CITY OF DUNDEE
ORDINANCE NO. 596-2026

An Ordinance amending the Sewer chapter 13.16 in Dundee Municipal Code.

WHEREAS, the City of Dundee operates a wastewater treatment plant which was originally installed in 2012; and

WHEREAS, the wastewater treatment plant costs over $1.5 million dollars per year to operate and maintain; and

WHEREAS, the wastewater treatment plant is essential to protecting public health, safety, welfare, and the environment; and

WHEREAS, the City operates the wastewater treatment plant under NPDES permit 101722 and must conform to Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) rules and regulations governing discharge quality; and

WHEREAS, the City is also required to comply with other federal and state laws regulating wastewater collection, treatment, and discharge; and

WHEREAS, under the City's NPDES permit the City cannot discharge wastes having a pH lower than 6.0; and

WHEREAS, certain organic industrial wastes associated with wine making such as stems and leaves can damage the City's wastewater treatment equipment or limit treatment capacity; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that current prohibited discharges are inadequate to cost effectively operate the wastewater treatment plant and comply with wastewater regulatory requirements; and

WHEREAS, the City includes industrial wastewater users that require pretreatment prior to discharge into the City's sewer system; and

WHEREAS, pretreatment is costly and time-consuming; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the existing enforcement provisions do not provide sufficient authority to effectively investigate and promptly address violations; and

WHEREAS, the City Council also finds that the existing penalty is insufficient to recover public costs or deter noncompliance.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF DUNDEE DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Dundee Municipal code, Title 13.16 Sewer is hereby amended as shown in Exhibit "A". Exhibit "A" is hereby adopted and by this reference incorporated.

ADOPTED as an emergency ordinance by the Dundee City Council this 18th day of August 2026.
The effective date of this Ordinance is August 19, 2026.

Full text was available on:

Ordinance vote August 18, 2026:
Yes:
No:
Abstain:
Absent:

Emergency vote August 18, 2026:
Yes:
No:
Abstain:
Absent:

Approved:

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David Ford, *Mayor*

Attest:

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Courtney Patterson, *City Administrator*

ATTACHMENTS: Exhibit "A": Municipal Code Amendment 13.16 Sewer

EXHIBIT "A"
MUNICIPAL CODE AMENDMENT
13.16 Sewer

13.16.160 Powers and authority of inspectors.

The supervisor and other duly authorized employees of the city bearing proper credentials and identification shall be permitted to enter upon all properties for the purposes of inspection, observation, measurement, records examination and copying, sampling and testing, and other duties needed to enforce ~~in accordance with~~ the provisions of this chapter. Unreasonable delays in allowing the supervisor or other duly authorized employees of the city access to the property shall be a violation of this chapter. [Ord. 526-2013 (Exh. A)].

13.16.070 Prohibited discharges

A. No person shall discharge or cause to be discharged any storm water, surface water, groundwater, roof runoff, subsurface drainage, cooling water, or unpolluted industrial process water to any public sewer main.

B. Except as provided in this chapter, no person shall discharge or cause to be discharged any of the following described waters or wastes to the wastewater treatment plant:

1. Any liquid or vapor having a temperature higher than 150 degrees Fahrenheit.

2. Any gasoline, grease, oils, paint, benzene, naphtha, fuel oil, or other flammable or explosive liquid, solid, gas or petroleum products.

3. Any ashes, cinders, sand, mud, diatomaceous earth, bentonite, stems, leaves, shells, lees, straw, other organic material, shavings, metal, glass, rags, feathers, tar, plastics, wood, paunch manure, hair or any other solid or viscous substances regardless of size capable of causing obstructions to the flow in sewers or other interference with the proper operation of the wastewater treatment plant.

4. Any waters or wastes containing ~~a~~ chemicals that are toxic and/or poisonous ~~substance~~ in sufficient quantity to injure or interfere with any sewage treatment process, constitute a hazard to humans or animals, or create any hazard in the receiving waters of the wastewater treatment plant.

5. Any waters or wastes having a pH lower than ~~5.5~~6.0 or higher than 9.0 or having any other corrosive property capable of causing damage or hazard to structures, equipment, and personnel of the wastewater treatment plant.

6. Any waters or wastes containing suspended solids of such character and quantity that unusual attention or expense is required to handle such material at the wastewater treatment plant.

7. Any noxious or malodorous gas or substance capable of creating a public nuisance, including the contents of septic tanks and cesspools, without written consent of the supervisor.

8. Any waters or wastes which contain in excess of 100 milligrams per liter of fat waste, oil, or grease, whether or not emulsified, ether-soluble matter or any substance which may solidify or become viscous at temperatures above 32 degrees Fahrenheit.

9. Any trucked or hauled pollutants, including holding tank wastes, except at discharge points designated and adherence to specific limits and restrictions authorized by the supervisor.

10. Any slug which released in a single extraordinary discharge episode of such volume or strength as to cause interference to the wastewater treatment plant. [Ord. 526-2013 (Exh. A)].

13.16.200 Violation – Penalty

Any domestic user violating any of the provisions of this chapter shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than $100.00 nor more than $500.00 for each violation, and a separate violation shall be deemed committed on each day during or on which a violation occurs or continues. Any commercial user violating any of the provisions of this chapter shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than $1,000.00 nor more than $5,000.00 for each violation, and a separate violation shall be deemed committed on each day during or on which a violation occurs or continues. In addition to the above penalty, any person violating any provisions of this chapter shall become liable to the city of Dundee for any expense, loss or damage occasioned by the city by reason of such violation. [Ord. 526-2013 (Exh. A)].