

**ORDINANCE NO. 2018-02**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 3 MUNICIPAL SEWAGE SYSTEM  
RELATING TO SURFACE RUNOFF AND GROUNDWATER  
DISCHARGE TO SANITARY SEWER**

WHEREAS, THE City Council of the City of Trimont deems it necessary to regulate the discharge of water from any roof, surface, ground, sump pump, footing tile or swimming pool or other natural precipitation into the city sanitary sewer collection system due to the potential to cause damage to residential property and over-load the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP). Such damage can be caused by the backup of sewage into the living quarters of residential homes creating a potential health hazard and exceeding the capacity of the WWTP. The City, therefore, finds it essential to the maintenance of health, minimization of damage to property and to maintain the life and capacity of the WWTP that the provisions of this section be strictly enforced to avoid and minimize these problems in the future.

The City Council of the City of Trimont hereby ordains:

Section 1. Section 3.01, subd. 1, Definitions, is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Subd. 1. Sewage or Wastewater**

Section 20. "Sewage" or "Wastewater" shall mean the water carried waste products from residences, commercial buildings, public buildings, institutions, industrial establishments or other buildings including the excrementitious or other discharge from the bodies of human beings or animals.

Section 2. Section 3.01, subd. 2, Use of Public Sewers, is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Subd. 2. Use of Public Sewers.**

Section 5. No person shall discharge or cause to be discharged directly or indirectly any storm water, groundwater, roof runoff, sub-surface drainage, waste from on-site disposal systems, unpolluted cooling or processing water to any sanitary sewer. No foundation drainage or sump pump shall be connected or discharged into any sanitary sewer. Buildings, including new housing construction or houses under construction, and other buildings and structures which require, because of the infiltration of water into basements, crawl spaces and the like, a sump pump system to discharge water shall have a permanently installed discharge line which shall not at any time discharge water into the sanitary sewer collection system. A permanent installation shall be one which provides for a year-round discharge connection to the city subdrain/storm sewer system. It shall consist of a rigid discharge line inside the structure, without valving or quick connections for altering the path of discharge and, if connected to the city subdrain/storm

sewer line, include a check valve. If there is no subdrain available, the surface discharge point may be located outside of the right-of-way. Any person, firm or corporation having a roof, surface, ground, sump pump, footing tile or swimming pool now connected and/or discharging into the sanitary sewer system shall disconnect and/or remove the same within 120 days of adoption of this Ordinance. Any disconnects or openings in the sanitary sewer shall be closed or repaired in a manner as approved by the City Engineer or his or her representative.

**Subd. 6. Authority of inspectors.**

Section 4. Duly authorized employees of the city or their designated representative shall be permitted to enter all properties to inspect the buildings to confirm that there is no sump pump or other prohibited discharge into the sanitary sewer system. This requirement may also be met by having the property owner contract with a licensed plumber to perform the inspection. The plumber must inspect the property and the sump pump system and complete and return an inspection form provided by the City documenting the results of the inspection. All costs associated with an inspection by a privately retained plumber shall be the responsibility of the property owner.

Section 5. Any property owner or contractor/builder of a new home refusing to allow their property to be inspected within fourteen (14) days of the date city employees or their designated representatives are denied admittance to the property shall be found in violation of this Ordinance, subject to the penalties set forth in Section 3.01, Subd. 7(2).

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Thomas Eckmann, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Melissa Sirovy, City Clerk

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