

**CITY OF LAVON, TEXAS**  
**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-03-08**

Amendment to Grease Management System Regulations

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAVON, TEXAS AMENDING CHAPTER 12, “UTILITIES,” OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY AMENDING ARTICLE 12.06 “GREASE TRAPS”, SECTION 12.06.003 “INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS (A) INSTALLATIONS” PROVIDING REGULATIONS FOR INSTALLATION OF NON-RESIDENTIAL SYSTEMS; PROVIDING A PENALTY CLAUSE FOR EACH OFFENSE; PROVIDING SAVINGS, REPEALING AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSES; PROVING FOR PUBLICATION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FINDING AND DETERMINING THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS ORDINANCE IS ADOPTED TO BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AS REQUIRED BY LAW.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Lavon (the “City”) is a home rule city acting under its charter adopted by the electorate pursuant to Article XI, Section 5 of the Texas Constitution and Chapter 9 of the Texas Local Government Code; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lavon City Council (the “City Council”) has recognized that the accumulation of fats, oil and grease in the sanitary sewer system is one of the leading causes of wastewater collection overflows; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has determined that regulations to ensure the proper and safe use of grease interceptors and the proper disposal of grease trap waste support the City’s efforts to prevent wastewater collection overflows through regulating and preventing fats, oils and grease blockage; and

**WHEREAS**, considering the foregoing, the City Council now deems it advisable and necessary to enact regulations concerning the installation of grease interceptors and proper disposal of grease traps in non-residential uses in the City in order to protect the public health, safety and general welfare of the citizens of the City of Lavon.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAVON, TEXAS:**

**SECTION 1. INCORPORATION OF PREMISES.** The above and foregoing premises are: (i) true and correct and are incorporated herein and made a part of this Ordinance for all purposes; and (ii) legislative findings of the City Council.

**SECTION 2. FINDINGS.** After due deliberation and consideration, the City Council has concluded that the adoption of this Ordinance is in the best interests of the City and of the public health, safety, and welfare.

**SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Chapter 12, “Utilities,” of the City’s Code of Ordinances is hereby amended as follows:

“ARTICLE 12.06       **GREASE TRAPS**

**Installation and Maintenance Requirements.**

(a) Installations.

- (4) A new grease trap/interceptor facility or an expanded or modified grease trap/interceptor facility shall be installed outside. The City Manager or their designee may permit “pre-existing facilities” to be constructed inside upon demonstration of a hardship and provision of maintenance assurances by the holder of a Certificate of Occupancy.

**SECTION 4. SAVINGS/REPEALING CLAUSE.** All provisions of any ordinance in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent they are in conflict, but such repeal shall not abate any pending prosecution for violation of the repealed ordinance, nor shall the repeal prevent a prosecution from being commenced for any violation if occurring prior to the repeal of the ordinance. Any remaining portions of said ordinances shall remain in full force and effect.

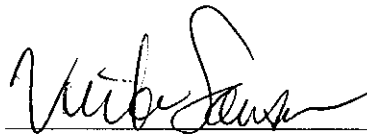
**SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY.** Should any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, it is expressly provided that any and all remaining portions of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect. The City hereby declares that it would have passed this Ordinance, and each section, subsection, clause, or phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, and phrases be declared unconstitutional or invalid.

**SECTION 6. PENALTY.** Any person, firm, corporation, or entity violating this Ordinance, as it exists or may be amended, shall be subject to the penalty provision described in added Section 10.08.005. Nothing in this Ordinance shall limit the remedies available to the City in seeking to enforce the provisions of this article or other law, and all remedies shall be cumulative and not exclusive.

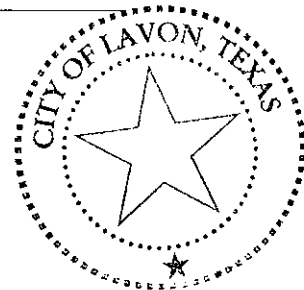
**SECTION 7. PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption and its publication as required by law.

**SECTION 8. OPEN MEETING.** That it is hereby found and determined that the meeting at which this Ordinance was passed was open to the public as required by law and that public notice of the time, place, and purpose of said meeting was given, all as required by Chapter 551, Texas Government Code.

**DULY PASSED and APPROVED** by the City Council of the City of Lavon, Texas, on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 2025.



Vicki Sanson  
Mayor



ATTEST:



Rae Norton  
City Secretary