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RE: Grease Trap/Interceptor/Filter Cleaning

Dear Business Owner:

This is a friendly reminder that the City of Quincy Municipal Ordinance Article II Chapter 270 requires all businesses to properly clean and maintain their grease trap/interceptors on a regular basis.

Improper disposal of Fats, Oils and Grease (FOG) into the City Sewer/Drain System (MS4) has become a significant problem for the City. FOG becomes hardened and attaches to the inside of sewer and drainpipes which causes serious sewer backups into nearby homes and businesses.

The cost to repair backups in the MS4 System is substantial and usually involves replacing sections of pipe. Violation fines can range from \$2,500 to \$7,500 for offenses which can result in a lien of the property.

Please notify your cleaning vendors that the residual backwash from power washing exhaust hood grease filters (on streets or parking lots) is not allowed to enter the MS4 System.

Be sure to maintain all records that document the proper maintenance of your grease trap/interceptors. This includes all manifests for the pickup and transport of FOG from your establishment.

Sincerely,

Thomas F. Pecoraro
Chief Plumbing and Gas Inspector
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