

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TOWN OF BUNN CODE OF ORDINANCES  
REGARDING THE INSTALLATION AND USE OF GREASE TRAPS**

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Bunn desires to adopt an ordinance certain commercial water/sewer customer to install and properly maintain grease traps in order to protect the Town of Bunn Sewer System.

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Bunn that:

1. The Town Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to add the following:

**OIL AND GREASE**

**PURPOSE.**

This subchapter is intended to aid in the prevention of sanitary sewer blockages and obstructions caused by the introduction, discharge and contribution of fats, oils, greases, grease complexes, scum, sludge and other organic polar compounds into the town's wastewater collection system or publicly owned treatment works by commercial, industrial, institutional and all other non-residential activities.

**DEFINITIONS.**

For the purpose of this subchapter the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

**COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENT and INDUSTRIAL ESTABLISHMENT.** Any user that has the potential to use, contribute to or otherwise impact the town's wastewater collection system. Such establishments include, but are not limited to, maintenance facilities, repair facilities and equipment cleaning facilities.

**COOKING ESTABLISHMENT.** Any person primarily engaged in the activities of cooking, preparing, serving or otherwise making available for human consumption any form of foodstuff, and which uses one or more of the following cooking or preparation methods in connection with such activities: cooking or preparation by frying (all methods), baking (all methods), grilling, sauteing, rotisserie cooking, broiling (all methods), boiling, blanching, roasting, toasting, poaching, or any type of cooking or preparation that produces a hot non- potable product in or on a receptacle that requires washing, rinsing or other form of cleaning. Such establishments include, but are not limited to, restaurants, cafeterias, extended care facilities, school cafeterias (public and private), and day care facilities where meals for more than six children are prepared, served or otherwise made available for human consumption.

**GREASE.** All greases, grease complexes, fats, oils, scum, sludges and all other organic polar compounds derived from animal and/or plant sources that contain multiple carbon chain

triglyceride molecules. Such substances are detectable and measurable using analytical procedures established in 40 CFR 136.

**GREASE TRAP or GREASE INTERCEPTOR.** A device for separating and retaining waterborne greases before the wastewater which contains such grease exits the grease trap or interceptor into the town's wastewater collection system. The grease trap or interceptor also collects settleable solids generated by or incidental to commercial, industrial and food preparation activities.

**NON-COOKING ESTABLISHMENT.** Any person primarily engaged in the rendering or preparation of pre-cooked foodstuffs that do not require or involve any form of cooking. Such establishments include, but are not limited to, establishments that are primarily engaged in the rendering preparation of cold dairy and frozen foodstuffs.

**PERSON.** Any actual person, corporation, partnership, unincorporated association, and any governmental entity or political subdivision and departments and agencies thereof.

**TOWN.** Town of Bunn, North Carolina, and its utility service area.

**USER.** Any person primarily engaged in any commercial, industrial, institutional or other non-residential activity who introduces, contributes or discharges (or causes or permits the introduction, contribution or discharge of) wastewater into the town's wastewater collection system, including but not limited to any person who introduces, contributes or discharges wastewater into the wastewater collection system through any mobile source.

**WASTEWATER.** Any substance introduced, contributed to, or discharged into the town's wastewater collection system.

#### § 52.087 GREASE TRAP AND INTERCEPTOR INSTALLATION; MAINTENANCE; RECORD KEEPING AND REMOVAL.

(A) No later than one year after adoption of this chapter, all users shall install grease traps or interceptors designed to limit the introduction, contribution and discharge of greases into the town's wastewater collection system. Grease traps and interceptors with appropriate sampling or inspection points shall be installed at the user's expense whenever any user operates a commercial establishment, industrial establishment, or a cooking establishment. Grease traps and interceptors must have a minimum capacity of 1,000 gallons or more as required to effect a grease concentration maximum of 200 mg/l.

