



# Brevard County Board of County Commissioners

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## Legislation Text

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### **Subject:**

Approval of amendment to Ordinance for Fats, Oils and Grease (FOG) Management program by amending Chapter 110. Utilities. More specifically Sections 110-70 and 110-72.

### **Fiscal Impact:**

Cost of Advertisement

### **Dept/Office:**

Utility Services

### **Requested Action:**

It is requested that the Board of County Commissioners approves an amendment to Ordinance for Fats, Oils and Grease (FOG) Management program by amending Chapter 110. Utilities. Modifying Sections 110-70 and 110-72.

### **Summary Explanation and Background:**

The Utility Services Department is requesting approval of an amendment to the County's fats, oils, and grease program Ordinance, in particular Section 110-70 and 110-72, as shown below in underline. The amendments shown below provide clear direction regarding vertical multi-unit residential units in their requirements of implementation and inspection and fees associated with the FOG program.

**SECTION 2. Section 110-70.** entitled **Fats, oil, and grease management program.** is hereby amended to read as follows:

The intent of the fats, oil and grease management program is to minimize the introduction of fats, oil and grease and petroleum products into the county owned collection system. Wastes containing fats, oil and grease and petroleum products shall be discharged to the county owned collection system only in accordance with the requirements set forth in this article. All facilities that discharge fats, oil and grease into the county owned collection system, with the exception of single-family homes, shall comply with the fats, oil and grease management program by installing the required grease interceptor or grease trap. All car wash facilities that discharge petroleum products into the county owned collection system shall comply with the requirements of the fats, oil and grease management program by installing the required sand and oil interceptor. Vertical multi-unit residential shall comply with the requirements of the fats, oil, and grease management program by installing the required grease interceptor or grease trap for all non-residential areas where fats, oil, and grease may enter the county owned collection system. Non-residential areas include, but are not limited to, common areas or commercial areas within the complex.

**SECTION 3. Section 110-72.** entitled **Fats, oil, and grease management program criteria.**

(d) Inspections.

(3) Vertical multi-unit residential. In the circumstance where a fats, oil, and grease obstruction in the County's wastewater collection system is observed and County staff determine after an inspection that the obstruction is caused by a vertical multi-unit residential complex, the Owner(s) of the vertical residential complex will be assessed a \$3,000 fee for the County's effort to rectify the obstruction. If additional occurrences at the same vertical multi-unit residential complex occur within three years from the last occurrence, the Owner(s) of the complex will be assessed a \$5,000 fee.

The County will use the following investigative process to determine the cause of a fats, oil, and grease obstruction:

- (a) observe the location of the blockage within the County owned wastewater system,
- (b) inspect nearby manhole, lift stations upstream of the vertical residential complex for evidence of fats, oil, grease collection,
- (c) inspect the sample port for that building at the point of connection
- (d) if evidence shows from the due diligence in (b) and (c) that the complex was the source of fats, oils, grease, then the vertical residential complex will be deemed the cause of the obstruction.

Corrective maintenance related to removing build-up of fats, oils, and greases is significantly time consuming and expensive. Moreover, the buildup in the collection system takes up capacity in the County wastewater collection system increasing the probability of sewer overflows. This updated ordinance provides the County with a proactive approach to vertical multi-unit residential complexes by implementing corrective maintenance costs and providing direction on accountability.

This amendment was reviewed and approved by the Building & Construction Advisory Committee (BCAC) at their meeting December 14, 2022.

### **Clerk to the Board Instructions:**

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