

# TEHAMA COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 1

## ORDINANCE No. 2119

### **AN ORDINANCE SUPERSEDING ALL PREVIOUS ORDINANCES AND PRESCRIBING REGULATIONS, USER FEES, AND INSTALLATION FEES**

The Board of Directors of the Tehama County Sanitation District No.1 ordains as follows:

#### ARTICLE 1: Purpose and Authority

Pursuant to Health & Safety Code Section 4766, the Tehama County Sanitation District No. 1 may adopt and enforce ordinances and regulations not in conflict with general laws or the administration, operation, and use and maintenance of its facilities and services. Further, Pursuant to Health & Safety Code Section 5471, the Tehama County Sanitation District No. 1 may prescribe, revise and collect, fees, tolls, rates, rentals, or other charges for services and facilities furnished by it.

#### ARTICLE 2: Findings

The Board of Directors of the Tehama County Sanitation District No.1 hereby finds and declares the following:

- A. More than thirteen years have passed since the rates have been revised and the dramatic rate of inflation require that they be increased.
  - B. Language regarding the maintenance of laterals is required to eliminate confusion.
  - C. The current state of the facilities furnished by the District and the commonly accepted use of CCTV inspection technology makes additional language regarding CCTV inspection necessary.
  - D. This ordinance is exempt from environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines sections 15060(c)(2) (the activity will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment) and 15061(b)(3) (there is no possibility the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment). In addition to the foregoing general exemptions, the following categorical exemption applies: section 15308 (actions taken as authorized by local ordinance to assure protection of the environment). There are no unusual circumstances under CEQA Guidline15300.2(c). Each exemption stands as a separate and independent basis for determining this ordinance is not subject to CEQA.
- B. The Board determines that the enforcement of this Ordinance is essential.

ARTICLE 3: Tehama County Sanitation District No.1 Ordinances No.1 through No.15 and Ordinance No. 1911 are hereby superseded and repealed.

ARTICLE 4: An ordinance prescribing regulations, user fees, and installation fees for Tehama County Sanitation District No.1 is hereby enacted and shall read as follows:

### **CHAPTER 1**

## GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

**Section 1.1: DEFINITIONS.** Unless the context specifically indicates otherwise, the meaning of terms used in this ordinance shall be as follows:

"District Board of Directors" - shall mean the Tehama County Board of Supervisors acting on behalf of the District.

"Building sewer" - shall mean the extension from the building to the clean-out at the property line and is maintained by the property owner.

"District" – Tehama County Sanitation District No. 1.

"CCTV Inspection" shall mean the process whereby a video camera is placed into and run through the inside of a building sewer for the purpose of detecting defects, including but not limited to cracks, breaks, offset joints, roots, sags, leaks, and illegal cross-connections. The inspection shall be witnessed and reviewed by an authorized District representative to verify the building sewer complies with the requirements.

"Easement" - shall mean an acquired legal right for the specific use of land owned by others.

"Floatable oil" - is oil, fat, or grease in a physical state such that it will separate by gravity from wastewater by treatment in an approved pretreatment facility. A wastewater shall be considered free of floatable fat if it is properly pretreated, and the wastewater does not interfere with the collection system.

"Garbage" - shall mean the animal and vegetable waste resulting from the handling, preparation, cooking and serving of foods.

"Household Equivalent (HE)" - Term of measurement used to quantify water discharged to the system by each user. One HE equals 200 gallons per day, the amount of water discharged by the design household (single-family residential dwelling).

"Industrial wastes" - shall mean the wastewater from industrial processes, trade, or business as distinct from domestic or sanitary wastes.

"Lateral" - that segment of the sewer service pipe from the main line to the clean out at the property line.

"May" - is permissive (see "Shall").

"Natural outlet" - shall mean any outlet, including storm sewers and combined sewer overflows, into a watercourse, pond, ditch, lake or other body of surface or groundwater.

"Person" - shall mean any individual, firm, company, association, society, corporation, or group.

"PH" - shall mean the logarithm (base 10) of the reciprocal of the hydrogen-ion activity. The concentration is the weight of hydrogen-ions, in grams, per liter of solution. Neutral water, for example, has a pH value of 7 and a hydrogen-ion concentration of  $10^{-7}$  (to the -7 power).

"Properly shredded garbage" - shall mean the wastes from the preparation, cooking, and dispensing of food that have been shredded to such a degree that all particles will be carried freely under the flow conditions normally prevailing in public sewers, with no particle greater than  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch (1.27 centimeters) in any dimension.

"Public sewer" - shall mean a common sewer controlled by a governmental agency or public utility.

"Sanitary sewer" - shall mean a sewer that carried liquid and water-carried wastes from residences, commercial buildings, industrial plants, and institutions together with minor quantities of ground, storm and surface waters that are not admitted intentionally.

"Sewage" - is the spent water of a community. The preferred term is "wastewater".

"Sewer" - shall mean a pipe or conduit that carries wastewater.

"Shall" - is mandatory (see "May").

"Slug" - shall mean any discharge of water or wastewater which in concentration of any given constituent or in quantity of flow exceeds for any period of duration longer than fifteen (15) minutes more than five (5) times the average twenty-four (24) hour concentration or flows during normal operation and shall adversely affect the collection system and/or performance of the wastewater treatment works.

"Storm drain" - shall mean a drain or pipeline for conveying water, groundwater, subsurface water, or unpolluted water from any source.

"Suspended solids" - shall mean total suspended matter that either floats on the surface of, or is in suspension in, water, wastewater, or other liquids, and that is removable by laboratory filtering as prescribed in "Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater" and referred to as nonfilterable residue.

"Unpolluted water" - is water of quality equal to or better than the effluent criteria in effect or water that would not cause violation of receiving water quality standards and would not be benefitted by discharge to the sanitary sewers and wastewater treatment facilities provided.

"Wastewater" - shall mean the spent water of a community. From the standpoint of source, it may be a combination of the liquid and water-carried wastes from residences, commercial buildings, industrial plants, and institutions, together with any groundwater, surface water, and storm water that may be present.

"Wastewater facilities" - shall mean the structures, equipment, and processes required to collect, carry away, and treat domestic and industrial wastes and dispose of the effluent.

"Wastewater treatment works" - shall mean an arrangement of devices and structures for treating wastewater, industrial wastes, and sludge. Sometimes used as synonymous with "waste treatment plant" or "wastewater treatment plant" or "water pollution control plant".

"Watercourse" - shall mean a natural or artificial channel for the passage of water, either continuously or intermittently.

**Section 1.2: GENERAL.** Unless otherwise determined by the Board of Directors, all wastewater disposal services provided by Tehama County Sanitation District No.1 shall be made in accordance with these rules and regulations. Fees and charges noted herein shall be fixed and collected by the District to recover, in whole or in part, the cost of rendering a wastewater disposal service. The revenue obtained thereby is in addition to revenue obtained by the levy of taxes assessed for debt incurred to improve the wastewater facilities. Failure to comply with any provision of this ordinance may result in penalties or liens, as provided herein.

**Section 1.3: BOUNDARIES.** The boundaries of the Tehama County Sanitation District are as follows:

All that real property situated in the County of Tehama, State of California, being a portion of Section 25, Township 29 North, Range 3 East, M.D.M., and more particularly shown on that certain map entitled "Proposed Boundaries of Tehama County Sanitation District No. 1, Assessment District No. 1995-1, Tehama County, California". Said Map was filed August 8, 1995, in Book 1 of Maps of Assessment Districts at Page 46 in the office of the County Recorder of the County of Tehama, State of California.

**Section 1.4: APPLICATION FOR SERVICE.** Application for a building sewer connection permit and wastewater disposal service shall be made in writing on a form available at the District Office. The application shall include required application fees. No applicant will be denied service on the grounds of race, color, national origin, or sex.

**Section 1.5: TENANTS.** Upon the written request of the property owner, bills may be addressed to tenants for payment. The property owner remains responsible for payment of the bill.

**Section 1.6: DAMAGE TO DISTRICT - OWNED EQUIPMENT.** The cost to repair any damage occurring to pipes or other District equipment or property caused by a tenant or property owner, shall be charged to the property owner and is due and payable upon presentation by the District to the property owner or tenant of a bill therefor.

**Section 1.7: EXTENSION OF SERVICE.** Extensions of service to individuals, subdivisions, groups, or a community of users, shall be constructed at the sole expense of the person or entity applying for the extension, and shall meet or exceed minimum standards of design and construction of facilities, as outlined in the Tehama County Land Division Standards, and as required by the District Board of Directors. Plans and specifications shall be submitted to and approved by the District before any construction commences. Construction shall be done by a licensed contractor and construction shall

be inspected and approved by the District. Upon completion of the installation, appropriate easements or rights of way shall be conveyed to the District. An agreement shall be executed by the applicant, guaranteeing to the District all the construction for a period of one (1) year after the construction is accepted by the District, against defective design, defective material, and faulty workmanship. The agreement shall require a bond in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the estimated construction cost of the work done. The bond requirement may be waived by the District for minor extensions as defined by the District.

**Section 1.8 MERGING OF PROPERTY.** Merging of a property that has gone through the County Planning Department and County Surveyor shall be submitted to the District. Should the merging of properties with multiple dwellings occur, the District shall re-assess the HE of the newly merged property. If any dwelling with a sewer lateral is removed from a merged property, the associated sewer lateral must also be removed to prevent water infiltration to the sewer system. Proof of the sewer lateral removal and watertight capping at the main must be submitted to the District in order to have HE assessed for new sewer rates. Should the extra lateral stay in place, fees will continue as if that lateral is in service. Regardless of dwellings or structures on a property, if there is a sewer lateral connected to the main and can contribute to the system, a sewer fee will be assessed to the property owner.

**Section 1.9 SUBDIVIDING OF A PROPERTY.** Separate sewer connections are required for each separate building whether or not such building is on the same or a different lot or parcel of land. Exceptions may be made by the District where several single family, multi-family, commercial, or industrial units are constructed within several buildings on the same parcel of land, where the District determines that such land can be adequately served by a single private sewer main. If the land is later divided, then separate laterals shall be provided for each building or several buildings on each separate parcel of land or for each air space unit unless the private sewer main has been legally made the responsibility of the property or unit owner(s). Such property owner or owners' association will be responsible for construction, reconstruction, maintenance and repair, of the private sewer main. Such private sewer main shall be connected to the sewer main at a single location, and a manhole or clean out shall be provided on the private main at or near the point of connection with the sewer system, normally near the property line. All such private sewer mains and all such laterals thereto shall be installed at the expense of the property owner or developer. The property owner will be responsible for construction, reconstruction, maintenance, and repair. For private sewer mains, the property owner or owners' association shall apply for, and be responsible for, a single billing for the service. Where such connections preexist these regulations, they must be permitted until the sale of the parcel, at which time a separate lateral sewer shall be provided for the sold parcel.

## **CHAPTER 2**

### **USER FEES AND CHARGES**

Section 2.1: FEE SCHEDULE. Pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 5471, annual fees and charges shall be collected from users inside and outside of the District for services and facilities furnished by the District. Service charges shall be as shown on the following Service Charge Schedule.

## Service Charge Schedule

TYPE OF USES	HOUSEHOLD EQUIVALENT (HE)	CURRENT ANNUAL CHARGES	2022-2023 ANNUAL CHARGE	2023-2024 ANNUAL CHARGE	2024-2025 ANNUAL CHARGE	2025-2026 ANNUAL CHARGE	2026-2027 ANNUAL CHARGE
<b>Single Family Dwelling (including Trailers)</b>	1.0	\$516.00	\$774.00	\$866.88	\$936.24	\$973.68	\$993.12
<b>Motels, Lodging, Each Room:</b>							
*Toilet with sink	0.3	\$154.80	\$232.20	\$260.06	\$280.87	\$292.10	\$297.94
*Bath/Shower	0.1	\$51.60	\$77.40	\$86.69	\$93.62	\$97.37	\$99.31
<b>Service Stations, Garages:</b>							
*Each Public toilet with sink	0.4	\$206.40	\$309.60	\$346.75	\$374.50	\$389.47	\$397.25
*Each wash rack	0.2	\$103.20	\$154.80	\$173.38	\$187.25	\$194.74	\$198.62
*Each additional sink	0.3	\$154.80	\$232.20	\$260.06	\$280.87	\$292.10	\$297.94
<b>. RV-Trailer Parks:</b>							
*Each site with sewer hookup	0.4	\$206.40	\$309.60	\$346.75	\$374.50	\$389.47	\$397.25
*Bathhouse:							
-each toilet with sink	0.3	\$154.80	\$232.20	\$260.06	\$280.87	\$292.10	\$297.94
-each bath/shower	0.2	\$103.20	\$154.80	\$173.38	\$187.25	\$194.74	\$198.62
*Laundry	1.0	\$516.00	\$774.00	\$866.88	\$936.24	\$973.68	\$993.12
*Sanitary Dump Station	1.3	\$670.80	\$1,006.20	\$1,126.94	\$1,217.11	\$1,265.78	\$1,291.06
<b>Tavern, Restaurant:</b>							
*Each toilet with sink	0.4	\$206.40	\$309.60	\$346.75	\$374.50	\$389.47	\$397.25
*Each private toilet with sink	1.0	\$516.00	\$774.00	\$866.88	\$936.24	\$973.68	\$993.12
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<b>Stores and Shops:</b>							
*Each public toilet with sink	0.4	\$206.40	\$309.60	\$346.75	\$374.50	\$389.47	\$397.25
*Each private toilet with sink	0.3	\$154.80	\$232.20	\$260.06	\$280.87	\$292.10	\$297.94
*Each additional sink	0.3	\$154.80	\$232.20	\$260.06	\$280.87	\$292.10	\$297.94
Schools, Each toilet (includes sink)	1.0	\$516.00	\$774.00	\$866.88	\$936.24	\$973.68	\$993.12
<b>Out of District Users:</b>							
*Battle Creek Campground (USFS)	4.5	\$2,322.00	\$3,483.00	\$3,900.96	\$4,213.08	\$4,381.56	\$4,469.04
*Lassen Volcanic National Park (RV Sites)	4.0	\$2,064.00	\$3,096.00	\$3,467.52	\$3,744.96	\$3,894.72	\$3,972.48
*CalTrans Maintenance Station	4.0	\$2,064.00	\$3,096.00	\$3,467.52	\$3,744.96	\$3,894.72	\$3,972.48
*Church Camp (Assemblies of God)	10.2	\$5,263.20	\$7,894.80	\$8,842.18	\$9,549.65	\$9,931.54	\$10,129.82
*Lassen Volcanic National Park	32.5	\$16,770.00	\$25,155.00	\$28,173.60	\$30,427.80	\$31,644.60	\$32,276.40
<b>MONTHLY CHARGES</b>		\$43.00	\$64.50	\$72.24	\$78.02	\$81.14	\$82.76
<b>PERCENT INCREASE</b>		N/A	50.00%	12.00%	8.00%	4.00%	2.00%

**Section 2:2: BILLING.** All service charges for wastewater disposal services shall be based upon HE and shall be collected in advance, per Government Code Section 54347, not less than twice a year, by the District or its authorized representative on the bills provided therefore, along with any other applicable fees or penalties.

Bills are due and payable within ninety (90) days after the billing date. An initial penalty of fifty dollars (\$50.00) plus twenty-four percent (24%) per annum may be charged if the bill is not paid within the due date. Unpaid fees for wastewater disposal service will be collected in accordance with the provisions of Government Code Section 25210.77f except that where reference is made to the Board of Supervisors it shall mean the Board of Directors of Tehama County Sanitation District No.1.

**Section 2.2.1: WAIVER OF USER FEES.** Any request by users to waive the annual fee or portion thereof will be considered by the District Board of Directors on a case-by-case basis.

**Section 2.3: CONNECTION FEE.** Pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 5474, the original building sewer connection permit and inspection for any type of facility shall have a fee of Two Hundred Sixty Five Dollars (\$265.00) and includes one inspection. Such fee shall be collected prior to establishing a hookup with the District System. The fee is used to cover the inspection of the connection and other administrative expenses in setting up the new account. Additional inspections will be at actual cost. The permit shall be valid for two years from date of issuance. Installation permits will be issued to only one (1) party for one (1) property on which a building permit or mobile home permit has been applied for with the Tehama County Building Department.

No person shall construct a sewer, or a lateral sewer, or make any connection with the sewer system without first obtaining a sewer connection permit from the District and paying the sewer connection fee and all other fees and charges required by resolution of the Board of Directors, and otherwise complying with all requirements under any regulations adopted under this section by the Board of Directors.

Sewer service shall not be provided to a building, and no sewer connection permit shall be issued, unless the District finds that all of the following are satisfied:

1. The applicant's real property to be served is located in the sewer boundaries.
2. The applicant has paid in full the applicable connection charge and any other applicable deposits, fees, and/or charges.
3. The applicant's real property to be served abuts an existing sewer main, or the applicant has entered into a sewer main line extension agreement with the District.
4. The District possesses adequate wastewater treatment capacity to serve the new development.
5. The applicant has complied with all other applicable provisions of this and other county ordinances resolutions and policies.

6. The County shall not issue any building permit for a building requiring sewer service until after, or concurrently with, the issuance of a sewer connection permit for that building.
7. The applicant's signature on an application for a sewer connection permit shall constitute an agreement to comply with such permit and all of the provisions, terms and requirements of this chapter and other ordinances, rules and regulations of the county, and with the plans and specifications approved by the county, if any, together with such corrections or modifications as may be made or permitted by the county if any. Such agreement shall be binding upon the applicant and may be altered only by the District upon the written request for the alteration from the applicant
8. The connection of the building sewer into the public sewer shall be made at the lateral or "T" branch, if such lateral "T" branch is available at a suitable location. Where no properly located "T" branch is available, a neat hole may be cut into the public sewer to receive the building or lateral sewer, with entry in the downstream direction at an angle of forty-five degrees. A wye saddle shall be used for the connection and in no case shall the pipe protrude inside the main sewer. A smooth, neat joint shall be made, and the connection made secure and watertight, including by encasement in concrete, if so determined by the District. The connection to the public sewer shall be made in the presence of the District and under his supervision and direction. Any cutting of sewer mains shall be done only by a licensed plumber, cost borne by applicant. Any damage to the sewer system shall be repaired at the cost of the applicant to the satisfaction of the District. All excavations for a lateral sewer installation shall be adequately guarded with barricades or lights so as to protect the public from hazard. Streets, sidewalks, parkways and other property damaged in the course of the work shall be restored in a manner satisfactory to the District.
9. Old lateral sewers may be used in connection with new buildings only when they are found, upon examination and test by the District, to meet all requirements of this chapter and the standard specifications

**Section 2.4: EXCESS FLOW FEES.** Any User who causes or allows discharges in excess of normal flows, as determined by the District, typical for the type of use served shall bear the costs for such excess flows. The costs for such excess flow shall be based on the number of HE and the User shall pay the current established HE rate per year per HE in addition to the user fee described in the Service Charge Schedule.

Lateral cleanouts provide the District the opportunity to check for excessive flow into the collection system. Infiltration leakage of 500 gallons per day (GPD), per inch in building sewer diameter, per mile of building sewer will be allowed. Infiltration leakage above these limits is considered excessive and users shall be penalized with a higher user fee. Therefore, based on leakage tests performed in conformance with District Standards, the user fee shall be increased at the rate of one HE For up to 200 GPD, two HE for up to

400 GPD, and so on, of building sewer infiltration leakage in excess of the allowed limits, with a maximum user fee of five times the normal rate based on the number of HE connected. The excess flow fees shall apply for one full year. At the end of one year, and upon correction of the excessive flow, the District will, if appropriate, adjust the rate back to the regular fee. If no corrections are made the higher user fee will continue for an additional year.

Lateral sewers shall be maintained by the owner of the property served, from the building being served up to the front property line, provided a cleanout accessible to maintenance forces is available. If a cleanout is not available, the owner shall maintain the lateral to its connection to the public main. All lateral sewers shall be tested by means approved by the District, in the presence of a District representative. All lines showing excessive leakage shall be repaired or replaced at the expense of the property owner and shall be done at the direction and to the satisfaction of the District.

**Section 2.5: ASSESSMENT No. 1984-1.** Upon application for connection, multiple lots that received one assessment from the Central Mineral Project Assessment District No. 1984-1 shall pay, in cash, an amount equal to the additional assessment which was not previously imposed as a special connection charge for each additional lateral connection.

**Section 2.6: ASSESSMENT No. 1995-1.** Upon application for connection, multiple lots that received one assessment from the Mineral Sewer Improvement Project Assessment District No. 1995-1 shall pay, in cash, an amount equal to the additional assessment, which was not previously imposed, as a special connection charge for each additional lateral connection.

**Section 2.7: OUT OF DISTRICT FEES.** New connections or increased HE made by out of District users will be considered by the District Board of Directors on a case-by-case basis and all out of district usage will be reviewed periodically. The annual service charge will be based on HE in the same manner as District residents. If the District experiences capacity problems, new out of district users or increased HE of current out of district users may be prohibited. Additional capacity charges may be assessed to these users.

### CHAPTER 3

#### CCTV INSPECTIONS, PROCEDURES, AND REQUIREMENTS

**SECTION 3.1: BUILDING CCTV INSPECTION TRIGGERS.** Except as provided in subsection (b) of this Section, all building sewers for existing buildings including but not limited to those serving residential, multiple residential, commercial, and industrial properties that are connected to the public sewer shall pass a CCTV inspection as reviewed by an authorized District inspector, and at the property owner's expense when any of the following events occur:

(Subsection a) Inspection trigger events:

1. To properties prior to the close of escrow of the sale or, if there is no escrow, prior to recording the deed or the document transferring the title.
2. When obtaining a building permit for construction or remodel valued over \$60,000.
3. When the District finds that unpermitted building sewer work has been completed at county sewer main connection.
4. When the District finds that the building sewer is a public nuisance.

(Subsection b) Exceptions. This section shall not apply:

1. To properties showing that the building was originally constructed 10 years or less before the anticipated date of sale.
2. To properties with a sewer repair permit approved by the District documenting that the building sewer was replaced in full within 10 years of the triggering event provided in subsection (a) of this Section before the anticipated date of sale.
3. To properties with CCTV inspection that was submitted to the county and shown that no defects, cracks, roots, or any infiltration is occurring within 5 years of the original date of the inspection.
4. To properties undergoing transfer to a bank due to foreclosure.

**SECTION 3.2: CCTV INSPECTION PROCEDURES AND REQUIREMENTS.** The following procedures shall be followed and requirements met:

1. All building sewers shall be inspected by the District unless the property owner presents satisfactory proof to the District that the property has had valid CCTV inspection completed within 5 years of original date.
2. The property owner shall submit a video recording of the building sewer inspection to the District for review. At the beginning of such video, the qualified contractor shall state the address of the property and take a photograph of the home that the property owner shall submit to the District with the video.
3. The District will maintain written procedures for CCTV inspections. The procedures shall be made available upon request

**SECTION 3.3: VALID CCTV SEWER INSPECTION REQUIREMENT.** CCTV inspections must verify the following:

1. The building sewer is free of roots, grease deposits, and other solids which may impede or obstruct the transmission of sewage.
2. There are no improper or illegal connections to the building sewer such as sump pumps, down spouts, or area drainage facilities.
3. All joints in the building sewer are tight and sound to prevent the exfiltration of sewage and the infiltration of groundwater, storm water, and/or rainwater

4. The building sewer is free of structural defects, cracks, breaks, or missing portions and the grade is reasonably uniform without major sags or offsets.

Upon completion of repairs to the building sewer, the current property owner shall have another CCTV inspection conducted to verify the conditions set forth in this Section or other test parameters may be conducted for partial or full building sewer replacement.

All costs for inspections, tests, and repair or replacement of the building sewer shall be the responsibility of the building or property owner, including all additional permits prior to commencement of construction.

All work shall be done to the satisfaction of authorized District staff, in accordance with all state laws and all District ordinances, standard drawings, standard specifications, and regulations.

## **CHAPTER 4**

### **DISTRICT SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS**

**Section 4.1: INDIVIDUAL SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS.** The District collection System and Treatment Works are the only approved sewage disposal systems. Septic Tanks and Leach Fields are not allowed to exist within the District Boundaries. 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 wastewater within the District boundaries. All land uses that generate sewage shall connect to the Tehama County Sanitation District No.1 Sewerage System, and all septic tank and leach field systems shall be properly abandoned.

## **CHAPTER 5**

### **WASTEWATER SEWAGE DISPOSAL SERVICE**

**Section 5.1: MANDATORY USE OF PUBLIC SEWERS.**

a. It shall be unlawful for any person to place, deposit, or permit to be deposited in any insanitary manner on public or private property within the District or in any area under the jurisdiction of the District, any human or animal excrement, garbage, or objectionable waste.

b. It shall be unlawful to discharge to any natural outlet within the District which provides sewage disposal services or in any area under the jurisdiction of said District, any wastewater, or other polluted waters.

c. The owner(s) of all houses, buildings, or properties used for human occupancy, employment, recreation, or other purposes situated within the District which provides sewage disposal services 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 sewer of the District, is

hereby required at the owner's expense to connect such buildings directly to the proper public sewer in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance, within ninety (90) days after the date of official notice to do so. The District may authorize an extension of this deadline where justified.

d. No statement contained in this article shall be construed to interfere with any additional requirements that may be imposed by the health officer.

#### **Section 5.2: BUILDING SEWERS AND CONNECTIONS.**

a. No unauthorized person(s) shall uncover, make any connections with or opening into, use, alter, or disturb any public sewer or appurtenance thereof in the District without first obtaining a written permit from the District.

b. To obtain a building sewer connection permit, the owner(s) or owner's agent shall make application on a special form furnished by the District. The permit application shall be supplemented by any plans, specifications, or other information considered pertinent in the judgment of the District. A connection fee, as set by Section 2.3, for building sewer connection permit shall be paid to the District at the time the application is filed.

c. All costs and expenses incidental to the installation and connection of the building sewer shall be borne by the owner(s). The owner(s) shall indemnify the District from any loss or damage that may directly or indirectly be occasioned by the installation of the building sewer.

d. A separate and independent building sewer shall be provided for every facility to be served; except where otherwise permitted by the District.

e. Old building sewers may be used in connection with new buildings only when they are found, on examination and test by the District, to meet all requirements of this Ordinance.

f. The size, slope, alignment, materials of construction of a building sewer, and the methods to be used in excavating, placing of the pipe, jointing, testing, and backfilling the trench, shall all conform to the requirements of the Building and Plumbing Code or other applicable rules and regulations of the District and the County. In the absence of code provisions or in amplification thereof, the materials and procedures set forth in appropriate specifications of the ASTM and WPCF Manual of Practice #9, shall apply.

g. Whenever possible, the building sewer shall be brought to the building at an elevation below the basement floor. In all buildings in which any building drain is too low to permit gravity flow to the public sewer, sanitary sewage carried by such building drain shall be lifted by an approved means and discharged to the building sewer.

h. No person(s) shall make connection of roof downspouts, foundation drains, areaway drains, or other sources of surface runoff or groundwater to a building sewer which in turn is connected directly or indirectly to a public sanitary sewer unless such connection is approved by the District for purposes of disposal of polluted surface drainage.

i. The connection of the building sewer into the public sewer shall conform to the requirements of the Building and Plumbing Code or other applicable rules and regulations of the District and the County. All such connections shall be made gastight and watertight and verified by proper testing. Any deviation from the prescribed procedures and materials must be approved by the District before installation.

j. The applicant for the building sewer connection permit shall notify the District when the building sewer is ready for inspection and connection to the public sewer. The connection and testing shall be made under the supervision of the District or their representative. The building sewer shall be inspected prior to backfilling.

k. All excavations for building sewer installation shall be adequately guarded with reflective barricades 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.

### **Section 5.3: LIMITATION ON USE OF THE PUBLIC SEWERS.**

a. No person(s) shall discharge or cause to be discharged any of the following described waters or wastes to any sewers provided by the District:

1. Any gasoline, benzene, naphtha, fuel oil or other flammable or explosive liquid, solid or gas.
2. Any waters containing toxic or poisonous solids, liquids, or gasses in sufficient quantity, either single or by interaction with other wastes, to injure or interfere with any waste treatment process, constitute a hazard to humans or animals, create a public nuisance, or create any hazard in the receiving waters of the wastewater treatment plant.
3. Any waters or wastes having a pH lower than (5.5) or having any other corrosive property capable of causing damage or hazard to structures, equipment, and personnel of the wastewater works.
4. Solid or viscous substances in quantities or of such size capable of causing obstruction to the flow in sewers, or other interference with the proper operation of the wastewater facilities such as, but not limited to, ashes, bones, cinders, sand, mud, straw, shavings, metal, glass, rags, feathers, tar, plastics, wood, unground garbage, whole blood, paunch manure, hair, fleshings, entrails, paper dishes, cups, milk containers, etc., either whole or ground by garbage grinders.

b. The following described substances, materials, waters, or waste shall be limited in discharges to sanitary sewer systems to concentrations or quantities which will not harm either the sewers, wastewater treatment process or equipment, will not have an adverse effect on the receiving stream, or will not otherwise endanger lives, limb, public property, or constitute a nuisance. The District may set limitations lower than the limitations established in the regulations below if in their opinion such more severe limitations are

necessary to meet the above objectives. In forming their opinion as to the acceptability, the District will give consideration to such factors as the quantity of subject waste in relation to flows and velocities in the sewers, materials of construction of the sewers, the wastewater treatment process employed, capacity of the wastewater treatment plant, degree of treatability of the waste in the wastewater treatment plant, and other pertinent factors. The limitations or restrictions on materials or characteristics of waste or wastewaters discharged to the sanitary sewer which shall not be violated without approval of the District are as follows:

- 1 Wastewater having a temperature higher than 150 degrees Fahrenheit (65 degrees Celsius).
- 2 Wastewater containing more than 25 milligrams per liter of petroleum oil, non-biodegradable cutting oils, or product of mineral oil origin.
- 3 Any garbage that has not been properly shredded. Garbage grinders maybe connected to sanitary sewers from homes, motels, restaurants, catering establishments, or similar places where garbage originates from the preparation of food in kitchens for the purpose of consumption on the premises or when served by caterers.
- 4 Any waters or wastes containing iron, chromium, copper, zinc, and similar objectionable or toxic substances to such degree that any such material received in the composite wastewater at the wastewater treatment works exceeds the limits established by the District for such materials.
- 5 Any waters or wastes containing odor-producing substances exceeding limits which may be established by the District.
- 6 Any radioactive wastes or isotopes of such half-life or concentration as may exceed limits established by the District in compliance with applicable state or federal regulations.
- 7 Quantities of flow, concentrations, or both which constitute a "slug" as defined herein.
- 8 Waters or wastes containing substances which are not amenable to treatment or reduction by the wastewater treatment processes employed or are amenable to treatment only to such degree that the wastewater treatment plan effluent cannot meet the requirements of other agencies having jurisdiction over such discharge.
- 9 Any water or wastes which, by interaction with other waters or wastes in the public sewer system, releases toxic gases, form suspended solids which interfere with the collection system, or create a condition deleterious to structures and treatment processes.

c. If any waters or wastes are discharged or are proposed to be discharged to the public sewers in the District, which waters contain the substances or possess the

characteristics enumerated in Section 4.3, and which in the judgment of the District, may have a deleterious effect upon the wastewater facilities, processes, equipment, or receiving waters, or which otherwise create a hazard to life or constitute a public nuisance, the District may:

1. Reject the wastes,
2. Require pretreatment to an acceptable condition for discharge to the public sewers,
3. Require control over the quantities and rates of discharge, and/or
4. Require payment to cover added costs of handling and treating the wastes not covered by existing sewer charges.

When considering the above alternatives, the District shall give consideration to the economic impact of each alternative on the discharger. If the District permits the pretreatment or equalization of waste flows, the design and installation of the plants and equipment shall be subject to the review and approval of the District.

d. Grease, oil, and sand interceptors shall be provided when, in the opinion of the District, they are necessary for the proper handling of liquid wastes containing floatable grease in excessive amounts, or any flammable wastes, sand, or 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 District and shall be located so as to be readily and easily accessible for cleaning and inspection. In the maintaining of these interceptors the owner(s) shall be responsible for the proper removal and disposal by appropriate means of the captured material and shall maintain records of the dates and means of disposal for review by the District. Any removal and hauling of the collected materials not performed by owner(s) personnel, must be performed by currently licensed waste disposal firms.

e. Where pretreatment or flow-equalizing facilities are provided or required for any waters or wastes, they shall be maintained continuously in satisfactory and effective operation by the owner(s) at his expense.

f. The District may require a user of sewer services to provide information needed to determine compliance with this Ordinance. These requirements may include:

1. Wastewaters discharge peak rate and volume over a specified time period.
2. Chemical analyses of wastewaters.
3. Information on raw materials, processes, and products affecting wastewater volume and quality.
4. Quantity and disposition of specific liquid, sludge, oil, solvent, or other materials important to sewer use control.

5. A plot plan of sewers on the user's property showing sewer and pretreatment facility location.
6. Details of wastewater pretreatment facilities.
7. Details of systems to prevent and control the losses of materials through spills to the District's sewer.

g. All measurements, tests and analyses of the characteristics of waters and wastes to which reference is made in this Ordinance shall be determined in accordance with the latest edition of "Standard Methods of the Examination of Water and Wastewater", published by the American Public Health Association. Sampling methods, location, times, durations, and frequencies are to be determined on an individual basis subject to approval by the District.

**Section 5.4: DAMAGE TO WASTEWATER FACILITIES.** No person(s) shall maliciously, willfully, or negligently break, damage, destroy, uncover, deface or tamper with any structure, appurtenance or equipment which is a part of the wastewater facilities. Any person(s) violating this provision shall be subject to immediate arrest under charge of disorderly conduct.

**Section 5.5: POWERS AND AUTHORITY OF INSPECTORS.**

a. Upon prior notification to the occupant the District's duly authorized representatives shall be permitted to enter all properties for the purposes of inspection, observation, measurement, sampling and testing pertinent to discharge to the District sewer system in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance.

b. While performing the necessary work on private properties referred to in Subsection a, above, the District's duly authorized representatives shall observe all safety rules applicable to the premises established by the owner, and the owner shall be held harmless for injury or death to the District's employees or County employees, and the District shall indemnify the owner against loss or damage to its property by District's employees or County employees and against liability claims and demands for personal injury or property damage asserted against the owner and growing out of the gauging and sampling operation, except as such may be caused by negligence or failure of the owner to maintain safe conditions.

c. The District's duly authorized representatives shall be permitted to enter all private properties through which the District holds a duly negotiated easement for the purpose of, but not limited to, inspection, observation, measurement, sampling, repair, and maintenance of any portion of the wastewater facilities lying within said easement. All entry and subsequent work, if any, on said easement, shall be done in full accordance with the terms of the duly negotiated easement pertaining to the private property involved.

**Section 5.6: PENALTIES.**

a. Any person found to be violating any provision of this Ordinance shall be served by the District with written notice stating the nature of the violation and providing a

reasonable time limit for the satisfactory correction thereof. The offender shall, within the period of time stated in such notice, permanently cease all violations.

b. Any person who shall continue any violation beyond the time limit provided for in this Ordinance, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof shall be fined in the amount not exceeding Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars for each violation. Each day in which any such violation shall continue shall be deemed a separate offense.

c. Any person violating any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall become liable to the District for any expense, loss, or damage incurred by the District by reason of such violation.

**Section 5.7: VALIDITY.**

If any provision, clause, sentence, or paragraph of this ordinance, or any application thereof to any person or circumstance, is held to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid for any reason, such invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision, clause, sentence, paragraph, or application. To this end, the provisions, clauses, sentences, and paragraphs of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. The Board of Directors hereby declare that they would have passed this ordinance, and each provision, clause, sentence, or paragraph thereof, irrespective of the fact that one or more provision, clause, sentence, or paragraph be declared invalid or unconstitutional.


ARTICLE 5: This ordinance shall become operative on and after May 26, 2022 or 30 days after adoption, whichever is later. The Clerk shall cause this to be published as required by law..

The above and foregoing ordinance was duly passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Tehama County Sanitation District No. 1, State of California, at their meeting of APRIL 26, 2022, by the following vote:

AYES: MOULE, LEACH, GARTON, WILLIAMS.

NOES: NONE.

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: CARLSON.

  
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Vice- Chairperson of the Board of Directors  
Tehama County Sanitation District No. 1

STATE OF CALIFORNIA    )  
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COUNTY OF TEHAMA    )

I, JENNIFER A. VISE, County Clerk and ex-officio Clerk of the Board of Directors of the Tehama County Sanitation District, State of California, hereby certify the above and foregoing to be a full, true and correct copy of an ordinance adopted by said Board of Directors on the 26 day of APRIL, 2022.

Dated: This 28 day of APRIL, 2022.

JENNIFER A. VISE, County Clerk and ex-officio  
Clerk of the Board of Directors of the Tehama County  
Sanitation District No. 1, State of California

By Rachael Walby  
Deputy