

A GENERAL REGULATION REGULATING THE USE OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SEWERS AND DRAINS, PRIVATE SEWAGE DISPOSAL, THE INSTALLATION AND CONNECTION OF BUILDING SEWERS, AND THE DISCHARGE OF WASTES AND WASTE INTO THE PUBLIC SEWER SYSTEMS; AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF; IN THE MONTARA SANITARY DISTRICT OF SAN MATEO COUNTY, STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Directors of the MONTARA SANITARY DISTRICT OF SAN MATEO COUNTY, State of California, as follows:

ARTICLE I Definitions

Section 1. "District" shall mean the Montara Sanitary District of San Mateo County, State of California.
Section 2. "Sewage Works" shall mean all facilities for collecting, pumping, treating, and disposing of sewage.
Section 3. "Superintendent" shall mean the Superintendent of the Montara Sanitary District of San Mateo County, or his authorized deputy, agent, or representative.
Section 4. "District Board" or "Board" shall mean the Board of Directors of the Montara Sanitary District, San Mateo County, California.
Section 5. "District Engineer" or "Engineer" shall mean the Engineer duly and officially appointed by the District Board to supervise and direct all work entrusted to him by the Board, acting personally or through agents or assistants duly authorized by him, such agents or assistants acting within the scope of the particular duties entrusted to them.
Section 6. "Engineering Standards" shall mean the standards of design and construction established by the District Board which shall be used in the design and construction of all sewage works, public sewers, side sewers, building drains and appurtenances.
Section 7. "Inspector" shall mean engineering or technical Inspector or inspectors duly authorized and appointed by the District Board and limited to the particular duties entrusted to him or them.
Section 8. "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.
Section 9. "Sewer" shall mean a pipe or conduit for carrying sewage.

Section 10. "Public Sewer" shall mean a sewer in which all owners of adjoining properties have equal rights, and which is controlled by public authority.
Section 11. "Combined Sewer" shall mean a sewer receiving both surface runoff and sewage.
Section 12. "Sanitary Sewer" shall mean a sewer which carries sewage and to which storm, surface, and ground waters are not intentionally admitted.
Section 13. "Storm Sewer" or "Storm Drain" shall mean a sewer which carries storm and surface waters and drainage, but excludes sewage and polluted industrial wastes.
Section 14. "Sewage Treatment Plant" shall mean any arrangement of devices and structures used for treating sewage.
Section 15. "Industrial Wastes" shall mean the liquid wastes from industrial processes and distinct from sanitary sewage.
Section 16. "Garbage" shall mean solid wastes from the preparation, cooking, and dispensing of food, and from the handling, storage, and sale of produce.
Section 17. "Properly Shredded Garbage" shall mean the wastes from the preparation, cooking, and dispensing of food that have been shredded to such 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.
Section 18. "Building Drain" shall mean that part of the lowest horizontal piping of a drainage system which receives the discharge from oil, waste, and other drainage pipes inside the walls of the building and conveys it to the building sewer, beginning five (5) feet outside the inner face of the building wall.
Section 19. "Building Sewer" or "Side Sewer" shall mean the extension from the building drain to the public sewer or other place of disposal.
Section 20. "B. O. D." (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° C., expressed in parts per million by weight.
Section 21. "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.
Section 22. "Natural Outlet" shall mean any outlet into a watercourse, pond, ditch, lake or other body of surface or ground water.
Section 23. "Watercourse" shall mean a channel in which a flow of water occurs either continuously or

Section 24. "Person" shall mean any individual, firm, company, association, society, corporation, or group.
Section 25. "Shall" is mandatory; "May" is permissive.
ARTICLE II Use of Public Sewers Required
Section 26. It shall be unlawful for any persons to place, deposit, or permit to be deposited in an insanitary manner upon public or private property within the District, or in any area under the jurisdiction of said District, any human or animal excrement, garbage, or other objectionable waste.
Section 27. It shall be unlawful to discharge to any natural outlet within the District, or in any area under the jurisdiction of said District, any sanitary sewage, industrial wastes, or other polluted waters, except where suitable treatment has been provided in accordance with subsequent provisions of this ordinance.
Section 28. Except as hereinafter provided, it shall be unlawful to construct or maintain any privy, privy vault, septic tank, cesspool, or other facility intended or used for the disposal of sewage.
Section 29. The owner of all houses, buildings, or properties used for human occupancy, employment, recreation, or other purpose, 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 or combined sewer of the District, is hereby required at his expense to install suitable toilet facilities therein, and to connect such facilities directly with the proper public sewer in accordance with the provisions of this ordinance, within ninety (90) days after date of official notice to do so, provided that said public sewer is within one hundred (100) feet of the property line.

