

Chapter 6

ILLICIT DISCHARGES AND CONNECTIONS

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6-6-1 Definitions.

The following definitions shall be applicable in this Section:

- (a) **Illicit Connection:** Any drain or conveyance, whether on the surface or subsurface, which allows an 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.
- (b) **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.
- (c) **Storm Drain 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.

6-6-2 Discharges Prohibited.

No person shall discharge, spill or dump substances or materials which are not entirely composed of storm water into receiving bodies of water or onto driveways, sidewalks, parking lots or other areas that drain into the storm drainage system. Unless otherwise approved by the City Engineer, no person shall discharge roof drains, yard drains or sump pumps onto streets, sidewalks, or other areas within City right-of-way that drain into the storm drainage system. Roof drains, yard drains, and sump pumps shall discharge onto pervious areas at grade on private property.

6-6-3 Connections Prohibited.

The construction, use, maintenance or continued existence of illicit connections to the storm drainage system will be allowed as grandfathered non-conforming use unless the City Engineer determines it is a detriment. This prohibition expressly includes, without limitation, illicit connections made prior to the adoption of this ordinance, regardless of whether the connections was permissible under law or practice applicable or prevailing at the time of connection. Roof drain and sump pump discharge connections to be approved by the City Engineer prior to connection to the Storm Drainage System.

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6-6-4 Exemptions.

The following activities are exempt from the provisions of this section unless found to have an adverse impact on the storm water:

- (a) Discharges authorized by a permit issued by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.
- (b) Discharges resulting from fire fighting activities.
- (c) Discharges from uncontaminated ground water, potable water source, air conditioning condensation, springs, lawn watering, individual residential car washing, water main and hydrant flushing and municipal swimming pools if the water has been dechlorinated.

6-6-5 Enforcement.

Whenever the City of Onalaska finds a person has violated a prohibition or failed to meet a requirement of this section, the City of Onalaska may order compliance by written notice of violation to the responsible person. Such notice may require without limitation:

- (a) The elimination of illicit connections or discharges;
- (b) That violating discharges, practices, or operations shall cease and desist;
- (c) The abatement or remediation of storm water pollution or contaminated hazards and the restoration of any affected property;
- (d) In the event the person fails to eliminate the illicit connects or discharge, fails to cease and desist in discharge, practices or operations in violation of this Section or fails to abate or remediate the storm water pollution or contamination hazards, that person may be subject to a forfeiture of not less than \$50.00 nor more than \$500.00 for each offense, together with the costs of prosecution. Each day that the violation exists shall constitute a separate offense.