and backfilling the trench, shall all conform to the requirements of the Building and Plumbing Code and other applicable Rules and Regulations of the Town of Goshen. In the absence of code provisions the materials and procedures set forth in appropriate specifications of the A.S.T.M. and W.P.C.F. Manual of Practice No. 9 shall apply. The connection of the building sewer into the public sewer shall conform to the requirements of the State of Connecticut building and plumbing codes, other applicable rules and regulations of the Town, the procedures set forth in appropriate specifications of the A.S.T.M. and the W.P.C.F. Manual of Practice No. 9 and the Woodridge Lake Sewer District Guiding Principles for Laying and Connecting Sanitary Sewer Lines. Any deviation from the prescribed procedures and materials must be approved, in writing, by the District before installation.
- 4.8. Whenever possible, the building sewer shall be brought to the building at an elevation below the basement floor. Pumps shall be installed in all cases where any facility is lower than the elevation prescribed by the plans for the District shown on plan entitled "Minimum Facility Elevation Location Map" bearing date November 10, 1971 made by Charles A. Maguire & Associates and to be kept on file with the Town Building Inspector, Town Planning Commission and Town Clerk. Standardized alarm systems shall be hooked up to standard submersible type pumps, as specified by the Authority. Installation and maintenance shall be done by a qualified and licensed plumber at the expense of the Owner(s) (See Appendix A of the Rules and Regulations of the Woodridge Lake Sewer District Sewer Authority for an approved scheme), under the supervision of the Superintendent (or designee), after reasonable notice. All sewer connections shall be made of materials and construction approved by State Department of Health, Department of Environmental Protection and WLSA Authority (Ref. WLSA Sewer Use Ordinance and WLSA Guiding Principles.) Non-standard pumping units may be permitted by the Authority, for cause shown, for Basement fixtures only at specific locations, provided that at each such location:
- 4.8.1. Full sanitary facilities shall be available for all floors above the basement level by gravity connection to the street sewer or pump chamber,
- 4.8.2. The property owner(s) shall assume full responsibility and liability for damages resulting from any pump failure,

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- 4.8.3. All non-standard (and standard) pump units will have an alarm system adequate to indicate power failure and/or high flood level and
- 4.8.4. No more than 30% of the fixtures in any one house or structure shall be served by such non-standard pump.
- 4.9. No person shall make connection of roof downspouts, foundation drains, areaway drains, non-sewage sump pumps, pool drains, hot tub drains or other sources of surface runoff or groundwater to a building sewer or building drain which in turn is connected directly or indirectly to a public sanitary sewer.
- 4.10. All gravity sewer lines shall be a minimum of 25 feet from any water supply well. All pump system discharge lines shall be a minimum of 25 feet from any water supply well. Any pump chamber shall be a minimum of 75 feet from any adjoining property water supply well. If a sewer line is constructed within 25-75 feet of a water supply well, it shall be constructed in accordance with all applicable guidelines promulgated by the Commissioner.
- 4.11. The applicant for the building sewer permit shall notify the District when the building sewer is ready for inspection and connection to the public sewer. The connection shall be made under the supervision of the District or it's representative. Sewer connections shall not be made from November 1 through December 31 and from January 1 through April 1 unless the WLSD or authorized representative shall first have determined that the particular connection will not result in hazard to persons or property on account of frost or weather conditions.
- 4.12. All excavations for building sewer installation shall be adequately guarded with barricades and lights so as to protect the public from hazard. Streets, sidewalks, parking areas, and other public property disturbed in the course of the work shall be restored in a manner satisfactory to the Town, District and Authority.
- 4.13. All building sewers shall be installed by a qualified drain layer who possesses a valid license issued under Chapter 393 of the Connecticut General Statutes as amended.
- 4.14. Notwithstanding any other provision of this ordinance, industrial wastes may not be discharged into any watercourse, sewer, or storm drain.

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- 4.15. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Ordinance, permits hereunder shall be issued only in conformance with local zoning regulations.
- 4.16. No permit shall be issued if the Superintendent determines that the flow to be discharged thereunder will have an adverse impact on the capacity of the system to serve all properties within the District and to fulfill the District's Contract obligations to the Town of Goshen or determines that such a permit or its flow will violate any then existing order, permit or requirement of the State of Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection or other Governmental Authority having jurisdiction over the operation of the system. Any person aggrieved by a denial shall be entitled to a prompt hearing, in accordance with Section 10 of this ordinance and the rules and Regulations of the Woodridge Lake Sewer District Sewer Authority, before the Authority at a meeting called for the purpose.
- 4.17. Where any plumbing outlet in a building is below the level of the top of the manhole for the sewer servicing that building, a check-valve will be installed to prevent back flow in case of flow stoppage in the main sewer. The cost of installation of said check-valve will be borne by the Owner(s).

