

**ORDINANCE 2, 2012**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 5, 2010  
ILLICIT DISCHARGE AND CONNECTION STORM WATER ORDINANCE**

**SECTION 1. PURPOSE/INTENT.**

The purpose of this Ordinance is to provide for the health, safety and general welfare of the citizens of the Town of Mooresville through the regulation of non-storm water discharges to the storm drainage system to the maximum extent practicable as required by federal and state law. This Ordinance establishes methods for controlling the introduction of pollutants into the municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) in order to comply with requirements of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit process. The objectives of this Ordinance are:

- (a) To regulate the contribution of pollutants to the municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) by storm water discharges by any user;
- (b) To prohibit illicit connections and discharges to the municipal separate storm sewer system; and,
- (c) To establish legal authority to carry out all inspection, surveillance and monitoring procedures necessary to ensure compliance with this Ordinance.

**SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS.**

For purposes of this Ordinance, the following shall mean:

Authorized Enforcement Agency: Employees or designees of the Utility of the Town of Mooresville designated to enforce this Ordinance.

Best Management Practices (BMPs): Schedules of activities, prohibitions of practices, general good housekeeping practices, pollution prevention and educational practices discharge of pollutants directly or indirectly to storm water, receiving waters or storm water conveyance systems. BMPs also include treatment practices, operating procedures and practices of control site runoff, spillage or leaks, sludge or water disposal or drainage from raw materials storage.

Clean Water Act: The Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.) and any subsequent amendments thereto.

Construction Activity: Activities subject to NPDES Construction Permits. Currently these include construction projects resulting in land disturbance of one (1) acre or more. Such activities include but are not limited to clearing and grubbing, grading, excavating and demolition.

Hazardous Materials: Any material, including any substance, waste or combination thereof, which because of its quantity, concentration or physical, chemical or infectious characteristics may cause, or significantly contribute to, a substantial present or potential hazard to human health, safety, property or the environment when improperly treated, stored, transported, disposed of or otherwise managed.

Illegal Discharge: Any direct or indirect non-storm water discharge to the storm drain system, except as exempted by this Ordinance.

Illicit Connections: An illicit connection is defined as either of the following: any drain or conveyance, whether on the surface or subsurface, which allows any illegal discharge to enter the storm drain system including but not limited to any conveyances which allow any non-storm water discharge including sewage, process wastewater and wash water to enter the storm drain system and any connections to the storm drain system from indoor drains and sinks, regardless of whether said drain or connection had been previously allowed, permitted or approved by an Authorized Enforcement Agency; or, any drain or conveyance connected from a commercial or industrial land use to the storm drain system which has not been documented in plans, maps or equivalent records and approved by an Authorized Enforcement Agency.

Industrial Activity: Activities subject to NPDES Industrial Permits as defined in 40 CFR, Section 122.26 (b)(14).

National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Storm Water Discharge Permit: Means a permit issued by EPA (or by the State of Indiana) that authorizes the discharge of pollutants to waters of the United States, whether the permit is applicable on an individual, group or general area-wide basis.

Non-Storm Water Discharge: Any discharge to the storm drain system that is not composed entirely of storm water.

Person: Means any individual, association, organization, partnership, firm, corporation or other entity recognized by law and acting as either the owner or as the owner's agent.

Pollutant: Anything which causes or contributes to pollution. Pollutants may include, but are not limited to: paints, varnishes and solvents; oil and other automotive fluids; non-hazardous liquid and solid wastes and yard wastes (including grass clippings); refuse, rubbish, garbage, litter or other discarded or abandoned objects, ordinances and accumulations, so that same may cause or contribute to pollution; floatables; pesticides, herbicides and fertilizers; hazardous substances and wastes; sewage, fecal coliform and pathogens; dissolved and particulate metals; animal and pet waste; wastes and residues that result from constructing a building or structure; and, noxious or offensive matter of any kind.

Premises: Any building, lot, parcel of land, or portion of land whether improved or unimproved including adjacent sidewalks and parking strips.

Storm Drainage System: Publicly-owned facilities by which storm water is collected and/or conveyed, including but not limited to any roads with drainage systems, municipal streets, gutters, curbs, inlets, piped storm drains, pumping facilities, retention and detention basins, natural and human-made or altered drainage channels, reservoirs and other drainage structures.

Storm Water: Any surface flow, runoff and drainage consisting entirely of water from any form of natural precipitation and resulting from such precipitation.

Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan: A document which describes the BMPs and activities to be implemented by a person or business to identify sources of pollution or contamination at a site and the actions to eliminate or reduce pollutant discharges to storm water, storm water conveyance systems and/or receiving waters to the maximum extent practicable.

