

Chapter 3.55 FATS, OILS AND GREASE (FOG) CONTROL PROGRAM

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3.55.010 Interceptors required.

All nondomestic users shall be required to install and maintain a grease control device as directed by WCW when the general manager finds that it is necessary for the proper handling of FOG. A grease control device is not required for a building used solely for residential purposes as long as there exists no common food preparation facility in such building. A grease control device shall be installed when the wastewater flow from the building is anticipated to contain FOG in amounts or concentrations, which in the discretion of WCW present the possibility of causing or contributing to the fouling of, the blockage of, or other damage to WCW facilities. [Ord. 2023-003 § 11.010]

3.55.020 Food service establishments.

All food service establishments (FSEs) shall properly install, operate, repair and maintain grease control devices. All FSEs connected to WCW facilities prior to the effective date of the ordinance codified in this section shall upgrade to a properly sized and installed grease control device if after two inspections the WCW general manager determines that the FSE is not complying with the WCW operation, repair and maintenance requirements or if the WCW general manager determines, in the WCW general manager's discretion, that the existing grease control device is or is likely to be ineffective at preventing the discharge of FOG or other harmful constituents into WCW facilities. [Ord. 2023-003 § 11.020]

3.55.030 Administration of FOG control program.

WCW will administer a FOG program which is intended to use grease control devices to prevent FOG from entering WCW facilities. WCW may require any FSE to install a grease control device according to applicable provisions of the WCW code prior to connection to WCW or at any time after connection to WCW if WCW discovers or determines subsequent to the connection that the building, facility, or operation of that user produces a waste with characteristics that would warrant or require installation of a grease control device pursuant to this chapter. The installation of a proper grease control device shall be the responsibility of the parcel owner and the entity which applies for, makes or uses the connection to WCW facilities or for an industrial user permit, and the owner/proprietor of the business or entity whose operations cause or contribute to the necessity for a grease control device. WCW will determine, in its discretion, whether a grease control device is required on a case-by-case basis based on an evaluation of objective criteria including but not limited to factors such as those listed hereunder:

- A. The type of facility (a restaurant, cafe, bar, bakery, cheese factory, catering service, institutional kitchen, etc.).
- B. The volume of the user's business or operation (such as drainage fixture units, menu type, number of servings per day, etc.).
- C. Size and nature of facilities (including kitchen facilities) based on type and size of facility, number and size of fixtures, and type of cooking or processing equipment used.
- D. The type of service provided or operation undertaken (such as dine-in meal service versus carry-out meal service).

ultimately enters the facility's drains and floor traps and/or other such procedures as may be required for the proper operation of the grease control device.

F. No wastewater other than those from kitchen fixtures or food processing equipment shall be discharged into grease control devices. [Ord. 2023-003 § 11.040]

3.55.050 Enforcement.

A. Authorized WCW personnel shall be permitted to enter upon all properties, without prior notification, for the purpose of inspection, observation, measurements, sampling, testing or record review in accordance with this chapter and the WCW code.

B. Failure of any user who is required to maintain a grease control device pursuant to this chapter and/or pursuant to lawful WCW direction shall be subject to each of the enforcement provisions set forth in Chapter 3.45 WCWDC in addition to the enforcement mechanisms in this section. The enforcement provisions of this chapter and code shall also apply to the failure to instruct personnel, and maintain, pump and/or institute a proper FOG reduction program.

C. Any user who fails to comply with requirements of this chapter shall be issued a notice of violation. Follow-up inspection/sampling will be conducted until compliance is met. The FSE may be charged an inspection fee for each inspection and follow-up inspection as necessary to achieve compliance, as outlined in the WCW fee schedule. Continued noncompliance may be cause for further enforcement action pursuant to this title. [Ord. 2023-003 § 11.050]