**5. USE OF THE PUBLIC SEWERS**

- 5.1. The owner(s) of all houses, buildings, or properties used for human occupancy, employment, recreation, or other purposes situated within the WLSD 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 or combined sewer of the WLSD may, at the option of the WLSD and at the owner(s) expense, be required to install a building sewer to connect their building drain to the public sewer in accordance with the provisions of this ordinance, within ninety (90) days after the date of official notice to do so.

**6. DISCHARGE LIMITATIONS**

- 6.1. The WLSD Superintendent or designate shall have the right to reject the discharge of any wastes; or, require more stringent effluent limitations than required by the user's Section 22a-430 permit, the decisions of the Commissioner notwithstanding.
- 6.2. No person shall discharge or cause to be discharged any stormwater, surface water, groundwater, roof runoff, subsurface drainage, uncontaminated cooling water, unpolluted industrial process waters,

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chlorinated discharge from pools, hot tubs or any other source to any sanitary sewer.

- 6.3. Stormwater and all other unpolluted drainage shall not be discharged into the sewers.
- 6.4. No person shall discharge or cause to be discharged any of the following to any public sewers:
  - 6.4.1. Any gasoline, benzene, naphtha, fuel oil, or other flammable or explosive liquid, solid, or gas.
  - 6.4.2. 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 sewage treatment process, constitute a hazard to humans or animals, create a public nuisance, or create any hazard in the receiving waters of the sewage treatment plant.
  - 6.4.3. Any waters or wastes having a pH in excess of 9.5 or lower than 5.5, or having any other corrosive property capable of causing damage or hazard to structures, equipment, and/or personnel of the sewage works.
  - 6.4.4. 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 sewage works 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.
- 6.5. No person shall discharge or cause to be discharged the following described substances, materials, waters, or wastes if it appears likely, in the opinion of the District, that such wastes can harm either the sewage works or the sewage treatment process, have an adverse effect on the receiving stream, or can otherwise endanger life, limb, public property, or constitute a nuisance. In forming their opinion as to the acceptability of these wastes, the District will give consideration to such factors as the quantities of subject wastes in relation to flows and velocities in the sewers, materials of construction of the sewage works, nature of the sewage treatment process, capacity of the sewage treatment plant, degree of treatability of waters in

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the sewage treatment plant, and other pertinent factors. The substances prohibited are:

- 6.5.1. Any liquid or vapor having a temperature higher than one hundred fifty degrees Fahrenheit (150°F) (65°C).
- 6.5.2. Any water or waste containing fats, wax, grease, or oils, whether emulsified or not, in excess of one hundred (100) mg/l or containing substances which may solidify or become viscous at temperatures between thirty-two degrees Fahrenheit (32°F)(0°C) and one hundred fifty degrees Fahrenheit (150°F) (65°C).
- 6.5.3. Any garbage that has not been properly shredded. The installation and operation of any garbage grinder/shredder equipped with a motor of three-fourths (3/4) horsepower (0.76 hp metric) or greater shall be subject to the review and approval of the District or it's representative.
- 6.5.4. Any waters or wastes containing acid iron pickling wastes or concentrated plating solutions whether neutralized or not.
- 6.5.5. Any waters or wastes containing any metallic solution or suspension of solids including but not limited to iron, chromium, copper, silver, zinc, similar objectionable or toxic substances; or wastes exerting an excessive chlorine requirement, to the degree that any such material received in the composite sewage at the sewage works exceeds the limits established by the District for such materials.

6.5.6. Sewage with a concentration of pollutants in excess of the following limits:

<u>Pollutant</u>	<u>Concentration: Parts/million (mg/l)</u>
Arsenic as As	0.05
Barium as Ba	5.0
Boron as B	5.0
Cyanides as CN (amenable)	0.1
Fluoride as F	20
Chromium (Total)	1.0
Chromium (Cr +6)	0.1
Magnesium as Mg	100
Manganese as Mn	5.0
Copper as Cu	1.0
Zinc as Zn	1.0

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Cadmium	0.07
Lead	0.1
Tin	2.0
Silver	0.1
Mercury	0.01
Nickel	1.0

Note: All metals are to be measured as total metals.

