

ORDINANCE FACTS SHEET

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St. Charles Parish is regulated under General Permit LAR040000 for discharges from small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4), and is required to develop an ordinance or other regulatory mechanism to enforce the minimum control measures defined by the MS4 Permit.

There are six minimum control measures stipulated in the Parish's permit;

1. Public education and outreach,
2. Public Participation and Involvement
3. Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination
4. Construction Site runoff control
5. Post-construction stormwater management
6. Pollution Prevention and Good Housekeeping for Municipal operations

Of these specified minimum controls an ordinance is **required** as a minimum control measure to address **illicit discharges, construction site runoff, and post-construction runoff**.

The following is provided to summarize the contents and purpose of the proposed ordinance Chapter 25 – Storm Water Management and Erosion and Sediment Control.

The purpose of the ordinance is;

- A. To protect the public health, safety, environment and general welfare through the regulation of non-Storm Water discharges to the St. Charles Parish (the Parish) municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) to the maximum extent practicable as required by Federal law; and,
- B. To prohibit illicit discharges and illegal connections to the Parish Storm Sewer system; and,
- C. To prevent non-Storm Water discharges, generated as a result of spills, inappropriate dumping or disposal, to the Parish Storm Sewer System (MS4); and,

- D.** To promote public awareness of the hazards involved in the improper discharge of hazardous substances, petroleum products, household hazardous waste, industrial waste, sediment, pesticides, herbicides, fertilizers, and other contaminants into the storm sewer system, drainage infrastructure, conveyances, and waterways of the Parish; and,
- E.** To encourage recycling of used motor oil and the safe disposal of other hazardous consumer products to prevent contaminants from entering the conveyances and waterways of the Parish; and,
- F.** To regulate soil disturbance during construction activities (greater than 1 acre), filling, excavation, and grading of property and control Storm Water discharges on all construction projects in The Parish to avoid pollution of the drainage infrastructure, conveyances, and waterways with nutrients, sediments, clay, sand, dirt, construction debris, and other pollutants generated on or caused by surface runoff on or across the permitted area; and to ensure that the intended user of a construction site is consistent with applicable state, federal, and local law; and,
- G.** To require the installation, inspection, and maintenance of erosion and sediment control measures, and other Best Management Practices (BMP) consistent with the *Urban Stormwater Runoff; Roads, Highways, Bridges; Best Management Practices (BMPs) for Coastal Louisiana Non-Point Source Pollution – 2008 Publication by Louisiana Department of Natural Resources*; and,
- H.** To establish minimum requirements and procedures to control the adverse effects of increased post-development Storm Water runoff and nonpoint source pollution associated with new development and redevelopment to minimize damage to public and private property and infrastructure, safeguard the public health, safety, environment and general welfare of the public, and protect water and aquatic resources; and,
- I.** To require that new development and redevelopment maintain the pre-development hydrologic response in their post-development state as nearly as practicable in order to reduce flooding, stream bank erosion, nonpoint source pollution and increases in stream temperature, and maintain the integrity of stream channels and aquatic habitats; and,
- J.** To maintain and improve the quality of surface water and ground water within the Parish, Louisiana and to facilitate compliance with state and federal water quality standards, limitations, and permits by owners and operators of industrial activities and construction sites within the Parish; and,
- K.** To enable the Parish to comply with the MS4 Permit, all state, federal, and local regulations applicable to Storm Water discharges; and,
- L.** To establish legal authority to carry out all inspection, surveillance, monitoring and enforcement procedures necessary to ensure compliance with this Chapter.