

## CHAPTER 101

### SUMP PUMP AND GROUNDWATER STANDARDS

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**101.01 PURPOSE.** The purpose of this chapter is to eliminate the discharge of water from any surface, pond, water fountain, swimming pool, groundwater sump pump, roof, yard, lawn, street, alley, footing tile, or other natural precipitation into the municipal sanitary sewer system; establish procedures of notification and procedures of removal for municipal sanitary sewer system customers to disconnect such connections from the municipal sanitary sewer system within a specified period of time; and to establish monthly surcharge payments for municipal sanitary sewer system customers with previous notification that fail to disconnect said connections within a specified period of time following the notification.

**101.02 APPLICABILITY.** This chapter shall be applicable to all properties located within the corporate boundaries of the City of Robins that have access to the municipal sanitary sewer system.

**101.03 DISCHARGE PROHIBITED.** Except as otherwise expressly authorized in this section, no ponds, water fountains, water from any roof, surface, groundwater sump pump, swimming pool or other natural precipitation shall be discharged into the municipal sanitary sewer system. Dwellings and other buildings and structures which require, because of infiltration of water into basements, crawl spaces, and the like, a sump pump discharge system shall have a permanently installed discharge line which shall not at any time discharge water into the municipal sanitary sewer system. A permanent installation shall be one which provides for year round discharge capability to either the outside of the dwelling, building, or structure, or is connected to a storm sewer or discharge through the curb and gutter to the street. Within the home or business, the sump pump discharge pipe shall consist of rigid discharge line, without valves or quick connections that would alter the path of discharge. However, if the line is directly connected to a storm sewer line or catch basin a check valve and an air gap are required.

**101.04 INSPECTIONS.** Property owners shall allow an employee of the City or a designated representative of the City to inspect the buildings to confirm that there is no sump pump or other prohibited discharge into the municipal sanitary sewer system. The City may periodically re-inspect any building or premise to determine compliance with the requirements of this ordinance.

**101.05 NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE.** The Building Official shall notify, by certified mail or other method as approved by the City Council, municipal sanitary sewer system customers that directly or indirectly discharge water from any surface, ponds, water fountains, swimming pools, groundwater sump pump, roofs, yards, lawns, streets, alleys, footing tile, or other natural precipitation into the municipal sanitary sewer system. The notification shall mandate that disconnection from the municipal sanitary sewer system is required within the specified period of time.

**101.06 REMOVAL OF CONNECTIONS REQUIRED.** Any property owner who previously made any connection or installation in violation of this ordinance shall immediately remove such connection or correct such an installation. If not removed or corrected within thirty (30) calendar days after notice of the violation has been delivered personally or by certified mail to the owner, the City may impose a surcharge as provide in Section 101.08 in this ordinance.

**101.07 FOUNDATION DRAIN TILE.** Groundwater from foundation drain tile for future homes and businesses shall not discharge to the municipal sanitary sewer system. The groundwater shall flow through the tile and drain into a sump basket and shall then be pumped and discharged to the exterior of the structure with the use of a sump pump.

**101.08 SURCHARGE.** A surcharge of One Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$100.00) per month is hereby imposed on every sewer bill to non-complying property owners for the following conditions:

1. Not in compliance with this ordinance
2. Refusal of property inspection

**101.09 NON-PAYMENT OF SURCHARGE.** If the surcharge is not received by the City of Robins by the due date, the unpaid and delinquent charges shall constitute a lien upon the premises served and shall be certified by the Clerk to the County Treasurer for collection in the same manner as property taxes. (Ordinance No. 1404, 9/22/14)