



DeKalb County Government

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Legislation Text

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Public Hearing: YES NO **Department:** Watershed Management

SUBJECT:

Commission District(s): All

An Ordinance to Amend the Code of DeKalb County, As Revised 1988, Chapter 25, Article IV, Pertaining to Sewer and Sewage Disposal, Division 5 Related to the Discharge of Fats, Oils and Grease, and For Other Purposes.

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PURPOSE:

To protect the public health from sanitary sewer spills and minimize the impact to the publicly owned treatment works (POTW).

NEED/IMPACT:

The County has a current FOG Ordinance, which addresses food service establishments' discharge of FOG, and the Industrial Pretreatment Program, which places permit limits on FOG discharges from commercial /industrial operations. However, on research, following a prolonged period of "no tolerance" of violations in the permits, multi-family housing was identified as a currently unregulated source of FOG impacting the POTW. During stakeholder meetings, the multi-family housing representatives preferred the option of regulation under a revised FOG Ordinance rather than under the existing Industrial Pretreatment Program, which regulates any commercial operation.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No direct impact to the County. FOG permit and review fees are designed to cover the cost of the FOG program. Other activities such as investigation and documentation required to implement a trigger are already required under the Consent Decree and routine maintenance activities of the system.

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt the ordinance and authorize the chief executive officer to execute all necessary documents.