User: Any person, corporation or entity discharging into the Town of Mooresville's storm sewer system (MS4) which shall include the Town's storm drainage system.

Waste Water: Means any water or other liquid, other than uncontaminated storm water, discharged from a facility.

**SECTION 3.           APPLICABILITY**

This Ordinance shall apply to all water entering the storm drain system generated on any developed and undeveloped lands unless explicitly exempted by an Authorized Enforcement Agency.

**SECTION 4.           RESPONSIBILITY FOR ADMINISTRATION**

The Town of Mooresville Stormwater Department shall administer, implement and enforce the provisions of this Ordinance. Any powers granted or duties imposed upon the Authorized Enforcement Agency may be delegated by the Storm Water Coordinator to persons or entities acting in the beneficial interest of or in the employ of the agency.

**SECTION 5.           SEVERABILITY**

The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any provision, clause, sentence or paragraph of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person, establishment or circumstances shall be held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions or applications of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 6.           ULTIMATE RESPONSIBILITY**

The standards set forth herein and promulgated pursuant to this Ordinance are minimum standards; therefore, this Ordinance does not intend nor imply that compliance by any person will ensure that there will be no contamination, pollution or unauthorized discharge of pollutants.

**SECTION 7.           DISCHARGE PROHIBITIONS**

Prohibition of Illegal Discharges. No person shall discharge or cause to be discharged into the municipal storm drain system or water courses any materials, including but not limited to pollutants or waters containing any pollutants that cause or contribute to a violation of applicable water quality standards, other than storm water. The commencement, conduct or continuance of any illegal discharge to the storm drain system is prohibited except as described as follows:

- (a) The following discharges are exempt from discharge prohibitions established by this Ordinance: water line flushing or other potable water sources, landscape irrigation or lawn watering, diverted stream flows, rising

ground water, ground water infiltration to storm drains, uncontaminated pumped ground water, foundation or footing drains (not including active ground water de-watering systems), crawl space pumps, air conditioning condensation, springs, non-commercial washing of vehicles, natural riparian habitat or wet-land flows, swimming pools (if de-chlorinated - typically less than one (1) PPM chlorine), fire fighting activities and any other water source not containing pollutants as long as proper methods are applied to ensure there will be no erosion caused by the procedure.

- (b) Discharges specified in writing by the Authorized Enforcement Agency as being necessary to protect public health and safety.
- (c) Dye testing is an allowable discharge but requires a verbal notification to the Authorized Enforcement Agency prior to the time of the test.
- (d) The prohibition shall not apply to any non-storm water discharge permitted under an NPDES Permit, waiver or waste discharge order issued to the discharger and administered under the authority of the Federal Environmental Protection Agency, provided that the discharger is in full compliance with all requirements of the Permit, waiver or order and other applicable laws and regulations and provided that written approval has been granted for any discharge to the storm drain system.

#### Prohibition of Illicit Connections

- (1) The construction, use, maintenance or continued existence of illicit connections to the storm drain system is prohibited.
- (b) This prohibition expressly includes, without limitation, illicit connections made in the past, regardless of whether the connection was permissible under law or practices applicable or prevailing at the time of connection.
- (3) A person is considered to be in violation of this Ordinance if the person connects a line conveying sewage to the MS4 or allows such a connection to continue.

**SECTION 8.           SUSPENSION OF MS4 ACCESS**

Suspension Due to Illicit Discharges in Emergency Situations. The Utility may, without prior notice, suspend MS4 discharge access to a person when such suspension is necessary to stop an actual or threatened discharge which presents or may present imminent and substantial danger to the environment or to the health or welfare of persons or to the MS4 or waters of the United States. If the violator fails to comply with a suspension order issued in an emergency, the Authorized Enforcement Agency may take such steps as deemed necessary to prevent or minimize damage to the MS4 or waters of the United States or to minimize danger to persons.

Suspension Due to the Detection of Illicit Discharge. Any person discharging to the MS4 in violation of this Ordinance may have their MS4 access terminated if such termination would abate or reduce an illicit discharge. The Authorized Enforcement Agency will notify a violator of the proposed termination of its MS4 access. The violator may petition the Authorized Enforcement Agency for a reconsideration and hearing.

A person commits an offense if the person reinstates MS4 access to premises terminated pursuant to this Section without the prior approval of the Authorized Enforcement Agency.

**SECTION 9.           INDUSTRIAL OR CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY DISCHARGES**

Any person subject to an industrial or construction activity NPDES Storm Water Discharge Permit shall comply with all provisions of such Permit. Proof of compliance with said Permit shall comply with all provisions of such Permit. Proof of compliance with said Permit may be required in a form acceptable to the Utility prior to the allowing of discharges to the MS4.

