



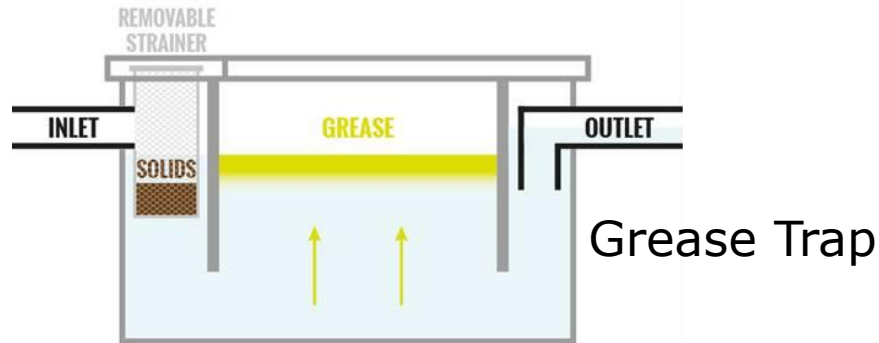
Fats, Oils and Grease (FOG) Ordinance

City Council Legislative Meeting
October 6, 2020

Background

- What is FOG?
 - Fats, oils and grease are by-products generated from food preparation and cooking and include cooking oil, meat fats, dairy products, shortening, sauces, etc.
- What are the impacts of FOG?
 - FOG in sewers take up capacity in the sewer system and can lead to sewer backups and overflows
- How can food service establishments control FOG?
 - Through installation of grease recovery devices (i.e. grease trap or interceptor)
 - Other best management practices (scraping of food wastes into trash, regular maintenance existing devices, staff training)

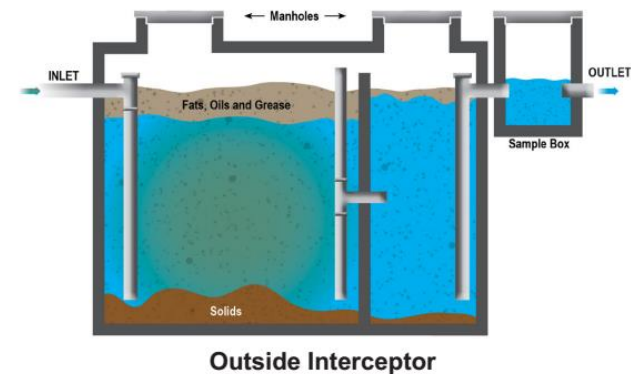
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- How is FOG from food service establishments currently addressed in the City Code?
 - FOG from FSEs addressed in City Code Title 5, Chapter 6, Division 3.1, Subdivision C (Pretreatment of Wastewater)
 - Primarily administered by AlexRenew with support from the City
 - Most new food services establishments are required to have FOG control devices, but are not large enough facilities to require pretreatment permits

Updated FOG Ordinance

- New section (Subdivision D) proposed to provide clarification and to separate FOG from pretreatment of wastewater
- New section applies only to food service establishments that generate FOG (both new and existing)



Updated FOG Ordinance

- Updated ordinance provisions
 - Clarify FOG management requirements
 - Clarify City's authority to inspect for FOG
 - Provide minimum maintenance and record keeping requirements
 - Provide a compliance schedule
 - Clarify civil penalties

Outreach

- Outreach Efforts
 - Letter to all food service establishments sent in September
 - Notification to Alexandria Chamber of Commerce
 - Coordination with other stakeholders
 - /sewers webpage

Implementation Timeline

- FOG-related inspections of food service establishments to be put on hold due to COVID-19
- Inspections not to begin until threat of COVID-19 is low
 - Inspections to initially focus on education only



Discussion

Questions/Comments