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From: Hobart Sanitary District (HSD)  
HSD Industrial Pretreatment Program (IPP) - Fats, Oil and Grease Permit (FOG)  
Tim Kingsland, Industrial Pretreatment Coordinator

TO: All of HSD Food Preparation & Service Users and Owners that may lease building space to a Food Preparation & Service

Per billing information from the HSD Sanitary Billing Department, your building address and/or establishment is currently being serviced by the Hobart Sanitary District (HSD) for wastewater discharge (sanitary sewage) into the HSD sanitary sewer system. In addition, this billing address also identifies a “Food Preparation and Service” establishment. Since this billing address is noted to have a food preparation and service located at this premise, the HSD is verifying whether or not fats, oils and grease “FOG” are utilized in the cooking process at this location.

The HSD is verifying the use of “FOG” because waste cooking grease that may be discharged into HSD sewer system by Food Preparation & Service Users can:

- adversely impacts HSD equipment and sewers
- causes the need for costly maintenance
- increases the costs to treat and purify wastewater at the wastewater treatment plant

In addition, due to the use of “FOG” by Food Preparation & Service Users that is serviced by the HSD, the HSD is required by federal, state and local agencies to establish an Industrial Pretreatment Program (IPP) which governs the use of “FOG”. The IPP was adopted by the City of Hobart through ordinance 2021-01. Current FOG regulatory compliance is mandated by:

- Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
- Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM)
- The Gary Sanitary District (GSD) to which the HSD discharges its effluent for treatment.

Please note; all HSD Food Preparation & Service Users are required per the HSD IPP to utilize “best business practices” available to keep “FOG” from entering HSD sanitary sewer lines.

Consequently, all of HSD Food Preparation & Service Users are required:

- have properly functioning grease traps in their building plumbing systems
- properly maintain and clean those grease traps
- have waste grease removed from their business premises by licensed waste haulers

Another requirement of the HSD IPP, is that the HSD is required to monitor all HSD Food Preparation & Service Users "FOG" discharge into the HSD sanitary sewer system.

To ensure regulatory compliance regarding potential "FOG" discharge by Food Preparation & Service Users, the City of Hobart Municipal Ordinance 2012-01 (IPP) requires that all Food Preparation & Service Users that use "FOG" in their cooking process, to obtain a "Food Preparation Service User Discharge Permit" from the HSD.

**For your information, City staff will be conducting site visits soon to all Food Preparation & Service Users to verify "FOG" use in the cooking process. If "FOG" use is verified, city staff will hand deliver a "FOG" packet to the Food Preparation and Service representative. This "FOG" packet will contain the Food Preparation & Service Users Discharge Permit Application, and related supplemental "FOG" information.**

You can also download a pdf copy of HSD "Food Preparation & Service User Discharge Permit Application" at <http://www.cityofhobart.org/529/Pretreatment>.

All HSD Food Preparation & Service Users will have thirty (30) days to complete the permit application if the use of "FOG" at the time of the site visit is identified by city staff. Please be aware that failure to return a properly completed "Food Preparation & Service User Discharge Permit Application" to the HSD within the thirty (30) days of the date after receipt of the permit application from city staff will result in your food preparation & service business being classified as a "Non-Compliant Industrial User".

As such, your business will automatically be assessed higher sewer user charges and be subjected to additional surcharges and/or civil penalties. Persistent non-compliance may result in the suspension of wastewater disposal service to your food preparation service business, which would make it impossible for your business to operate.

The completed application can be emailed or mailed.

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Mailing address is; 414 Main Street, Hobart, IN 46342; ATTN: Tim Kingsland, HSD Pretreatment Coordinator

Mr. Kingsland (HSD Pretreatment Coordinator) will be available to assist all Food Preparation Server Users regarding the "Food Preparation & Service User Discharge Permit Application" and can be reached at (219) 942-3619 or by email at [tkingsland@cityofhobart.org](mailto:tkingsland@cityofhobart.org). Please contact him if you have any questions.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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