ROGUE VALLEY SEWER SERVICES
JACKSON COUNTY, OREGON

ORDINANCE NO. 20-01

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 7 OF THE ROGUE VALLEY SEWER SERVICES CODE

WHEREAS, Rogue Valley Sewer Services first codified its major resolutions and ordinances in 2005, and

WHEREAS, the code has been amended by ordinance from time to time, and

WHEREAS, Title 7 of the Code addresses industrial waste pretreatment and is intended to mirror Chapter 11 of the Medford Municipal Code, and

WHERAS, the City of Medford has recently made changes to Chapter 11 of its municipal code,

NOW BE IT ORDAINED that Title 7 of the Rogue Valley Sewer Services Code are hereby repealed and replaced in their entirety by new Title 7, attached and made a part of this ordinance.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the Ordinances and Resolutions set forth in the code are an attempt to incorporate all prior ordinances in a more organized manner.

To the extent that any prior ordinances or resolutions which are now in effect, and have in whole or in part, been inadvertently excluded from the code, said ordinances or resolutions or portions of such not included shall remain valid and enforceable and shall not be repealed by implication.

AND, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that future changes to the Rogue Valley Sewer Services Code may be made by ordinance of the Board.

ADOPTED BY THE Board of Directors of Rogue Valley Sewer Services at its Regular Meeting held August 19, 2020

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Kay Harrison, Chair
Board of Directors

COUNTERSIGNED:

Carl Tappert, Manager

First Reading: August 19, 2020
Second Reading and Public Hearing: September 16, 2020
Effective Date: September 16, 2020

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July 7, 2020

To: RVSS Board of Directors
From: Carl Tappert, Manager

RE: Code Update – Pretreatment Ordinance

The City of Medford had a compliance audit of their pretreatment program. In the audit the DEQ noted some inconsistencies between the way the pretreatment program worked and the language in the code authorizing the program. Most of the changes have to do with the legal relationship between RVSS and Medford which has changed with the annexation of Phoenix, Jacksonville, and Central Point. Other significant changes expand the authority to enforce the regulations based on potential to cause a disruption in the sewer system rather than the actual causing of a disruption.

Below is a list of the significant changes proposed for the pretreatment ordinance:

- Uses the term Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTW) throughout. POTW is defined as the regional treatment plant and the collection system feeding the plant.
- Uses the term "Control Mechanism" instead of "Permit". This is a broader term that gives the treatment plant more options for enforcing pretreatment regulations.
- Eliminates references to "jurisdictional participant". This was a relic from before Phoenix, Central Point, and Jacksonville annexed into RVSS.
- 7.10.010 A – clarifies that all users are subject to the pretreatment rules regardless of whether or not they are required to get a discharge permit.
- 7.10.010 B 3. – Changes the prohibition from materials that "will cause obstruction" to materials that are "capable of causing obstruction". This will allow us to enforce the rules without having to wait for an actual spill to occur.
- 7.10.010 B 4. – Expands the prohibition from pollutants that "will cause interference" to those that "either singly or by interaction with other pollutants may cause interference". This will give the treatment plant broader discretion enforcing discharge conditions.
- 7.10.010 B 5. – Reduces the allowable discharge temperature from 190 degrees to 140 degrees.
- 7.10.010 B 19 – New prohibition on dyes and other substances that change the color of the water.
- Prohibition extends to storage of prohibited materials.
- 7.20.060 – extends the time for permit renewal from 45 days before expiration to 60 days before expiration.