

We propose to change the City Code of Ordinances Chapter 3 Sec. 3.06.035, Chapter 13, article 13.03 of this code and Chapter 3 Article IX. of The Construction Standards Manual to reflect the new nomenclature and design of Grease Traps as shown in the City adopted International Plumbing Code.

The plumbing code no longer call the apparatus's used to separate floatable products, sand and grease as traps since they don't meet the plumbing description of a trap used in plumbing.

They are now called Interceptors or Separators. Also the design and sizing techniques shall be changed to match the present upgrade of materials and handling of such products in an interceptor or separator.

- **Sec. 3.06.035 - Grease ~~traps~~. Interceptors or Separators**

Grease ~~traps~~ separators and interceptors shall be designed, constructed, installed, maintained and serviced as required by [chapter 13, article 13.03](#) of this code.

(1995 2016 Code, § 3.1003)

Chapter 13, 13.03, sec. c

- (c)

Grease, oil and sand ~~traps~~ Separators, catch basins and interceptors.

(1)

Grease ~~traps~~, oil ~~traps~~, and sand ~~traps~~, ~~and~~ interceptors shall be provided for the proper handling of waste containing grease, oil, sand and other harmful materials. Interceptors ~~and traps~~ are not required for private residential living quarters or dwellings. All interceptors ~~and traps~~ shall be constructed in accordance with the city's construction standards manual. In the event that it is not physically possible for an owner to comply with said standards, the owner may submit a design equivalent prepared by a registered professional engineer for approval by the City Engineer. All such ~~traps and~~ interceptors shall ~~be permanent and~~ located so as to be readily and easily accessible for cleaning and inspections. They shall be of substantial construction and equipped with easily removable covers or grates. Where installed, all grease ~~traps~~, oil ~~traps~~, and sand ~~traps~~, ~~and~~ interceptors shall be maintained by the owner or occupant, at his own expense, in continuously efficient operation at all times. Materials removed from these facilities shall be either utilized by industry or disposed of at suitable locations in accordance with state and local regulations.

(2)

Use of hot water, enzymes, chemicals, other agents or devices causing, or designed to cause, the oil, grease or sand to pass through the facility provided is prohibited.

(3)

Any nonresidential establishment which produces or uses grease or oil of an animal or vegetable nature, either as a byproduct or as a processing or cooking medium, shall have an ~~exterior~~ grease ~~trap~~ interceptor or separator meeting the standards set out above. This requirement shall apply to all such establishments, whether in existence now or in the future. Existing establishments presently operating without a required grease trap shall have no more than sixty (60) days from the effective date of this section to obtain any necessary city building permits and sixty (60) additional days to complete construction of grease traps which comply with this article.

(4)

Servicing of grease ~~traps~~ interceptors can only be done by state-licensed service companies which have also been approved by the City Manager. Any service companies which service grease ~~traps~~ interceptors in the city shall submit to the City Manager such information as may be required to insure that responsible and reliable service will be provided to comply with this section and protect the condition and operating efficiency of the city's wastewater treatment system. No service company shall operate in the city without providing proof of liability and property damage insurance in amounts determined adequate by the City Manager.

(5)

Companies servicing grease ~~traps~~ interceptors shall provide copies of manifests (in TCEQ approved format) to the city's director of water and wastewater which show dates of service for each grease ~~trap~~ interceptors serviced and/or inspected and the manner and location of disposal of grease ~~trap~~ interceptors contents, and give notice of any defective grease ~~traps~~ Interceptors found at local establishments, together with a certification that all grease ~~traps~~ interceptors serviced are operating properly with no discharges except as noted on the manifest.

(d)

Submission of information. Plans, specifications and any other pertinent information relating to proposed preliminary treatment or processing facilities shall be submitted for approval of the approving authority prior to the start of their construction, if the effluent from such facilities is to be discharged into the public sewers.

(1995 Code, § 11.302)