

## **Limestone County Water & Sewer Authority**

DESCRIPTION: Grease Trap Requirements Policy  
(Existing Establishments)

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### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines for existing sewer customers regarding installation and maintenance of grease traps at facilities which include food preparation.

### **GENERAL**

All existing cafes, restaurants, hotels, schools, health care facilities, other institutional or commercial facilities which include food preparation shall be required to construct, at their expense, a 750 gallon (minimum) grease trap within 90 days after notification by the Authority. If and when the engineer determines that a grease problem exists which is capable of causing damage or operational problems to structures or equipment in the sewer system, the Authority shall give such notification. The size and configuration of the grease trap will be reviewed and approved by the Authority. The Property Owner will submit the proposed plan and specifications for the grease trap to the Authority's engineer. The grease trap must be designed in accordance with the current engineering standards and shall be easily accessible for cleaning. The Authority shall retain the right to inspect and approve installation of the grease trap facility.

Grease traps shall be cleaned on a regular basis (recommended semi-monthly, minimum) to insure its proper operation and to protect the sanitary sewer system. A FOG User Compliance Report will be given to facilities to report the grease management device was pumped out and cleaned. Failure to make cleanings as required or any incident which results in a stoppage of the Authority's sewer system shall result in penalties to be imposed by the Authority. If the Authority employees are required to clean out the sewer lines as a result of a stoppage due to a clogged grease trap, the property owner or operator shall be further required to pay the costs of the labor, equipment and materials required to clean out the sewer lines.