

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN
AMENDING CHAPTER 256, SEWERS AND DRAINAGE SYSTEMS
TO PROHIBIT IMPROPER DISPOSAL OF WASTE
IN THE MUNICIPAL STORM SEWER SYSTEM**

WHEREAS, the Township of Pennsauken has received authorization from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection to discharge stormwater to surface water and groundwater from the municipal separate storm sewer system owned and operated by the Township, and

WHEREAS, the discharge of stormwater is authorized under the Tier A Municipal Stormwater General Permit and therefore is subject to the requirements of said Permit; and

WHEREAS, it is required by the Permit that all Tier A Municipalities adopt and enforce an ordinance prohibiting the improper spilling, dumping, or disposal of materials other than stormwater into the municipal separate storm sewer system.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Pennsauken, in the County of Camden and State of New Jersey, that the Code of the Township of Pennsauken, Chapter 256, "Sewers and Drainage Systems" be amended as follows:

Amend the title of **Article II** from "Protection of Sewer System" to "Protection of Sanitary Sewer System"

Add a new **Article III** entitled "**Protection of Storm Sewer System**"

Add a new **Chapter 256-7. Definitions.**

For the purpose of this article, certain words and phrases are defined as follows:

COMBINED SEWER SYSTEM – Sewer system that collects and conveys both sanitary sewage and stormwater within the same sewer. **NOTE:** combined sewers are not included in the municipal separate storm sewer system owned and operated by the Township of Pennsauken.

MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM – a conveyance or system of conveyances (including roads with drainage systems, municipal streets, inlets, curbs, gutters, ditches, basins, manmade channels, and storm sewers) that is owned and operated by the Township of Pennsauken and is used for the collecting and conveying stormwater.

PERSON – any individual, corporation, company, association, firm, or political subdivision of the State of New Jersey subject to municipal jurisdiction.

STORMWATER – water resulting from precipitation (rain and snow) that runs off the land's surface, is transmitted to the subsurface, is captured by separate storm sewers or other drainage facilities, or is conveyed by snow removal equipment.

Add a new **Chapter 256-8. Improper disposal of waste into system prohibited.**

The spilling, dumping, or disposal of materials other than stormwater to the municipal separate storm sewer system operated by the Township of Pennsauken is prohibited. The spilling, dumping, or disposal of materials other than stormwater in such a manner as to cause or allow these materials to be carried into the storm sewer system is prohibited.

Add a new **Chapter 256-9. Exceptions to the improper disposal prohibition.**

The spilling, dumping, or discharge of the following potable water sources shall not be considered improper disposal of waste:

- A. Water line flushing and discharges from potable water sources.
- B. Uncontaminated ground water (e.g., infiltration, crawl space or basement sump pumps, foundation or footing drains, rising ground waters).
- C. Air conditioning condensate (excluding contact and non-contact cooling water).
- D. Irrigation water (including landscape and lawn watering runoff).
- E. Flows from springs, riparian habitats, wetlands, water reservoir discharges, and diverted stream flows.

- F. Residential car washing and residential swimming pool discharges.
- G. Sidewalk, driveway, and street wash water.
- H. Flows from fire fighting activities.
- I. Flows from rinsing of equipment used in the application of salt and de-icing materials immediately following material application. Prior to rinsing with clean water, all residual salt and de-icing material must be removed from equipment and vehicles to the maximum extent practicable by shoveling and sweeping.

[NOTE: new Chapter 256-10 is being added simultaneously with this Ordinance under Ordinance 2005-23]

Add a new Chapter 256-11. Violations and Penalties

All persons, firms or corporations offending against or failing to comply with the provisions of this article shall, upon conviction thereof, be subject to one or more of the following: a fine not exceeding \$1,250 or imprisonment in the county jail for a term not exceeding 90 days, or a period of community service not exceeding 90 days, in the discretion of the Municipal Court Judge.

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