(B) Alternative methods of compliance may be approved by the town if the user demonstrates that compliance with this chapter is impossible or impractical at the time of adoption of this chapter as a result of limited space. However, any such proposed alternative method of compliance will be required to meet the performance criteria specified in division (A) of this section, and the user must adequately demonstrate to the satisfaction of the town that the proposed alternative method will satisfy those performance criteria. In addition, any such alternative method must be cleaned

at a more frequent interval than is required of grease traps and interceptors under division (E) of this section. Prior to approval of any such proposed alternative method of compliance, documentation of the proposed method's actual performance criteria must be submitted to the town's Public Works Director for review and approval.

(C) Grease traps and interceptors may also be required in other facilities, as deemed necessary by the Public Works Director.

(D) Upon the prior written approval of the Public Works Director, non-cooking establishments may be exempted from the requirements of this subchapter after an inspection of the subject premises and submission of adequate supporting documentation, as deemed necessary in the sole and absolute discretion of the Public Works Director. At a minimum, such supporting documentation shall include: blueprints of the subject premises, a full and detailed description of the operations and activities at the subject premises, and a full and detailed list of all potential sources of grease at the subject premises.

(E) Users shall empty and service grease traps and interceptors as often as necessary to comply with the performance criteria in division (A) of this section. The default maximum period of time allowed between servicing of grease traps shall be 60 days; however, individual customers may prepare and submit an alternative schedule for review and approval by the Public Works Director. Alternative schedules may be approved based on evaluation of the flow volume, character of the wastewater, and capacity of the grease trap. Once approved, the user must adhere to the alternative schedule. Under-the-counter types of grease traps and interceptors shall be cleaned at least daily, and shall comply with the performance criteria in division (A) of this section. There shall be no reintroduction of wastewater back into the grease trap or interceptor unless and until said wastewater has been proven to contain 200 mg/l or less of grease. Under no circumstances shall the sludge or scum layer be reintroduced or discharged into the town's wastewater collection system.

(F) Users shall supply (1) an adequate sampling point downstream of the grease trap or interceptor, prior to mixing with other sanitary flows, and (2) an accessible entry into each chamber of the grease trap or interceptor. The minimum requirement for the sampling point shall be four-inch vertical clean-out.

(G) Users shall retain detailed records on-site for a minimum of three years reflecting all maintenance carried out pursuant to this section. All permitted haulers and/or commercial establishment, industrial establishment or cooking establishments who service a grease trap connected to the town's publicly-owned treatment works shall file a report regarding the results of that contracted cleaning using the town's designated electronic reporting system managed by the currently contracted vendor as published at [www.Townofclaytonnc.org](http://www.Townofclaytonnc.org). Permitted haulers shall supply all cleaning information required by the designated electronic reporting system to include but not limited to facility name, location address, manager name, phone number or email, service date, size, name of pumping company, address, phone number, driver name, disposal facility, and any other information deemed necessary.

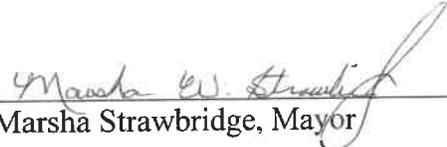
(H) Users are required to keep the grease trap or interceptor free of inorganic solids such as grit, towels, gloves, cigarettes, eating utensils, and the like, which could clog or settle in the trap or interceptor, thereby reducing the effective volume or capacity of the trap or interceptor.

(I) Users are required to ensure that all waste material removed from grease traps and interceptors is disposed of in a manner that complies with all federal, state and local statutes, rules, regulations, policies and ordinances.

(J) Except as provided herein, for a period of one year following the adoption of this subchapter, no enforcement actions will be taken under this section for failure to achieve the performance criteria specified in division (A) of this section. If, during such period, (1) an obstruction of any of the town's sanitary sewer main(s) occurs and causes a sewer overflow, spill, leak or other event with any environmental impact, and (2) such overflow, spill, leak or other event may be attributed in part or in whole to a particular user, then the town will seek enforcement action under this chapter. For purposes of this section, an overflow, spill, leak or other event shall be deemed to have an environmental impact when (1) such overflow or other event involves an amount of wastewater equal to or in excess of 1,000 gallons, or (2) any amount of wastewater reaches any body of surface water.

2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.
3. If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed severable and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof.
4. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its adoption.

Adopted this 6<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2025.

  
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Marsha Strawbridge, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Town Clerk