



## **Revision of the Abnormal Sewer Surcharge Ordinance**

### **Article VI of Chapter 82 of the City of Burleson Code of Ordinances**

#### **Public Works Department: Water/Wastewater**

In September 2019, the City of Burleson City Council created Article VI of Chapter 82 of the Code of Ordinances, pertaining to charges for abnormal sewer discharges. The updated Ordinance will provide new options for commercial and industrial businesses that discharge higher than domestic levels of Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) or Total Suspended Solids (TSS). For commercial and industrial businesses that are in a surcharge class 1, 2 or 3 have the option to have their surcharge tested on an annual basis from composite samples in lieu of the class average 1, 2 or 3 charges.

Following this process may allow the business to reduce their cost of surcharge by proving their BOD/TSS discharge is lower than the class levels. It is hopeful the businesses will take part in this annual endeavor to reduce cost and also to reduce the amount of BOD/TSS entering into the sanitary sewer system. Below are the steps needed to have the surcharge determined on an annual basis from composite samples in lieu of the class averages.

- 1.) The business submits in writing to the Public Works Water/Wastewater Regulatory Specialist a request to have their surcharge from composite samples rather than the class average.
- 2.) There must be a manhole or sample port approved by Public Works. All costs associated with the manhole or sample port will be covered by the requesting establishment. If a manhole or sample port is not available then installation of one will be required, (city permit required).
- 3.) Self-monitoring shall be performed annually by the requesting facility including all sampling, analysis and costs associated with the testing.
- 4.) Four (4) time-composite samples are required to set the BOD/TSS level for that sampling period. Each composite sample will include all hours the business is operational and discharging to the sanitary sewer system. The four samples will be completed in a one-week time period, or at the end of the first week and beginning of the next week.
- 5.) The laboratory used by the facility must be approved by the Public Works Department.
- 6.) The results from each participating facility must be delivered to the Public Works Department by March 1<sup>st</sup> every year. If the results are not delivered on or before March 1<sup>st</sup> of that year, the facility surcharge shall be determined by class 1, 2 or 3 averages.
- 7.) The City of Burleson shall obtain samples in the event of any discrepancies at any time.

Please visit our webpage for more information at: <https://www.burlesontx.com/232/Class-Surcharge>

If you have any additional questions please contact Melissa Hutchinson Water/Wastewater Regulatory Specialist at [mhutchinson@burlesontx.com](mailto:mhutchinson@burlesontx.com) or 817-426-9836.