**SECTION 10.         MONITORING OF DISCHARGES**

- (a) Applicability. This Section applies to all facilities that have storm water discharges associated with industrial activity including construction activity.
- (b) Facility operators shall allow the Utility ready access to all parts of the premises for the purposes of inspection, sampling, examination and copying of records that must be kept under the conditions of NPDES Permit to discharge storm water and the performance of any additional duties as defined by state and federal law.

- (c) The Utility shall have the right to set up on any permitted facility such devices as are necessary in the opinion of the Utility to conduct monitoring and/or sampling of the facility's storm water discharge.
- (d) The Utility has the right to require the discharger to install monitoring equipment as necessary. The facility's sampling and monitoring equipment shall be maintained at all times in a safe and proper operating condition by the discharger at its own expense. All devices used to measure storm water flow and quality shall be calibrated to ensure their accuracy.
- (e) Any temporary or permanent obstruction to safe and easy access to the facility to be inspected and/or sampled shall be promptly removed by the operator at the written or oral request of the Utility and shall not be replaced. The costs of clearing such access shall be borne by the operator.
- (f) Unreasonable delays in allowing the Utility access to a permitted facility is a violation of a Storm Water Discharge Permit and of this Ordinance. A person who is the operator of a facility with a NPDES Permit to discharge storm water associated with industrial activity commits an offense if the person denies the Utility reasonable access to the permitted facility for the purpose of conducting any activity authorized or required by this Ordinance.
- (g) If the Utility has been refused access to any part of the premises from which storm water has been discharged and he/she is able to demonstrate probable cause to believe that there may be a violation of this Ordinance or that there is a need to inspect and/or sample as part of a routine inspection and sampling program designed to verify compliance with this Ordinance or any order issued hereunder or to protect the overall public health, safety and welfare of the community, then the Authorized Enforcement Agency may seek issuance of a Search Warrant from any Court of competent jurisdiction.

**SECTION 11. REQUIREMENT TO PREVENT, CONTROL AND REDUCE STORM WATER POLLUTANTS BY THE USE OF BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES**

The Utility will adopt requirements identifying BMPs for any activity, operation or facility which may cause or contribute to

pollution or contamination of storm water, the storm drain system or waters of the United States. The owner or operator of a commercial or industrial establishment shall provide, at their own expense, reasonable protection from accidental discharge of prohibited materials or other wastes into the municipal storm drain system or watercourses through the use of these structural and non-structural BMPs. Further, any persons responsible for a property or premise, which is, or may be, the source of an illicit discharge, may be required to implement, at said person's expense, additional structural and non-structural BMPs to prevent the further discharge of pollutants to the municipal separate storm sewer system. Compliance with all terms and conditions of a valid NPDES Permit authorizing the discharge of storm water associated with industrial activity, to the extent practicable, shall be deemed Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPP) as necessary for compliance with requirements of the NPDES Permit.

#### **SECTION 12. WATERCOURSE PROTECTION**

Every person owning property through which a watercourse passes, or such person's lessee, shall keep and maintain that part of the watercourse within the property free of trash, debris, excessive vegetation and other obstacles that would pollute, contaminate or significantly retard the flow of water through the watercourse. In addition, the owner of lessee shall maintain existing privately owned structures within or adjacent to a watercourse so that such structures will not become a hazard to the use, function or physical integrity of the watercourse.

#### **SECTION 13. NOTIFICATION OF SPILLS**

Notwithstanding other requirements of the law, as soon as any person responsible for a facility or operation or responsible for emergency response for a facility or operation has information of any known or suspected release of materials which are resulting or may result in illegal discharges or pollutants discharging into storm water, the storm drain system or water of the United States said person shall take all necessary steps to ensure the discovery, containment and cleanup of such release. In the event of such a release of hazardous materials said person shall immediately notify emergency response agencies of the occurrence via emergency dispatch services. In the event of a release of non-hazardous materials, said person shall notify the Authorized Enforcement Agency in person or by phone or facsimile no later than the next business day. Notifications in



person or by phone shall be confirmed by written notice addressed and mailed to the Utility within three (3) business days of the phone notice. If the discharge of prohibited materials emanates from a commercial or industrial establishment, the owner or operator of such establishment shall also retain an on-site written record of the discharge and the actions taken to prevent its recurrence. Such records shall be retained for at least three (3) years.

