

**TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN
COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER**

O-17-10

**ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING PRIVATE STORM DRAIN
INLET RETROFITTING**

Section I. Purpose:

An ordinance requiring the retrofitting of existing storm drain inlets which are in direct contact with repaving, repairing, reconstruction, resurfacing or alterations of facilities on private property, to prevent the discharge of solids and floatables (such as plastic bottles, cans, food wrappers and other litter) to the municipal separate storm sewer system operated by the Township of Franklin, Gloucester County so as to protect public health, safety and welfare, and to prescribe penalties for the failure to comply.

Section II. Definitions:

For the purpose of this ordinance, the following terms, phrases, words and their derivations shall have the meanings stated herein unless their use in the text of this chapter clearly demonstrates a different meaning. When not inconsistent with the context, words used in the present tense include the future, words used the plural number include the singular number, and words used in the singular number include the plural number. The word "shall" is always mandatory and not merely directory.

- a. Municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4)-** a conveyance or system of conveyances (including roads with drainage systems, municipal streets, catch basins, curbs, gutters, ditches, manmade channels, or storm drains) that is owned and operated by the Township of Franklin, Gloucester County, or other public body and is designed and used for collecting and conveying storm water.
- b. Person** – any individual, corporation, company, partnership, firm, association or political subdivision of this state subject to municipal jurisdiction.
- c. Storm Drain Inlet** – an opening in a storm drain used to collect storm water runoff and includes, but is not limited to, a grate inlet, curb opening inlet, slotted inlet and combination inlet.
- d. Waters of the State** - means the ocean and its estuaries, all springs, streams and bodies of surface or ground water, whether natural or artificial, within the boundaries of the State of New Jersey or subject to its jurisdiction.

Section III. Prohibited Conduct:

No person in control of private property (except a residential lot with one single family house) shall authorize the repaving, repairing (excluding the repair of individual potholes) resurfacing (including top coating or chip sealing with asphalt emulsion or a thin base of hot bitumen) reconstructing or altering any surface that is in direct contact with an existing storm drain inlet on that property unless the storm drain inlet either:

- 1. Already meets the design standard below to control passage of solid and floatable materials;
or
- 2. Is retrofitted or replaced to meet the standard in Section IV below prior to the completion of the project.

Section IV. Design Standard:

Storm drain inlets identified in Section III above shall comply with the following standard to control passage of solid and floatable materials through storm drain inlets. For purposes of this paragraph, "solid and floatable materials" means sediment, debris, trash and other floating, suspended or settled solids. For exemptions to this standard see number 3 below.

1. Design engineers shall use either of the following grates whenever they use a grate in pavement or another ground surface to collect storm water from the surface into a storm drain or surface water body under the grate:
 - a. The New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) bicycle safe grate, which is described in Chapter 2.4 of the NJDOT Bicycle Compatible Roadways and Bikeways Planning and Design Guidelines (April 1996); or
 - b. A different grate, if each individual clear space in that grate has an area of no more than seven (7) square inches or is no greater than 0.5 inches across the smallest dimension. Examples of grates subject to this standard include grates in grate inlets, the grate portion (non-curb-opening portion) of combination inlets, grates on storm sewer manholes, ditch grates, trench grates and grates of spacer bars in slotted drains. Examples of ground surfaces include surfaces of roads (including bridges), driveways, parking areas, bikeways, plazas, sidewalks, lawns, fields, open channels and storm water basin floors.
2. Whenever design engineers use a curb-opening inlet, the clear space in that curb opening (or each individual clear space, if the curb opening has two or more clear spaces) shall have an area of no more than seven (7) square inches, or be no greater than two (2) inches across the smallest dimension.
3. This standard does not apply:
 - a. Where the municipal engineer agrees that this standard would cause inadequate hydraulic performance that could not practicably be overcome by using additional or larger storm drain inlets that meet these standards.
 - b. Where flows are conveyed through any device (e.g., end of pipe netting facility, manufactured treatment device, or a catch basin hood) that is designed, at a minimum, to prevent delivery of all solid and floatable materials that could not pass through one of the following:
 - i. A rectangular space four and five-eighths inches long and one and one half inches wide (this option does not apply for outfall netting facilities); or
 - ii. A bar screen having a bar spacing of 0.5 inches
 - c. Where flows are conveyed through a trash rack that has parallel bars with one inch (1") spacing between the bars; or
 - d. Where the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection determines, pursuant to the New Jersey Register of Historic Places Rules at N.J.A.C. 7:4-7.2© that action to meet this standard is an undertaking that constitutes an encroachment or will damage or destroy the New Jersey Register listed historic property.

Section V. Enforcement:

This ordinance shall be enforced by the Township of Franklin Code Enforcement Official, Township Police Department or the Municipal Storm water Coordinator.

Section VI. Penalties:

Any person(s) who is found to be in violation of the provisions of this ordinance shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$100.00 per day per dumpster. In addition, any cost, expenses, fees, etc. associated with the cleanup shall be the responsibility of those found to be in violation of this ordinance.

Section VII. Severability:

Each section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase of this ordinance is declared to be an independent section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase, and the finding or holding of any such portion of this ordinance to be unconstitutional, void, or ineffective for any cause, or reason, shall not affect any other portion of this ordinance.

Section VIII. Effective Date:

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption and any publication as may be required by law.

ATTEST:

TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN

CAROLYN K. TOY, CLERK

PATRICK M. DOUGHERTY, MAYOR

CERTIFICATION

I, Carolyn K. Toy, Clerk of the Township of Franklin the County of Gloucester, do hereby certify that the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of an Ordinance introduced by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin at a meeting held on Tuesday, July 27, 2010 with a subsequent second public reading held on August 24, 2010, at which time any person interested therein was given an opportunity to be heard.

Carolyn K. Toy, Clerk