



MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Mayor & Town Council

FROM: Mark Inboden, Inboden Environmental Services, Inc.

DATE: March 5, 2026

RE: F.O.G. Policy

BACKGROUND

This agenda item is a request to the members of Town Council to consider approving an ordinance that will establish wastewater regulations related to fats, oils, and grease (F.O.G.).

Grease, oil, sand, rags, string, and other harmful materials building up in sewer lines can lead to blockages that may result in overflows and harm the quality of nearby surface waters. These accumulations also raise the risk of sewer backups and create significant problems at the wastewater treatment plants by disrupting the biological processes.

The policy will apply to any user of the Town wastewater system, including businesses, institutions or establishments engaged in food preparation, automobile repair, and service where fats, oil and grease may be discharged into a public sewer. Some exceptions will apply, such as single-family homes, single-service kitchens, etc.

Newly constructed businesses where grease, oil, sand, rags, string, and other harmful substances and materials that may be discharged into the Town wastewater system shall install, operate, maintain, and repair a grease/grit interceptor, waste oil collection device, or other applicable pretreatment unit solely at the user's expense. This will be necessary prior to the issuance of an occupancy permit.

Food and automobile facilities that existed before this Article was enacted may continue to use and maintain their current grease, oil, or grit interceptors, if these units are operating properly, according to the determination of the Town Manager.

In addition, the proposed ordinance will provide the Town with the necessary authority to effectively administer these regulations. It will establish clear provisions for frequent inspection of facilities and relevant records to ensure ongoing compliance. The ordinance will also include a schedule of fees and penalties for non-compliance, giving the Town leverage to enforce the requirements and maintain the integrity of the wastewater system.

DRAFT MOTION

I move that the Town Council adopt the fats, oils, and grease ordinance as presented.