- 6.5.7. Any waters or wastes containing phenols or other taste or odor producing substances, in such concentration exceeding limits which may be established by the District as necessary after treatment of the composite sewage to meet the requirements of the State, Federal, or other public agencies or jurisdiction for such discharge to the receiving waters.
- 6.5.8. Any radioactive wastes or isotopes of such half-life or concentration as may exceed limits established by the District in compliance with applicable State or Federal regulations.
- 6.5.9. Materials which exert or cause:
- 6.5.9.1. Unusual concentrations of inert suspended solids (such as, but not limited to, Fullers earth, lime slurries, lime residues and diatomaceous earth), or of dissolved solids (such as, but not limited to, sodium chloride and sodium sulfate).
- 6.5.9.2. Excessive discoloration (such as, but not limited to, dye wastes and vegetable tanning solutions).
- 6.5.9.3. Unusual BOD, chemical oxygen demand, or chlorine requirements in such quantities as to constitute a significant load on the sewage treatment works.
- 6.5.9.4. Unusual volume of flow or concentration of wastes constituting "slugs" as defined herein.
- 6.5.10. Waters or wastes containing substances which are not amenable to treatment or reduction by the sewage treatment processes employed, or are amenable to treatment only to such degree that the sewage treatment plant effluent cannot meet the requirements of other agencies having jurisdiction over discharge to the receiving waters.

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- 6.6. If any waters are discharged, or are proposed to be discharged to the public sewers, which contain the substance(s) or possess the characteristics enumerated in Section 6.4 of this Article, and which in the judgment of the District, may have a deleterious effect upon the sewage works, processes, equipment, or receiving waters, or which otherwise create a hazard to life or constitute a public nuisance, the District may:
- 6.6.1. Reject the wastes,
  - 6.6.2. Require pretreatment to an acceptable condition for discharge to the public sewers,
    - 6.6.2.1. If the District permits the pretreatment or equalization of waste flows, the design and installation of the plant(s) and equipment shall be subject to the review and approval of the District, and subject to the requirements of all applicable codes, ordinances, and laws.
    - 6.6.2.2. The cost of design, construction, operation and maintenance, inspection and approval of said plant(s) and equipment shall be borne by the owner(s).
  - 6.6.3. Require control over the quantities and rates of discharge, and/or;
  - 6.6.4. Require payment to cover the added cost of handling and treating the wastes not covered by existing taxes or sewer charges.
- 6.7. Grease, oil, and sand interceptors shall be provided when, in the opinion of the District, they are necessary for the proper handling of liquid wastes containing grease in excessive amounts, or any flammable wastes, sand, or other harmful ingredients, except that such interceptors shall not be required for private living quarters. All interceptors shall be of a type and capacity approved by the District and shall be located as to be readily and easily accessible for cleaning and inspection. In the maintaining of these separators, the owner(s) shall be responsible for the proper removal and disposal by appropriate means of the captured material and shall maintain records of the dates and means of disposal, which are subject to review by the District. Any removal and hauling of the collected materials shall be performed by a waste disposal firm which possesses a valid permit from the Commissioner under Section 22a-429 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended. Cost of design, construction, operation and maintenance, inspection and approval of said interceptor shall be borne by the owner(s).



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- 6.8. Where preliminary treatment, flow-equalizing or any other facilities are provided for any waters, wastes or sewage, they shall be maintained continuously in satisfactory and effective operation by and at the expense of the Owner(s).
- 6.9. When required by the District, the owner(s) of any property serviced by a building sewer carrying commercial wastes shall install a suitable structure together with such necessary meters, and other appurtenances in the building sewer to facilitate observation, sampling, and measurement of the wastes. Such structure, when required, shall be accessibly and safely located, and shall be constructed in accordance with plans approved by the District. The sampling structure shall be installed and maintained by the owner(s) at their expense, and shall be maintained by them so as to be safe and accessible at all times.
- 6.10. All measurements, tests, sampling and analyses of the characteristics of waters and wastes to which reference is made in this ordinance shall be determined in accordance with the latest edition of "Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater", as authored by: The American Public Health Association, The American Water Works Association and The Water Pollution Control Federation, and shall be determined at the control manhole provided, or upon suitable samples taken at said control manhole. In the event that no special manhole is required, the control manhole shall be considered to be the nearest downstream manhole in the public sewer to the point at which the building sewer is connected, sampling shall be carried out by customarily accepted methods to reflect the effect of constituents upon the sewage works, and to determine the existence of hazards to life, limb, and property. The particular analyses involved will determine whether a twenty-four (24) hour composite of all outfalls of a premise is appropriate or whether a grab sample or samples should be taken. Normally, but not always, BOD and suspended solids analyses are obtained from 24-hour composites of all outfalls whereas pH's are determined from periodic grab samples.

