

ORDINANCE 2026-15

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 86, REGARDING PROTECTING THE CITY SEWER SYSTEM FROM HARMFUL INTRODUCTION OF GREASE AND OIL INTO THE SYSTEM; PROVIDING FOR INDOOR GREASE INTERCEPTORS FOR CERTAIN LOW PRODUCING ESTABLISHMENTS; PROVIDING AUTHORITY OF PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR FOR DISCRETIONARY ACTS; PROVIDING ACCEPTABLE INDOOR INTERCEPTORS; PROVIDING STANDARDS AND CONDITIONS FOR USE; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES PROVIDING FOR APPEAL TO THE CITY COMMISSION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Whereas, Chapter 86, of the City Code provides for the City wastewater system; and

Whereas, the City Commission finds that it is in the public interest to amend Chapter 86, Section 225 to provide for use of certain indoor grease interceptors for certain establishments producing low amounts of fats, oil and grease; and

Whereas, the City Commission finds it in the best interest of the public welfare to provide requirements, standards, procedures and testing for use of indoor grease interceptors; and

Whereas, the City Commission finds that it is in the best interest of the public welfare to provide for penalties for violations of this section.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Commission of the City of Belleview, Florida that Chapter 86, Section 86-225(c)(2) of the City Code is amended to provide for grease interceptors for certain establishment, which subsections shall read as follows:

“Sec. 86-225. - Interceptors required.

(c)(2) Establishments that are low fat, oil and/or grease producers, such as retail meat market, sushi, take & bake pizza, juice & smoothie bars that use limited dairy & protein powders, and sub shops may apply for approval by the Public Works Director to install hydromechanical grease interceptors or automatic grease removal devices in the following circumstances:

- An outdoor gravity grease interceptor cannot be installed due to site constraints or economic hardship; or
- No cooking or frying and the establishment has a 3-compartment sink rated for < 50 GPM; or.
- Do not generate F.O.G. in volumes sufficient to require a gravity grease interceptor.

- a. Approval shall be based upon a review of the specific operations, fixtures, and anticipated discharge and may include conditions related to operation, maintenance, and monitoring.
- b. Acceptable interceptors, if approved for use, are:
 1. Thermaco – Big Dipper
 2. Grease Guardian – Grease Guardian
 3. ACO/Goslyn – Automatic Grease Separator
 4. Highland Tank – Grease Stopper Automatic
 5. Mifab – MI-G-AD
- c. Approval may be revoked at any time if the establishment discharges F.O.G. into the City's sewer system in a manner that causes or contributes to SOs or increased line maintenance by the City, which would require that an outdoor, in-ground interceptor be installed.
- d. Any change in operations-including, but not limited to, the addition of cooking, hot food preparation, or expanding food processing-shall require a reevaluation of grease interceptor requirements.
- e. When an indoor interceptor is installed, the facility operator will report online to the City's FOG portal to prove that the operator is following the mandated procedures to keep FOG from the City's sewer system.
- f. The operator shall keep the City mandated maintenance log with daily entries confirming visual inspection and any maintenance of the interceptor. A photo or scanned copy of the maintenance log shall be provided through the City of Belleview online FOG Portal.
- g. Every 30 days the operator shall do a complete clean-out of the interceptor, utilizing one of the following methods:
 - Hire a licensed grease hauler that will pump out and clean the unit. The hauler will send in the service manifest through the City of Belleview online FOG portal; or
 - The FSE will self-clean and send documented evidence of the clean out by using the Self-Cleaners manifest form on the City of Belleview online FOG portal. This requires time and date stamped "before" and "after" photos of the inside of the unit.
- h. When an existing indoor interceptors need replacement, the operator shall hire a plumber to pull a permit and install the unit in accordance with City's then current regulations.
- i. Failure to submit required maintenance log (for the interceptor & manifest (self-cleaners manifest or service manifest from licensed grease hauler) within 7 days of service will result in the following penalties:
 - \$50 per day per offense until documentation is received (max 3 separate offenses per rolling year) that would be added to their utility bill together with a Notice of Non-Compliance.
 - \$350 per day per offense until documentation is received (4th offense to 6th offense per rolling year) that would be added to their utility bill together with a Notice of Non-Compliance.

- \$500 per day per offense until documentation is received (7th + offense(s) per rolling year) that would be added to their utility bill together with a Notice of Non-Compliance.”

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are to the extent of such conflict repealed.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that It is the intention of the City Commission that the provisions of this ordinance shall become and be made a part of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Belleview, Florida; that the sections of this ordinance may be renumbered or re-lettered to accomplish such intention; and that the word "ordinance" may be changed to "section," "article," or other appropriate designation.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION AND APPROVAL

The above and foregoing ordinance was duly read and approved upon **First Reading** by a ____ to ____ vote of the City Commission of the City of Belleview, Florida, at a Regular Meeting held on July 21, 2026. Said ordinance was duly read, passed, and adopted upon **Final Reading** by a ____ to ____ vote of the City Commission of the City of Belleview, Florida at a Public Hearing held on August 4, 2026.

CHRISTINE DOBKOWSKI
Mayor

Attest:

LEZLI MERRITT
City Clerk

Approved as to Form and Legal Sufficiency
For the use and Benefit of the City of Belleview Only:

FREDERICK E. LANDT, III
City Attorney

CERTIFICATE OF ADVERTISING

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Ordinance was advertised for a Public Hearing on the county's publicly accessible website on July 24, 2026 in accordance with Florida Statutes.

LEZLI MERRITT
City Clerk