

Chapter 14
SEWERAGE*

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***Cross references--**Buildings, construction and related activities, Ch. 5; floodplain regulations, Ch. 8; public utilities systems, Ch. 13; subdivisions, Ch. 17; zoning, Ch. 22.

State law references--Power of city or county to provide stormwater, sewerage collection and disposal systems, Ga. Const., art. 9, sec. 2, par. 3; dumping certain wastes in storm or sanitary sewers prohibited, O.C.G.A. § 12-8-2; Solid Waste Management Act, O.C.G.A. § 12-8-20 et seq.; adoption of ordinances, rules and regulations relating to payment for street improvements and construction of water, gas and sewer connections; payment of costs of connections, O.C.G.A. § 36-39-7; city's authority to acquire, construct, extend, operate, maintain and collect fees for water and sewage systems, O.C.G.A. § 36-34-5; Resource Recovery Development Authorities Law, O.C.G.A. § 36-63-1 et seq.; grants of state funds to municipal corporations for public purposes, O.C.G.A. § 36-40-20 et seq.; executions for collection of assessments for laying sewers, O.C.G.A. § 48-5-358.

Section 14-40A ARTICLE III. PRIVATE SEWAGE DISPOSAL

Section 14-41 Required where public sewer not available.

Where a public sanitary sewer is not available under the provisions of section 14-24, the building sewer shall be connected to a private sewage disposal system complying with the provisions of this chapter.

(Code 1958, § 19-20)

Section 14-42 Permit.

Before commencement of construction of a private sewage disposal system, the owner shall obtain a written permit signed by the chief building official. The application for such permit shall be made on a form furnished by the city, which the applicant shall supplement by any plans, specifications and other information deemed necessary by the chief building official. A permit fee and inspection fee shall be paid to the city at the time the application is filed.

(Code 1958, § 19-21)

Section 14-43 Inspection.

A permit for a private sewage disposal system shall not become effective until the installation is completed to the satisfaction of the chief building official. He shall be allowed to inspect the work at any stage of construction and, in any event, the applicant for the permit shall notify the chief building official when the work is ready for final inspection and before any underground portions are covered. The inspection shall be made within forty-eight (48) hours of the receipt of notice by the chief building official.

(Code 1958, § 19-22)

Section 14-44 Compliance with water pollution control agency requirements.

The type, capacities, location, and layout of a private sewage disposal system shall comply with all requirements of the state department of human resources. No septic tank or cesspool shall be permitted to discharge to any public sewer or natural outlet. Private sewage disposal systems shall be located on lots of at least ten thousand (10,000) square feet unless unique considerations in the opinion of the city may dictate different criteria.

(Code 1958, § 19-23)

Section 14-45 Discontinuance of use.

At such time as a public sewer becomes available to property served by a private sewage disposal system and such private sewage disposal system ceases to function in a satisfactory manner, a direct connection shall be made to the public sewer in compliance with this chapter, and any septic tanks, cesspools and similar private sewage disposal facilities shall be abandoned and removed or filled with suitable material.

(Code 1958, § 19-24)

Section 14-46 Operation in sanitary manner.

Owners shall operate and maintain authorized private sewage disposal facilities in a sanitary manner at all times, at no expense to the city.

(Code 1958, § 19-25)

Section 14-47 Compliance with state regulations required.

No statement contained in this article shall be construed to interfere with any additional requirements that may be imposed by the health or pollution control agencies of the state.

(Code 1958, § 19-26)

Section 14-48 Permit to discharge scavenger wastes; definition; discharge of chemical and industrial wastes prohibited; fee.

(a) The city council may require a formal permit for the discharge of scavenger wastes after submission of an application on forms supplied by the city. Scavenger wastes shall mean putrid or offensive matter, the contents of all privies, septic tanks and cesspools. All other materials and substances, chemicals or chemical compounds and industrial wastes will not be permitted to be discharged into the public sewerage system except as otherwise provided in this chapter.

(b) The discharge of the wastes described in this section shall be made only at a location in the sewage treatment plant as shall be designated by the director.

(c) Scavenger wastes will be admitted into the sewage system only by permit and subject to payment of a fee of thirty dollars per each scavenger waste load discharged; however, a scavenger waste load discharged from a waste load container of 500 gallons capacity or less will be subject to a fee of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) per load.

(d) The applicant shall be the owner of the vehicle discharging the wastes. Any false, misleading or untruthful statements as to the nature of the material shall be cause for rejection of any further discharge from the applicant.

(e) Discharge of scavenger wastes may also be suspended or terminated at any time by the superintendent for willful, continued or persistent violations of these rules and regulations.

(f) All equipment, such as trucks, tanks, pumps, and hoses used in the collection and transportation of scavenger wastes shall be modern equipment in good repair. When more than one (1) vehicle is used by an applicant, each vehicle shall bear an identifying number.

(g) All applicants for a permit shall furnish the following information with each application:

- (1) Name and address of applicant;
- (2) Volume of scavenger waste for each numbered vehicle; and
- (3) Number of scavenger vehicles in collection service.

(h) The superintendent shall require haulers of industrial waste to obtain wastewater discharge permits. The superintendent may require generators of hauled industrial waste to obtain wastewater discharge permits. The superintendent also may prohibit the disposal of hauled industrial waste. The discharge of hauled industrial waste is subject to all other requirements of this chapter.

(i) Industrial waste haulers may discharge loads only at locations designated by the superintendent. No load may be discharged without prior consent of the superintendent. The superintendent may collect samples of each hauled load to ensure compliance with applicable standards. The superintendent may require the industrial waste hauler to provide a waste analysis of any load prior to discharge.

(j) Industrial waste haulers must provide a waste-tracking form for every load. This form shall include, at a minimum, the name and address of the industrial waste hauler, permit number, truck identification, names and addresses of sources of waste, and volume and characteristics of waste. The form shall identify the type of industry, known or suspected waste constituents, and whether any wastes are RCRA hazardous wastes.

(Code 1958, § 19-27; Ord. of 6-23-97, § III)

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