

**ORDINANCE NO. 2005-20**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF METUCHEN, CHAPTER 110 THEREOF, ENTITLED LAND DEVELOPMENT, BY ADDING NEW ARTICLE 66 TO PROHIBIT ILLICIT CONNECTIONS TO THE MUNICIPAL STORM SEWER SYSTEM.**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Metuchen as follows:

**Section 1.** The Code of the Borough of Metuchen is hereby amended by adding a new article, Article 66, to Chapter 110 to be known as:

**Article 66  
Illicit Connection**

**§110-269. Purpose:**

An ordinance to prohibit illicit connections to the municipal separate storm sewer system(s) operated by the Borough of Metuchen, so as to protect public health, safety and welfare, and to prescribe penalties for the failure to comply.

**§110-270. Definitions:**

For the purpose of this ordinance, the following terms, phrases, words, and their derivations shall have the meanings stated herein unless their use in the text of this Chapter clearly demonstrates a different meaning. When not inconsistent with the context, words used in the present tense include the future, words used in the plural number include the singular number, and words used in the singular number include the plural number. The word "shall" is always mandatory and not merely directory. The definitions below are the same as or based on corresponding definitions in the New Jersey Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NJPDES) rules at N.J.A.C. 7:14A-1.2.

- a. Domestic sewage - waste and wastewater from humans or household operations.
- b. Illicit connection – any physical or non-physical connection that discharges domestic sewage, non-contact cooling water, process wastewater, or other industrial waste (other than stormwater) to the municipal separate storm sewer system operated by the [insert name of municipality], unless that discharge is authorized under a NJPDES permit other than the Tier A Municipal Stormwater General Permit (NJPDES Permit Number NJ0141852). Non-physical connections may include, but are not limited to, leaks, flows, or overflows into the municipal separate storm sewer system.
- c. Industrial waste - non-domestic waste, including, but not limited to, those pollutants regulated under Section 307(a), (b), or (c) of the Federal Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. §1317(a), (b), or (c)).

d. Municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4)— a conveyance or system of conveyances (including roads with drainage systems, municipal streets, catch basins, curbs, gutters, ditches, manmade channels, or storm drains) that is owned or operated by [insert name of municipality] or other public body, and is designed and used for collecting and conveying stormwater.

e. NJPDES permit – a permit issued by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection to implement the New Jersey Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NJPDES) rules at N.J.A.C. 7:14A

f. Non-contact cooling water - water used to reduce temperature for the purpose of cooling. Such waters do not come into direct contact with any raw material, intermediate product (other than heat) or finished product. Non-contact cooling water may however contain algacides, or biocides to control fouling of equipment such as heat exchangers, and/or corrosion inhibitors.

g. Person – any individual, corporation, company, partnership, firm, association, or political subdivision of this State subject to municipal jurisdiction.

h. Process wastewater - any water which, during manufacturing or processing, comes into direct contact with or results from the production or use of any raw material, intermediate product, finished product, byproduct, or waste product. Process wastewater includes, but is not limited to, leachate and cooling water other than non-contact cooling water.

i. Stormwater – water resulting from precipitation (including rain and snow) that runs off the land's surface, is transmitted to the subsurface, is captured by separate storm sewers or other sewerage or drainage facilities, or is conveyed by snow removal equipment.

**§110-271. Prohibited Conduct:**

No person shall discharge or cause to be discharged through an illicit connection to the municipal separate storm sewer system operated by the Borough of Metuchen any domestic sewage, non-contact cooling water, process wastewater, or other industrial waste (other than stormwater).

**§110-272. Enforcement:**

This ordinance shall be enforced by the Zoning Officer of the Borough of Metuchen.

**§110-273. Penalties:**

Any person(s) who is found to be in violation of the provisions of this ordinance shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$1,250.

**Section 2. Severability:**

Each section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase of this Ordinance is declared to be an independent section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase, and the finding or holding of any such portion of this Ordinance to be unconstitutional, void, or ineffective for any cause, or reason, shall not affect any other portion of this Ordinance.

**Section 3. Effective Date**

This ordinance shall become effective upon publication after final adoption.

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SECOND READING: November 21, 2005

APPROVAL OR VETO: November 22, 2005

FINAL PUBLICATION: November 25, 2005

Certified copy of an ordinance adopted at a  
regular meeting of the Borough Council  
of the Borough of Metuchen, Middlesex County,  
New Jersey, on

November 21, 2005

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