

Frequently Asked Questions
Regarding Revisions of the Sewer Use Section of the Municipal Code.

Q. Are there any changes to the Municipal Code that will affect residential home owners?

A. A new requirement is established that requires the testing of sewer laterals after mainline improvement have been completed. Sewer laterals that are in poor condition allow groundwater and surface water to enter into the sanitary sewer system. During the rainy season a significant amount of groundwater and surface water enter the sanitary sewer system which, at times, can exceed the treatment capacity of the wastewater treatment plant. By repairing sewer laterals, if necessary, at the time of property transfer will reduce the amount of groundwater and surface water being treated unnecessarily and will effectively increase the capacity and life of the wastewater treatment plant.

Q. Are there any other changes that affect residential home owners?

A. No

Q. What are the major changes to the current Municipal Code that affect non-residential sewer users?

A. Major changes include:

- Additional of definitions to be consistent with Federal wastewater regulations.
- Update and addition of types of prohibited wastes to be consistent with Federal requirements and to better protect the sensitive operation of the waste water treatment plant.
- Clarification and simplified requirements for facilities that operate grease removal devices (grease traps and gravity grease interceptors).
- Elimination of the permitting requirements for facilities with grease removal devices.
- Establishes the authority to issue wastewater discharge permits to significant industrial users and other users that have a potential to have a negative impact on the wastewater treatment plant.
- Establishes reporting requirements for significant industrial users.
- Establishes the authority to cost recover charges for issuing wastewater discharge permits.
- Establishes additional enforcement authority for violations of the sanitary code.
- Establishes the authority to accept hauled wastewater if specific conditions are met.

Q. What facilities are considered significant industrial users?

- Facilities that generate high volume or high strength industrial wastewater. There are very few in the District.