**SECTION 14. ENFORCEMENT**

Notice of Violation. Whenever the Utility finds that a person has violated a prohibition or failed to meet a requirement of this Ordinance, the Authorized Enforcement Agency may order compliance by written notice of violation to the responsible person. Such notice may require without limitation:

- (a) The performance of monitoring, analysis and reporting;
- (b) The elimination of illicit connections or discharges;
- (c) That violating discharges, practices or operation shall cease and desist;
- (d) The abatement or remediation of storm water pollution or contamination hazards and the restoration of any affected property;
- (e) Payment of a fine to cover administrative and remediation costs; and
- (f) The implementation of source control or treatment BMPs. If abatement of a violation and/or restoration of affected property is required, the notice shall set forth a deadline within which such remediation or restoration must be completed. Said notice shall further advise that, should the violator fail to remediate or restore within the established deadline, the work will be done by a designated governmental agency or a contractor and the expense thereof shall be charged to the violator.

**SECTION 15. APPEAL OF NOTICE OF VIOLATION**

Any person receiving a Notice of Violation may appeal the determination of the Utility. The Notice of Appeal must be received within three (3) days from the date of the Notice of Violation. Hearing on the appeal before the Mooresville Town

Court shall take place within fifteen (15) days from the date of receipt of the Notice of Appeal. The decision of the Mooresville Town Court shall be final.

**SECTION 16. ENFORCEMENT MEASURES AFTER APPEAL**

If the violation has not been corrected pursuant to the requirements set forth in the Notice of Violation, or in the event of an appeal, within three (3) days of the decision of the Municipal Authority upholding the decision of the Utility, then representatives of the Authorized Enforcement Agency shall enter upon the subject private property and are authorized to take any and all measures necessary to abate the violation and/or restore the property. It shall be unlawful for any person, owner or agent in possession of any premises to refuse to allow the government agency or designated contractor to enter upon the premises for the purposes set forth above.

**SECTION 17. COST OF ABATEMENT OF THE VIOLATION**

Within three (3) days after abatement of the violation, the owner of the property will be notified of the cost of abatement including administrative costs. The property owner may file a written protest objecting to the amount of the assessment within fifteen (15) days. If the amount due is not paid within a timely manner as determined by the decision of the Utility or by the expiration of the time in which to file an appeal, the charges shall become a special assessment against the property and shall constitute a lien on the property for the amount of the assessment.

Any person violating any of the provisions of this Section shall become liable to the Town of Mooresville by reason of such violation. The liability shall be paid in not more than fifteen (15) days following discovery of the violation.

**SECTION 18. INJUNCTIVE RELIEF**

It shall be unlawful for any person to violate any provision or fail to comply with any of the requirements of this Ordinance. If a person has violated or continues to violate the provisions of this Ordinance, the Authorized Enforcement Agency may petition for a preliminary or permanent injunction restraining the person from activities which would create further violations or compelling the person to perform abatement of remediation of the violation.

**SECTION 19. COMPENSATORY ACTION**

In lieu of enforcement proceedings, penalties and remedies authorized by this Ordinance, the Utility may impose upon a violator alternative compensatory actions such as storm drain stenciling, attendance at compliance workshops, creek cleanup, etc.

**SECTION 20. VIOLATIONS DEEMED A PUBLIC NUISANCE**

In addition to the enforcement processes and penalties provided, any condition caused or permitted to exist in violation of any of the provisions of this Ordinance is a threat to public health, safety and welfare and is declared and deemed a nuisance and may be summarily abated or restored at the violator's expense and/or a civil action to abate, enjoin or otherwise compel the cessation of such nuisance may be taken.

**SECTION 21. EXPENSES**

The Authorized Enforcement Agency, the Mooresville Storm Water Utility Department, may recover all attorney fees, Court costs and other expenses associated with enforcement of this Ordinance including sampling and monitoring expenses.

**SECTION 22. REMEDIES NOT EXCLUSIVE**

Remedies listed in this Ordinance are not exclusive of any other remedies available under any applicable federal, state or local law and it is within the discretion of the Authorized Enforcement Agency to seek cumulative remedies.

Violation of this Ordinance shall also be subject to the Fine Structure set out in Ordinance 4, 2012 with violations to be cited into the Mooresville Town Court through a ticket issued through the authorized Enforcement Agency, the Mooresville Stormwater Utility Department. The penalties provided for in these respective Ordinances shall not be mutually exclusive.

**SECTION 23. ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE**

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect after its final passage, adoption and publication of penalties. All prior Ordinances and parts of Ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 24.**

Upon passage and going into effect this Ordinance shall replace Ordinance 5, 2010 Illicit Discharge and Connection Storm Water Ordinance with the intent that there shall be no period of time that one of the two Ordinances is not in effect.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2012.

**MOORESVILLE TOWN COUNCIL**

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