

ORDINANCE NO. _____
ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 16 REGARDING
STANDARDS FOR GREASE, OIL AND SAND INTERCEPTORS

The Common Council of the City of Whitewater, Walworth and Jefferson Counties, Wisconsin, do hereby ordain as follows:

SECTION 1: Whitewater Municipal Code Chapter 16.14, Sections 16,14.046, 16.14.181, and 16.14.309 are hereby created to read as follows:

161.14.046 Amalgam Separator

“Amalgam Separator” – A device designed to remove waste amalgam (an alloy of mercury used in dental fillings) from rinse water in the vacuum lines of dental offices. Used to capture scrap amalgam too fine to be removed by a trap or screen.

16.14.181 Grease Interceptor

“Grease Interceptor” – a receptacle designed to reduce, retain and/or remove greases, oils and fatty substances prior to discharge into the public sanitary sewerage system. Grease Interceptors can be located on the interior or exterior of a building dependent on individual requirements.

161.14.309 Sand Interceptor

“Sand Interceptor” – A receptacle designed to intercept and retain sand, grit, earth and other similar solids prior to discharge into the public sanitary sewerage system. Often termed a car wash interceptor.

SECTION 2: Whitewater Municipal Code Chapter 16.14, Section 16.14.580, is hereby amended to read as follows:

16.14.580 Grease, oil and sand interceptor – Installation

The requirement to install grease, oil or sand interceptors is set forth in the Wisconsin Dept. of Commerce Administrative Code (DCOM 82.34). Units shall be installed by the user at their expense according to this standard. The city will require interceptor permits (no fee) annually for all operating interceptors. These can be obtained by contacting the City Clerk’s office. All new, altered or remodeled plumbing systems receiving grease, fats, oils or similar products from cooking or food preparation, along with car wash facilities, require grease/sand interceptors with the exception of residential dwelling units. Installations must be done in a manner to allow for easy accessibility for inspections, maintenance and repair. In addition, the city may require a grease interceptor where an onsite drain system is reduced or filled due to congealed grease per DCOM 82.34(5)(b)(3).

SECTION 3: Whitewater Municipal Code Chapter 16.14, Section 16.14.585, is hereby amended to read as follows:

16.14.585 Grease, Oil and sand interceptor – Maintenance

Where installed, grease, oil and sand interceptors shall be maintained at the owner's expense and shall be kept in continuous and efficient operation. Permit renewal shall be contingent on receipt verification (and/or an approved maintenance log) on or before May 1st of each year for maintenance to the interceptor (for the previous 12 months) per manufacturer or design guidelines. At a minimum, cleaning must be done at least once in a 12-month period regardless of manufacturer recommendations. Cleaning practices performed "in house" shall be in written form for staff and verified, on site, by City personnel. A "compliance letter" will then be issued as a record of this practice. For example, if the manufacturer recommends cleaning every 4 months, then the city would receive three receipts (or an approved annual maintenance log if maintained "in house") on or before the above indicated date. The city reserves the right to increase the required maintenance frequency if sufficient cause is observed. Receipts (and/or a maintenance log) shall be forwarded to the City Clerk's office. Failure to comply with the maintenance procedures will result in reinspections and the fees that accompany this procedure per Whitewater Ordinance 1.29.020.

SECTION 4: Whitewater Municipal Code Chapter 16.14, Section 16.14.586, is hereby created to read as follows:

16.14.586 Grease, oil and sand interceptor – Prohibitions

The introduction of grease or fat emulsifiers into a grease interceptor is prohibited as more particularly set forth in DCOM 82.34(5)(e). In addition, enzyme additives, flushing with hot water or steam are prohibited means with regard to required maintenance of grease interceptors within the city.

Ordinance introduced by Councilmember _____, who moved its adoption. Seconded by Councilmember _____.

AYES:

Michele R. Smith, City Clerk

NOES:

ABSENT:

Kevin Brunner, City Manager

ADOPTED: