

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-2

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WELLS, CHEROKEE COUNTY, TEXAS SETS FORTH UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS FOR USERS OF THE PUBLICLY OWNED TREATMENT WORKS FOR THE CITY OF WELLS AND ENABLES THE CITY OF WELLS TO COMPLY WITH ALL APPLICABLE STATE AND FEDERAL LAWS INCLUDING THE CLEAN WATER ACT (33 UNITED STATES CODE U.S.C] SECTION 1251 ET SEQ.) AND THE GENERAL PRETREATMENT REGULATIONS (TITLE 40 OF THE CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS [CFR] PART 403). PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING A PENALTY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

SECTION 1—THE OBJECTIVES OF THIS ORDINANCE ARE:

To prevent the introduction of a pollutant into the Publicly Owned Treatment Works that will interfere with its operation;

To prevent the introduction of pollutants into the Publicly Owned Treatment Works that will pass through the Publicly Owned Treatment Works, inadequately treated, into receiving waters, or otherwise be incompatible with the Publicly Owned Treatment Works;

To protect both Publicly Owned Treatment Works personnel who may be affected by wastewater and sludge in the course of their employment and the general public;

To enable City of Wells to comply with its National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit conditions, sludge use and disposal requirements, and any other Federal or State laws to which the Publicly Owned Treatment Works are subject.

SECTION 2—GENERAL SEWER USE REQUIREMENTS

Prohibited Discharge Standards

- A. General Prohibitions. No User shall introduce or cause to be introduced into the POTW any pollutant or wastewater which causes Pass Through or Interference. These general prohibitions apply to all Users of the POTW whether or not they are subject to categorical Pretreatment Standards or any other National, State, or local Pretreatment Standards or Requirements.
- B. Specific Prohibitions. No User shall introduce or cause to be introduced into the POTW the following pollutants, substances, or wastewater;
 - (1) Pollutants which create a fire or explosive hazard in the POTW, including, but not limited to, waste streams with a closed cup flashpoint of fewer than 140 degrees F (60 degrees C) using the test methods specified in 40 CFR 261.21;
 - (2) Wastewater having a pH less than 5.0 [or more than 10.0, or otherwise causing corrosive structural damage to the POTW or equipment;
 - (3) Solid or viscous substances in amounts which will cause obstruction of the flow in the POTW resulting in Interference, but in no case solids greater than three inches 3” or eight centimeters 8 cm in any dimension;

- (4) Pollutants, including oxygen-demanding pollutants (BOD, etc.), released in a discharge at a flow rate and/or pollutant concentration which, either singly or by interaction with other pollutants, will cause Interference with the POTW;
- (5) Wastewater having a temperature greater than 180 degrees F (80 degrees C), or which will inhibit biological activity in the treatment plant resulting in Interference, but in no case wastewater which causes the temperature at the introduction into the treatment plant to exceed 104 degrees F (40 degrees C);
- (6) Petroleum oil, nonbiodegradable cutting oil, or products of mineral oil origin, in amounts that will cause Interference or Pass Through;
- (7) Pollutants which result in the presence of toxic gases, vapors, or fumes within the POTW in a quantity that may cause acute worker health and safety problems;
- (8) Trucked or hauled pollutants, except at discharge points designated by the water operator for the City of Wells in accordance with Section 3.4 of this ordinance;
- (9) Noxious or malodorous liquids, gases, solids, or other wastewater which, either singly or by interaction with other wastes, are sufficient to create a public nuisance or a hazard to life, or to prevent entry into the sewers for maintenance or repair;
- (10) Wastewater which imparts color which cannot be removed by the treatment process, such as, but not limited to, dye wastes and vegetable tanning solutions, which consequently imparts color to the treatment plant's effluent, thereby violating the City of Wells' NPDES permit;
- (11) Wastewater containing any radioactive wastes or isotopes except in compliance with applicable State or Federal regulations;
- (12) Storm Water, surface water, ground water, artesian well water, roof runoff, subsurface drainage, swimming pool drainage, condensate, deionized water, Noncontact Cooling Water, and unpolluted wastewater, unless specifically authorized by the Operator for the City of Wells;
- (13) Sludges, screenings, or other residues from the pretreatment of industrial wastes;
- (14) Medical Wastes, except as specifically authorized by the Operator for the City of Wells in an individual wastewater discharge permit;
- (15) Wastewater causing, alone or in conjunction with other sources, the treatment plant's effluent to fail toxicity test;
- (16) Detergents, surface-active agents, or other substances which that might cause excessive foaming in the POTW;
- (17) Fats, oils, or greases of animal or vegetable origin in concentrations greater than one hundred (100) mg/l;
- (18) Wastewater causing two readings on an explosion hazard meter at the point of discharge into the POTW, or at any point in the POTW, of more than twenty-five percent (25%) or any single reading over seventy-five percent (75%) of the Lower Explosive Limit of the meter.


Pollutants, substances, or wastewater prohibited by this Section shall not be processed or stored in such a manner that they could be discharged to the POTW.

SECTION 3— PENALTY:

Any person violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be punished by a fine not to exceed \$500.00 for each offense and each violation shall be deemed a separate offense. Since this ordinance has a penalty for violation, it shall become effective upon its publication.


This Ordinance will take effect immediately from and after its passage and the publication of the caption, as the law in such cases provides.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 11TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2019



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Secretary