

FATS, OIL & GREASE (FOG) CONTROL POLICY **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

Q: How much does the Food Service Establishment (FSE) Grease Discharge Permit (GDP) cost?

A: There is no cost associated with submitting a GDP Application form.

Q: When do I need to acquire/ renew a GDP?

A: GDP Applications are due within 30 days of receipt of the form. If sufficient pre-existing data exists, a General GDP may be issued before the Pre-Permit Inspection takes place. Pre-Permit Inspections tailor Individual GDP to each FSE. Renewal Applications are due within 60 days of the current GDP expiration date.

Q: If I have never had a Grease Removal Device (GRD) does a grandfather clause apply?

A: No. Grandfathering does not apply to the City's Sewer Use Ordinance.

Q: How do I know if I need a GRD?

A: By submitting an Application form, the City's Grease Management Program Official (GMPO) will help you in determining if GRD installation or upgrade is necessary.

Q: If a GRD is determined necessary for my FSE, how long do I have to comply?

A: FSE may be given up to a maximum of six months from the initial notification date to come into compliance.

Q: How often does my GRD need to be cleaned? or What if my operation is seasonal?

A: Each FSE shall have its Grease Interceptor(s) pumped at a minimum frequency of once every 30 days. FSE may apply for a variance from the mandatory monthly pumping frequency requirement. If a variance has been acquired, the schedule set forth by the GMPO on the GDP may not exceed 6 months.

Grease Traps, if approved, shall be inspected and maintained by properly trained FSE staff or Registered Grease Haulers (RGH) on a weekly basis until sufficient data logs of the inspections indicate a lower frequency is warranted.

Q: How can I find someone to clean my GRD?

A: There are several RGH that can assist in meeting your grease removal needs. Please visit www.cityofrockhill.com/fog for the RGH list.

Q: Can my RGH submit the required Reports?

A: Yes. RGH are required to submit this data, so it is permissible to delegate this responsibility to your RGH. This does not relieve the FSE of its responsibilities pursuant to the FOG Control Policy regarding records retention; however, in the event reports are not timely submitted or are incomplete, the GMPO will attempt to first contact the RGH and request that the deficiencies be corrected.

Q: What can trigger a re-inspection?

A: If any deficiencies are recorded by the GMPO during an inspection, the GMPO shall provide the FSE a written Notice to Correct the Deficiency within 30 calendar days, and a tentative date for a first re-inspection. There are many deficiencies that may trigger re-inspections:

- Failure to properly maintain the GRD in accordance with the provisions of the GDP and FOG Control Policy.
- Inability of existing GRD to prevent discharge of grease into sewer system as evidence by build-up of grease downstream of the GRD.
- Failure to report changes in operations, or wastewater constituents and characteristics.
- Failure to submit reports of pumping activities in a timely manner or keep copies of manifest forms or receipts.
- Failure to maintain logs, files, records or access for inspection or monitoring activities.
- Failure to obtain or renew the GDP in a timely manner.
- Any other inconsistency with the program that requires correction by the FSE concerned.

Q: Will I be charged for a re-inspection?

A: Penalties for specific and programmatic infractions are addressed in the FOG Control Policy and set forth in the City's Fee Schedule (Appendix A of the City Code). The GMPO shall re-inspect the FSE which received a deficiency notice after the original inspection and charge a re-inspection fee if the deficiency has not been addressed. In the event of continuing non-compliance, successive re-inspections will be scheduled and fees shall be charged to the FSE concerned for all successive re-inspections.

First re-inspection (violation) fee \$250.00

Successive re-inspection (violation) fee \$500.00

Q: What are the differences between the new FOG Control Policy and the old FOG Control Policy?

A: There have been two major changes to the City's FOG Control Policy:

1. A variance procedure has been instituted.
 - The type and size of the GRD may be customized through the variance process.
 - The pumping frequency may be modified based on current and/or historical pumping data.
2. Re-inspection fees due to non-compliance will be issued.

If any questions or issues arise, please contact me at your convenience and I will be happy to meet with you, talk to you on the phone, or email you to discuss the issue. Thank you for remaining proactive in our FOG elimination efforts.

Regards,



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