

**REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES
GREASE TRAP ORDINANCE**

11-9 Grease Discharge Abatement.

11-9.1 Scope and Purpose.

The scope and purpose of this section is to aid in the prevention of sanitary sewer blockages and obstructions from contributions and accumulation of fats, oils, and greases into the sanitary sewer system of the Township of Ocean and The Township of Ocean Sewerage Authority from nonresidential, retail food preparation and service facilities.

11-9.5 Inspections.

a. *Generally.* In consideration for continued use of its sanitary sewer system, the Township of Ocean and/or township sewerage authority shall periodically conduct routine inspections of the grease traps of any retail food establishment during regular township business hours. Additionally, an annual inspection of the operation of the grease trap (internal baffles) by a licensed plumber must be conducted and a report of its condition and functionality should be submitted to the Township of Ocean Construction Official. During such inspections, the township shall have the right to inspect (i) any food preparation areas (ii) any records maintained pursuant to this section (iii) all grease traps which shall be opened upon request, and (iv) all wastewater lines from the establishment to the sanitary sewer system, which may be accomplished by use of a line camera.

b. *Inspection Fees.* Fees for grease trap inspections are as follows:

Routine inspection fee for each grease trap \$81.00

Reinspection fees for each grease trap \$56.00

c. *Blockage.* Whenever the Township of Ocean and/or the township sewerage authority discovers a blockage of the sanitary sewer system caused by grease, the township and/or the township sewerage authority shall have the right to conduct an inspection of any retail food establishment connected to the main in which said blockage is found, without regard to any prior or recent inspection(s) thereof.

d. *Violation Discovered.* If during an inspection, the township and/or the township sewerage authority discovers a violation of this section, the township and/or the township sewerage authority shall notify the owner and/or operator of the retail food establishment of the nature of said violation as soon as reasonably possible and, in its discretion, issue (i) a summons in accordance with the penalty provision set forth herein (ii) a notice to the owner and/or operator for the correction of said violation within seven calendar days thereof. If said violation is not corrected within such time the township and/or the township sewerage authority shall issue a summons in accordance with said penalty provision.

11-9.6 Penalties.

a. *Fine for Noncompliance.* Any retail food establishment that violates any of the provisions of this section is subject to penalties as follows:

Penalty for first offense (each)	\$ 250.00
Penalty for second offense (each)	\$ 500.00
Penalty for third offense (each)	\$1,000.00

Each day during which a violation occurs or persists shall constitute a separate violation as follows:

\$250.00 per day for each violation.

11-9.7 Enforcement.

a. *Generally.* Except as where otherwise provided, the health officer of the township, his/her designated representative(s), including The Township of Ocean Sewerage Authority and/or any persons so designated by the township or the mayor and council of the township shall have the authority to enforce the terms of this section and to perform all duties described herein on behalf of the township.

b. *Related Authorities.* Nothing contained herein shall limit the authority of the superintendent of public works, the health officer and the Township of Ocean Sewerage Authority and others so designated to enter the premises of any retail food establishment at all reasonable hours for the purposes of inspecting any water or sewer connection or service equipment, nor limit the authority of the township to assess penalties for any discharge of grease into the sanitary sewer system in violation of the township's Revised General Ordinances.