## 7. PROTECTION FROM DAMAGE

- 7.1. No unauthorized person shall maliciously, willfully, or negligently break, damage, destroy, uncover, deface, or tamper with any structure, appurtenance, or equipment which is a part of the sewage works. Any person violating this provision shall be subject to immediate arrest under charge of disorderly conduct.

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**8. POWERS AND AUTHORITY OF INSPECTORS**

- 8.1. The District and other duly authorized employees of the District bearing proper credentials and identification shall be permitted to enter all properties for the purposes of inspection, observation, measurement, sampling, and testing in accordance with the provisions of this ordinance. The District, or its representatives, shall have no authority to inquire into any processes including metallurgical, chemical, oil, refining, ceramic, paper, or other industries beyond that point having a direct bearing on the kind and source of discharge to the sewers or waterways or facilities for waste treatment.
- 8.2. While performing the necessary work on private properties referred to in Section 8.1, above, the District, or duly authorized employees of the District, shall observe all safety rules applicable to the premises established by the owner/company and the owner/company shall be held harmless for injury or death to the District employees and the District shall indemnify the owner/company against loss or damage to their/its property by District employees and against liability claims and demands for personal injury or property damage asserted against the owner/company and growing out of the gauging and sampling operation, except as such may be caused by negligence or failure of the owner/company to maintain safe conditions as required in Section 6.9.
- 8.3. The District, and duly authorized employees of the District bearing proper credentials and identification, shall be permitted to enter all private properties through which the District holds a duly negotiated easement for the purposes of, but not limited to, inspection, observation, measurement, sampling, repair, and maintenance of any portion of the sewage works lying within said easement. All entry and subsequent work, if any, on said easement, shall be done in full accordance with the terms of the duly negotiated easement pertaining to the private property involved.

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### 9. PENALTIES

- 9.1. Any person found to be violating any provision of this ordinance, except Section 7., shall be served by the District with written notice stating the nature of the violation and providing a reasonable time limit for the satisfactory correction thereof. The offender shall, within the period of time stated in such notice, permanently cease all violation.
- 9.2. Any person who shall continue any violation beyond the time limit provided for in Section 9.1, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof shall be fined in the amount not exceeding \$100.00 for each violation. Each day in which any such violation shall continue shall be deemed a separate offense.
- 9.3. Any person violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall become liable to the District for any expense, loss, or damage occasioned the District by reason of such violation.
- 9.4. Any person who is found to be in violation of Section 22a-430 of the Connecticut General Statutes as amended shall be subject to a monetary penalty or forfeiture under Section 22a-438 of the Statutes.

### 10. HEARING BOARD

- 10.1. A Hearing Board shall be appointed as needed for arbitration of differences between the WLSA Superintendent and sewer users on matters concerning interpretation and execution of the provisions of this ordinance by the WLSA Superintendent. The cost of the arbitration will be divided equally between the District and the sewer user.
- 10.2. The Hearing Board shall consist of at least five members of the WLSA Sewer Authority Board of Directors as appointed by the Chairman. If external experts are required, the cost will be borne by the owner(s).
- 10.3. Hearings shall be conducted in accordance with the "Rules and Regulations of the Woodridge Lake Sewer District Sewer Authority."

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11. **REVISION HISTORY** - This section identifies revisions made in this latest revision of this document.

11.1. Revision 11 - September 1998

11.1.1. While the majority of the original WLSD Ordinance is still included in this document, it is recommended that users of this ordinance read this new ordinance in its entirety.

11.1.2. Added:

Header & Footer

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Introduction Section 1.0

Definitions in Section 2.0 (added and modified.)

Permit System Section 3.0.

Discharge Limitations Section 6.0.

Hearing Board Section 10.0.

Revision History Section 11.0.

11.1.3. Renumbered all sections similar to "A Model Sewer Ordinance for Connecticut Municipalities" by The Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection.

12. **VALIDITY**

12.1. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

12.2. The invalidity of any section, clause, sentence, or provision of this ordinance shall not affect the validity of any other part of this ordinance which can be given effect without such invalid part or parts.

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**13. ORDINANCE IN FORCE**

13.1. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval, recording and publication as provided by law.

Approved by the Woodridge Lake Sewer District Sewer Authority at a meeting held:

Date: 2-27-99

Signed: E. Gerald Hammarstrom  
(Name), President  
Vice

Adopted by the Woodridge Lake Sewer District at a meeting held:

Date: 2-27-99

Signed: Jean M Lang  
(Name), Clerk