

ARTICLE II
Regulation of Discharges
[Adopted 9-20-1993 by Ord. No. 1080]

§ 342-5. Types of discharge restricted.

No person shall discharge into any public sewer of the Borough of River Edge any waste, substance or water other than such kinds or types of water or water-carried waste for the conveyance of which the particular public sewer is intended or provided.

§ 342-6. Discharge of unpolluted waters into sanitary sewers prohibited.

No person shall discharge or cause to be discharged to any sanitary sewer any stormwater, surface water, groundwater, roof runoff, subsurface drainage, cooling water, air-conditioning and refrigerating wastewaters or unpolluted industrial process waters.

§ 342-7. Discharge of unpolluted waters.

Stormwater and all other unpolluted drainage or uncontaminated process water in excessive quantities shall be discharged to storm sewers or to the natural outlet. Such water shall be discharged only after approval of any local, county or state regulatory agency having jurisdiction.

§ 342-8. Prohibited discharges into sewers.

Except as hereinafter provided, no person shall discharge or cause to be discharged any of the following described waters or wastes to any public sanitary sewers:

- A. Any gasoline, benzene, naphtha, alcohol, tar, fuel oil or other flammable or explosive liquid, solid, gas or vapor.
- B. Any garbage, except properly shredded garbage. The installation and operation of any garbage grinder equipped with a motor of 3/4 horsepower or greater shall be subject to the review and approval of the Public Works Manager or other authorized borough official.
- C. Any ashes, cinders, stones, sand, mud, straw, shavings or sawdust, metal, sticks, coarse rubbish, glass, rags, tar, feathers, plastics, waste rubber, animal guts or tissues, entrails, blood, hair, hides, wood, paunch manure or any other substance likely to damage, destroy or cause an obstruction to the flow in any sewer or which may interfere with the proper operation of the sewage works.
- D. Any waters or wastes containing a toxic, poisonous or radioactive substance in sufficient quantity to injure or interfere with any sewage treatment process or to constitute a hazard to humans, animals or marine life or create a hazard in the receiving waters.
- E. Any noxious, malodorous or taste-producing gas, vapor or substance, such as phenols, capable of creating a public or private nuisance or which may prove to be toxic to sewage treatment processes or which may exceed acceptable limits for discharge to receiving waters.
- F. Waters or wastes containing substances which are not amenable to treatment or reduction by the sewage treatment processes employed or are amenable to treatment only to such a degree

that the sewage treatment plant effluent cannot meet the requirements of other agencies having jurisdiction over discharge to the receiving waters.

- G. Any substance prohibited by any federal, state, county or municipal regulatory agency or government body, including but not limited to the Federal Environmental Protection Agency, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and Energy, the Bergen County Utility Authority or the Borough of River Edge, as set forth and determined by the rules, regulations or requirements of such regulatory agencies or bodies.

§ 342-9. Pretreatment requirements.

- A. If any waters or wastes are discharged or are proposed to be discharged to the public sewers, which waters contain the substances or possess the characteristics which may have a deleterious effect upon the sewage works, processes, equipment or receiving waters or which otherwise create a hazard to life or constitute a public nuisance, the borough 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;
 - (4) Require payment to cover the added cost of handling and treating the wastes not covered by existing taxes or sewer charges.
- B. If the borough permits the pretreatment of equalization of waste flows, the design and installation of the plants and equipment shall be subject to the review and approval of the borough and of any or all state regulatory agencies having jurisdiction, and no construction of such facilities shall be commenced until said approvals are obtained in writing.

§ 342-10. Determination of exclusion of waste.

In determining whether any waste discharged or proposed to be discharged into any public sewer is to be excluded, consideration will be given to the quantity, time or times, rate and manner of discharge, dilution and character of the waste in question, the size of the sewer into which the waste is to be discharged, the probable quantity of sewage or other wastes likely in said sewer and other pertinent facts. Minute quantities of waste which would be objectionable in larger quantity may be accepted if sufficiently diluted when and as discharged or if the quantity discharged is small as compared to the flow in the receiving sewer, but any permission to discharge minute quantities of an otherwise excluded waste shall be revocable at any time by the borough.

§ 342-11. Pretreatment facilities.

- A. At all premises where wastes or substances specified to be excluded from public sewers by these regulations are present and liable to be discharged, directly or indirectly, into said sewers, suitable and sufficient piping layouts, oil, grease, sand and flammable waste traps or separators, screens, settling tanks, diluting devices, storage or regulating chambers, treatment, cooling or other equipment and devices shall be provided. These shall be maintained and properly operated by the owner of the premises or his agent, at his expense, to ensure that no waste or substance is discharged in violation of the requirements of these

regulations.

- B. On premises where wastes or substances specified to be excluded from public sewers are present, the borough may require the owner to provide, operate and maintain, at his expense, a sampling well or wells, flow-measuring devices, manholes or other appurtenances, all readily accessible on the building sewer or drain from said premises near the point where said sewer or drain connects to the public sewer. By means of said sampling well or wells, flow measuring devices or other appurtenances, the borough or any public officer having legal jurisdiction may secure samples or examine the wastes being discharged into the public sewer for the purpose of determining compliance or noncompliance with the requirements of these regulations.
- C. The borough shall have the right to enter and inspect any part of the pretreatment facilities served by public sewers upon which there may be reason to believe that violations of the requirements of these regulations have occurred or are likely to occur, for the purpose of ascertaining the facts to such violations or suspended violation or of obtaining samples of wastes or of inspecting flow measuring devices or treatment facilities provided to prevent prohibited discharges.

§ 342-12. Excluded wastes prohibited in storm sewers.

Wastewaters or substances which are excluded from sanitary sewers shall not be discharged into any storm sewer.

§ 342-13. Violations and penalties.

- A. Any person found to be violating any provision of these regulations shall be served by the Borough of River Edge with a 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. For a violation of any provision of this Article, the maximum penalty, upon conviction thereof, shall be a fine not exceeding \$1,000, or imprisonment for up to 90 days, or a period of community service not exceeding 90 days, or any combination thereof. Each day that any violation of these regulations continues and each day that any person continues to discharge prohibited wastes or substances into any public sewer shall be deemed to be a separate offense for the purpose of applying the penalty provided in this section. **[Amended 12-16-1996 by Ord. No. 1172]**
- C. Any person violating any of the provisions of this Article shall be liable to the Borough of River Edge for any expense, loss or damage occasioned the municipality by reason of such violation.

§ 342-14. Maintenance and repair. [Added 4-21-1997 by Ord. No. 1181]

The owners or occupants of premises in the Borough of River Edge shall be responsible for the proper maintenance and repair of all sewer lines and connections between the premises and the main.