ARTICLE III Private Sewage Disposal

Section 30. Where a public sanitary or combined sewer is not available under the provisions of Section 29, the building sewer shall be connected to a private sewage disposal system complying with the provisions of this article.
Section 31. Before commencement of construction of a private sewage disposal system the owner shall first obtain a written permit signed by the Inspector. The application for such permit shall be made on a form furnished by the District, which the applicant shall supplement by any plans, specifications and other information as are deemed necessary by the Inspector. A permit and inspection fee of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) shall be paid to the District at the time the application is filed.
Section 32. A permit for a private sewage disposal system shall not become effective until the installation is completed to the satisfaction of the Inspector. He shall be allowed to inspect the work at any stage of construction and, in any event, the applicant for the permit shall notify the Inspector when the work is ready for final inspection, and before any underground portions are covered. The inspection shall be made within forty-eight (48) hours of the receipt of notice by the Inspector.
Section 33. The type, capacities, location and layout of a private sewage disposal system shall comply with all recommendations of the Department of Public Health of the State of California.
No permit shall be issued for any private sewage disposal system employing sub-surface soil absorption facilities until satisfactory soil absorption tests have been performed in a manner satisfactory to the Engineer. Applicant shall pay the costs of making soil absorption tests. No septic tank or cesspool shall be permitted to discharge to any public sewer or natural outlet.
Section 34. At such time as a public sewer becomes available to a property served by a private sewage disposal system, as provided in Section 29, a direct connection shall be made to the public sewer in compliance with this ordinance, and any septic tanks, cesspools, and similar private sewage disposal facilities shall be abandoned and filled with suitable material.
Section 35. The owner shall operate and maintain the private sewage disposal facilities in a sanitary manner at all times, at no expense to the District.
Section 36. No statement in this Article shall be construed to interfere with any additional requirements that may be imposed by the authorized representative of the State or County Health Departments.

