

**FACT SHEET****CITY OF SHREVEPORT,  
LOUISIANA**

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT</u>
An ordinance to amend sections 94-138 And 94-141 of the Code of Ordinances Concerning Wastewater Permit Regulations For Food Service Establishments; and to otherwise provide with respect thereto	4/7/2025	W&S
		<u>COUNCIL DISTRICT</u>
		City-Wide
		<u>SPONSOR</u>

This ordinance provides that (a) permit coverage for wastewater discharges from food service establishments is only required for establishments that are required to have grease interceptors, and (b) the annual permit fee for food service establishments with limited operating hours may be waived.

**Background Information**

Section 94-138 (b) currently requires that all food service establishments obtain coverage under a general permit issued by the City in order to be authorized to discharge wastewater into the sanitary sewer system. This permitting system is what gives the City the ability to monitor and regulate such discharges, with the primary concern being the potential for grease generated at those establishments to enter the sanitary sewer system and create problems for the system. Some food service establishments, however, have no potential to generate grease (due to the type of food served, cooking and/or cleaning methods used, etc.) and have been, or may be, determined by the City to be exempt from the requirement to have a grease interceptor installed. This ordinance will clarify that if a food service establishment is not required to have a grease interceptor, that establishment is likewise not required to have coverage under this general permit. In addition, several food service establishments are only open at very limited times. For such facilities, permit coverage (and installation of a grease interceptor) may still be needed, but it may be unduly burdensome to require that they pay the annual \$150 permit fee established by Section 94-141(a)(4). This ordinance would allow the Department to waive the permit fee for food service establishments that are only open or serving less than 10 hours per week.

<u>TIMETABLE</u>	<u>ATTACHMENT(S)</u>
Introduction: 04/08/2025 Final Passage: 04/22/2025	

**SPECIAL PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS**

[N/A]

<u>FINANCES</u>	<u>SOURCE OF FUNDS</u>
N/A	N/A

**ALTERNATIVES**

(1) Adopt the ordinance as submitted, or (2) Amend the ordinance, or (3) Reject the ordinance.

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**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the ordinance.

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