

VILLAGE OF RIDGEWOOD

ORDINANCE NO. 2962

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH CHAPTER 238, ARTICLE IX,
OF THE CODE OF
THE VILLAGE OF RIDGEWOOD,
TITLED "IMPROPER
DISPOSAL OF WASTE INTO STORM DRAINS"

BE IT ORDAINED by the Village Council of the Village of Ridgewood:

Section 1. Purpose: An Ordinance to establish prohibitions on the spilling, dumping, or disposal of any materials other than stormwater to the Village of Ridgewood Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) operated by the Village of Ridgewood so as to protect public health, safety and welfare, and to prescribe penalties for the failure to comply.

Section 2. 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.

- A. 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 are owned or operated by the Village of Ridgewood or other public body, and are designed and used for collecting and conveying stormwater.
- B. Person – any individual, corporation, company, partnership, firm, association, or political subdivision of this State subject to municipal jurisdiction.
- C. 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.
- D. Catchbasin: is defined as a cistern, vault, chamber, or well that is usually built along a street as part of the storm sewer collection system, designed to accept stormwater runoff into it.

Section 3. Prohibited Conduct: The spilling, dumping or disposal of materials other than stormwater to the municipal separate storm sewer system operated by the Village of Ridgewood is prohibited. The spilling, dumping or disposal of materials other than stormwater in such a manner as to cause the discharge of pollutants to the municipal separate storm sewer system is also prohibited.

Section 4. Exceptions to Prohibition:

- A. Water line flushing and discharges from potable water sources.
- B. Uncontaminated ground water (e.g., infiltration, crawl space or basement sump pumps, foundation or footing drains, rising ground waters).
- C. Air conditioning condensate (excluding contact and non-contact cooling water).
- D. Irrigation water (including landscape and lawn watering runoff).
- E. Flows from springs, riparian habitats and wetlands, water reservoir discharges and diverted stream flows.
- F. Residential car washing water, and residential swimming pool discharges.

- G. Sidewalk, driveway and street wash water.
- H. Flows from fire fighting activities, including the washing of fire fighting vehicles.
- I. Flows from rinsing of the following equipment with clean water:
 - Beach maintenance equipment immediately following their use for their intended purposes; and
 - Equipment used in the application of salt and de-icing materials immediately following salt and de-icing material applications. Prior to rinsing with clean water, all residual salt and de-icing materials must be removed from equipment and vehicles to the maximum extent practicable using dry cleaning methods (e.g., shoveling and sweeping). Recovered materials are to be returned to storage for reuse or properly discarded.
 - Rinsing of equipment, as noted in the above situation is limited to exterior undercarriage, and exposed parts and does not apply to engines or other enclosed machinery.

Section 5. Enforcement: This Ordinance shall be enforced by the Village of Ridgewood Police Department, and/or Health Department Sanitation, and/or the Director of the Department of Public Works or his/her designated representative.

Section 6. Violations and Penalty: Any person(s) who continues to be in violation of the provisions of this Ordinance, after being duly notified, shall be subject to a minimum fine of \$250.00 per violation, not to exceed \$2,000.00.

Section 7. 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 8. Effective Date: This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and publication as required by law.

FOR AFFIRMANCE: Councilmembers: Harlow, Mancuso, Ringler Shagin,
Wiest and Mayor Pfund

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Introduction Date: November 9, 2005

Adoption Date: December 14, 2005

Effective Date: January 3, 2006



David T. Pfund, Mayor

ATTEST:



Heather A. Mailander, Village Clerk