ARTICLE IV Building Sewers and Connections

Section 37. No authorized person shall uncover, make any connections with or opening into, use, alter, or disturb any public sewer or appurtenance thereof without first obtaining a written permit from the District.
Section 38. There shall be four (4) classes of building sewer permits:
Class I—For service to a single non-industrial structure;
Class II—For service to commercial and industrial establishments;
Class III—Service to multiple dwellings;
Class IV—Services to all other types of establishments including proposed land divisions and subdivisions wherein the applicant is required to construct new sewers which will become public sewers upon acceptance by the District Board.
For a permit in any class, the property owner or his agent shall furnish by the District. At the time of filing the application for a permit, the following fees shall be paid to the District:
Class I —\$10.00
Class II 25.00
Class III 25.00
Class IV 25.00 plus \$1.00 per lot or structure to be served.
An additional inspection fee of two percent (2%) of the estimated construction costs will be collected by the District when the applicant proposes to construct new sewers which will become public sewers.
Class II and III Permits—Any person applying for a Class II or Class III permit shall provide the District with such information as it may require regarding the quantity and composition of the wastes which they propose to discharge into the public sewer.
Class IV Permits—Any person applying for a Class IV permit shall supply the District with any information it may request regarding the quantity and composition of the material which the applicant intends to discharge into the public sewer. In cases where the applicant proposes to construct new sewers which will become public sewers, when accepted by the District, the applicant will be required to file with the District three (3) copies each of the following documents:
(a) Complete construction plans and specifications drawn in accordance with good engineering practice and conforming in all respects to the engineering standards of the Montara Sanitary District.
(b) Maps, descriptions and grants of easement, or rights of way, when the District may require before it will accept proposed sewers as public sewers.
(c) Estimates of the cost of improvements which the applicant proposes to construct.
(d) A faithful performance bond, acceptable to the Attorney for the District, in an amount not less than one hundred percent (100%) of the estimated cost of the improvement; provided, however, the applicant may substitute cash money or a certified check in lieu thereof.
The District Engineer shall examine the plans submitted to determine whether or not they are in compliance with the standards and policies of the Montara Sanitary District. Upon approval by the District Engineer, the plans will be submitted to the District Board for its approval, alteration or rejection. After approval of the plans by the District Board, actual construction may be started and all work will be performed under the direct inspection by and in accordance with the standards and policies of the Montara Sanitary District.
Section 39. All costs and expenses incidental to the construction and installation of building sewers, side sewers, building drains and main sewers which are to be constructed by the applicant and will become District property upon acceptance by the District, shall be borne by the applicant. The District will not accept new construction from an applicant until it has been proved completely free of mechanics liens and other claims. The applicant shall indemnify the District from any loss or damage that may directly or indirectly be occasioned by the installation of the building sewer.
Section 40. 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 private sewer is available or can be constructed to the rear building through an adjoining alley, court, yard, or driveway, the building sewer from the front building may be extended to the rear building and the whole considered as one building sewer.
Section 41. Every building sewer shall have a waterproof cleanout located at or near the property line of the premises served by such building sewer. The location and design shall be in accordance with the engineering standards of the District.
The District will maintain the flow of any side sewer between the cleanout and the connection with the public sewer provided the installation of the side sewer and the cleanout conform substantially to the requirements of this ordinance.
Section 42. Old building sewers may be used in connection with new buildings only when they are found on examination and test by the Engineer to meet all requirements of this ordinance.
Section 43. In all buildings in which any building drain is too low to permit gravity flow to the public sewer, sanitary sewage carried by such drain shall be lifted by approved artificial means and discharged to the building sewer.
Section 44. The applicant for a Class I, II or III permit shall notify the District when the sewer is ready for inspection and connection to the public sewer. The final connection shall be made under the supervision of a representative of the District. The applicant for a Class IV permit shall notify the District when he intends to commence construction so that the District may provide an Inspector as it deems necessary during all phases of construction.
Section 45. All excavations for building sewer installation shall be adequately guarded with barricades and lights so as to protect the public from hazard. Streets, sidewalks, parkways and other public property disturbed in the course of the work shall be restored in a manner satisfactory to the District and to any governmental agency having jurisdiction.

