



City Council  
City of Mount Vernon  
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

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Utilities

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Council

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**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 911.04 OF THE CODIFIED  
ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON.**

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
MOUNT VERNON, STATE OF OHIO, THAT:

Section 1. That Section 911.04(g) of the Codified Ordinances be amended to read  
as follows (additions in **bold**, deletions in ~~strikethrough~~):

(g) ~~Grease and Oil Traps and Interceptors~~ **Fats Oils and Grease (FOG)  
Control Devices.** For ~~grease, fats, oil, and grease~~ **inorganic material such as  
sand, grit, etc., interceptors or traps control devices** shall be provided at the  
User's expense when, in the opinion of the Director, they are necessary for the  
proper handling of liquid wastes containing floatable grease in excessive amounts,  
as specified in subsection (e)(3)M. and (e)(3)N. hereof, ~~or any flammable wastes,  
sand, or other harmful ingredients;~~ except that such ~~interceptors~~ **devices** shall not  
be required for single-family residences, duplexes, or other multi-unit residences  
unless the Utilities Commission determines there are discharges that may create  
problems in the sanitary sewer. ~~All Users shall also be subject to permit per Section  
911.06.~~ **All Users with such a device are required to obtain a FOG Permit  
from the City's Code Enforcement Department.**

(1) All ~~interceptors and traps~~ **FOG control devices** shall be of a type and  
capacity approved by the Utilities Commission, and shall be located as to be readily  
and easily accessible for cleaning and inspection. All ~~interceptors or traps~~ found not  
to be in compliance with these guidelines shall be modified or replaced **in a timely  
manner at the User's expense.** In the maintaining of these ~~interceptors~~ **FOG  
control devices**, the owner shall be responsible for the proper removal and  
disposal by appropriate means of the captured material and shall maintain records  
of the dates, and means of disposal which are subject to review by the Director. Any  
removal and hauling of the collected materials ~~not performed by the owner's  
personnel~~ must be performed by ~~currently~~ fully licensed waste disposal **or  
rendering** firms.

(2) The introduction of additives containing surfactants and/or enzymes into  
the trap, interceptor, or sanitary sewer is prohibited. Food services wishing to use  
aqueous suspensions of grease-consuming bacteria for grease control shall submit a  
written request to the Director and must receive written approval prior to their use.

(3) Users with the potential to discharge flammable substances may be  
required to install and maintain an approved combustible gas detection meter.

**(4) Permits are to be issued for a maximum period of one year. The**

**City shall provide the owner with a permit indicating the requirements that the establishment must meet in order to comply with FOG Best Management Practices. Applications for permit renewal shall be submitted no less than thirty (30) days prior to the expiration date of the permit.**

**(5) A fee shall be assessed to each permit issued and shall be paid prior to the issuance of a FOG Permit. This fee shall be set by the Control Board. Failure to pay fees will result in termination of water and wastewater services.**

**(6) The Utility Commission may adopt additional rules to implement the City’s FOG permitting requirements, including fines for violations of these provisions.**

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Bruce E. Hawkins, Presidents of Council

PASSED: \_\_\_\_\_, 2026

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Zachary Sherman, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_, 2026

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Matthew T. Starr, Mayor