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Criteria for inspecting GRDs (Grease Removal Devices)

All food service establishments that discharge into city sewer are subject to the City of Stevenson Municipal Code 13.08.270-Grease, oil and sand traps/interceptors Requirements. Unannounced inspections will occur sporadically in all food service establishments to regulate proper maintenance. Our agency uses the following criteria to inspect a GRD which is referred to as the **25% rule**:

Percentage of Grease Trap FOG accumulation (hydro mechanical)	Trap Condition	Percentage of FOG accumulation in Exterior Gravity Grease Interceptor
25	Good	Over 25% accumulation in both chambers is considered in poor condition (violation)
25 – 50	Fair	
>50	Poor	

Proper maintenance of the interceptor is accomplished by pumping out the entire contents before FOG accumulation reaches 25% (**50% FOG accumulation for interior traps**). After the device has reached its retention capacity of FOG, it begins to discharge into lateral services and sewer systems. When the interceptor is full, it is too late. It is too late to maintain water quality, and it is too late to prevent damage to the interceptor, the building's drainage piping, and the collection system. Kitchen management practices greatly influence the condition of a GRD.

In the event that the GRD has reached its retention capacity, fines for non-compliance will be enforced according to SMC 13.08.270. If the GRD is in violation, the establishment will be issued a required action order to have it cleaned within 10 (ten) days. The establishment will then be required to submit proof to the issuing authority to verify that the grease interceptor has been properly cleaned.

Frequency of Inspections

Food Service Establishments with:

1. Regularly scheduled service with a preferred pumper (when records are submitted monthly). **Annual inspections**
2. Self-cleaners having barrel service with a preferred pumper (when records are submitted monthly) **Semi-annual inspections**
3. Self- cleaners with no barrel service **Quarterly inspections**

*Exception to the frequency of inspections is determined by either repeated events of non-compliance or cancellation (or delay) of services as well as discharge overflow events in the area.