Section 46. In the event a property owner desires the District to accept a sewer as a public sewer, the property owner shall supply the District with a copy of the recorded subdivision map or maps showing the location of all lots, public streets, and public utility easements. In lieu of a recorded map of the subdivision, the District may accept at the request of the property owner and at the option of the District, grants of easements for the strip of property in which the sewer lies, together with rights of ingress and egress thereto. Such grants of easement shall be for strips of property not less than ten (10) feet in width.
ARTICLE V Use Of The Public Sewers
Section 47. No person shall discharge or cause to be discharged any storm water, surface water, ground water, roof runoff, swimming pool drainage, subsurface drainage, cooling water or unpolluted industrial process waters to any sanitary sewer.
Section 48. Storm water and all other unpolluted drainage shall be discharged to such sewers as are specifically designed as combined sewers or storm sewers, or to a natural outlet approved by the District. Industrial cooling water or unpolluted process waters may be discharged, upon approval of the District, to a storm sewer, combined sewer or natural outlet.
Section 49. Except as hereinafter provided, no person shall discharge or cause to be discharged any of the following described waters or wastes to any public sewer:
(a) Any liquid or vapor having a temperature higher than 150° F.
(b) Any water or waste which may contain more than 100 parts per million, by weight, of fat, oil, or grease.
(c) Any gasoline, benzene, naphtha, fuel oil, or other flammable or explosive liquid, solid or gas.
(d) Any garbage that has not been properly shredded.
(e) Any ashes, cinders, sand, manure, acetylene generation sludge, straw, savings, metal, glass, rags, leathers, tar, plastics, wood, paunch manure, or any other solid or viscous substance capable of causing obstruction to the flow in sewers or other interference with the proper operation of the sewage works.
(f) Any waters or wastes having a pH lower than 5.5 or higher than 9.0, or having any other corrosive property capable of causing damage or hazard to structures, equipment, and personnel of the sewage works.
(g) Any waters or wastes containing a toxic or poisonous substance in sufficient quantity to injure or interfere with any sewage treatment process; constitute a hazard to humans or animals, or create any hazard in the receiving waters of the sewage treatment plant.
(h) Any waters or wastes containing suspended solids of such character and quantity that unusual attention or expense is required to handle such materials at the sewage treatment plant.
(i) Any noxious or malodorous gas or substance capable of creating a public nuisance.
Section 50. Grease, oil, and sand interceptors shall be provided when, in the opinion of the Engineer, they are necessary for the proper handling of liquid wastes containing grease in excessive amounts, or any flammable wastes, sand, and other harmful ingredients; except that such interceptors shall not be required for private living quarters or dwelling units. All interceptors shall be of a type and capacity approved by the Engineer, and shall be located as to be readily and easily accessible for cleaning and inspection.
Grease and oil interceptors shall be constructed of impervious materials capable of withstanding abrupt and extreme changes in temperature. They shall be of substantial construction, watertight, and equipped with easily removable covers which when bolted in place shall be gas-tight and watertight.
Section 51. When installed, all grease, oil and sand interceptors shall be maintained by the owner, at his expense, in continuously efficient operation at all times.
Section 52. The admission into the public sewers of any waters or wastes having (a) a 5-day Biochemical Oxygen Demand greater than 300 parts per million by weight, or (b) containing more than 350 parts per million by weight of suspended solids, or (c) containing any quantity of substances having the characteristics described in Section 49, or (d) having an average daily flow greater than 2% of the average daily sewage flow of the District, shall be subject to the review and approval of the Engineer. Where necessary in the opinion of the Engineer, the owner shall provide, at his expense, such preliminary treatment as may be necessary to, (a) reduce the Biochemical Oxygen Demand to 300 parts per million and the suspended solids to 350 parts per million by weight, or (b) reduce objectionable characteristics or constituents to within the maximum limits provided for in Section 49, or (c) control the quantities and rates of discharge of such waters or wastes. Plans, specifications, and any other pertinent information relating to proposed preliminary treatment facilities shall be submitted for the approval of the Engineer, and no construction of such facilities shall be commenced until said approval is obtained in writing.
Section 53. Where preliminary treatment facilities are provided for any waters or wastes, they shall be maintained continuously in satisfactory and effective operation, by

Section 54. When required by the Engineer, the owner of any property served by a building sewer carrying industrial wastes shall install a suitable control manhole in the building sewer to facilitate observation, sampling and measurement of the wastes. Such manhole, when required, shall be accessible and safely located, and shall be constructed in accordance with plans approved by the Engineer. The manhole shall be installed by the owner at his expense, and shall be maintained by him so as to be safe and accessible at all times.
Section 55. All measurements, tests, and analysis of the characteristics of waters and wastes to which reference is made in Sections 49 and 52 shall be determined in accordance with "Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Sewage", and shall be determined at the control manhole provided for in Section 54, or upon suitable samples taken at said control manhole. In the event that no special manhole has been required, the control manhole shall be considered to be in the nearest downstream manhole in the public sewer to the point at which the building sewer is connected. The cost of all chemical tests and analysis shall be borne by the applicant.
Section 56. No statement contained in this Article shall be construed as preventing any special agreement or arrangement between the District and any industrial concern whereby an industrial waste of unusual strength or character may be accepted by the District for treatment, subject to payment therefor by the industrial concern.
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Section 57. No unauthorized person shall maliciously, wantonly, or negligently break, damage, destroy, uncover, deface or tamper with any structure, appurtenance, or equipment which is a part of the District Sewage works. Any person violating this provision shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.
ARTICLE VII Powers And Authority Of Inspectors
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I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of Ordinance No. 1 which was introduced on the 3rd day of September, 1958, and regularly adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Montara Sanitary District of San Mateo County, held on the 1st day of October, 1958, by the following vote of the members thereof:

AYES in favor thereof; Directors: Garnet Simms, Elwin J. Watson, Geo. M. Havice, John Sauters and Esther I. Given.
NOES, Directors: None
ABSENT, Directors: None
GARNET SIMMS
President
ESTHER I. GIVEN
Secretary
STATE OF CALIFORNIA
County of San Mateo
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