

CHAPTER 6 – PUBLIC UTILITIES

ARTICLE 1 – PLUMBING CODE

SECTION 6-101: PLUMBING CODE ADOPTED

The Village of Inglewood hereby adopts and accepts the 1953 Plumbing Code of the City of Fremont, as amended. Three copies of such code are on file for use and examination by the public in the office of the village clerk. All provisions of such code, comprising Sections 7-301 through 7-2601 contained in Articles VII to XXX, inclusive, as amended, are hereby incorporated as to the rules and regulations for matter relating to sewers. ▫

SECTION 6-102: INTENT OF BOARD

It is the intent of the chairman and Board of Trustees (1) to incorporate such code by reference so that it shall be in full force and effect as though set forth at length herein and (2) that the conditions, provisions and limitations in terms of such plumbing code shall apply with full force and effect to all and everything related to water and sewer matters within the Village. ▫

SECTION 6-103: UNLAWFUL ACTS

It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to erect, construct, enlarge, alter, repair, move, improve, or convert any plumbing or sewers in the Village or cause the same to be done contrary to or in violation of the provisions of said code.

ARTICLE 2 – SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM RULES, REGULATIONS AND STANDARDS

SECTION 6-201: DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of this ordinance, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them by this section: ▫

“City” means the City of Fremont. ▫

“Village” means the Village of Inglewood. ▫

“Department or Utilities” and “Board of Public Works” shall mean the Department of Utilities and the Board of Public Works of the City of Fremont, Nebraska, such Department and Board being the duly authorized agents of the Village pursuant to the contract for sewer service between the Village and the City, to supervise and enforce the operation and maintenance of the sanitary sewer collection system of the Village. In addition to authorizing these agents to enforce the provisions of this ordinance and operate the system on behalf of the Village, the Village will also take whatever action is necessary to directly enforce any provision of this ordinance upon request of the Department of Utilities or Board of Public Works that it do so. ▫

“Sewer inspector” means the sewer inspector or inspectors of the City. ▫

SECTION 6-202: ORDINANCE DEEMED PART OF CONSUMER'S CONTRACT

The rules, regulations and rates mentioned in this ordinance shall be considered a part of the contract of every person who connects with and uses the village sanitary sewer collection system and every such person, by using same, shall be considered and held to consent to be bound thereby. ▫

SECTION 6-203: CONFORMITY TO RULES

All connections of private drains or sewers with the public sewers of the Village, or the construction or modification of appurtenances to sewers or sewer connections, shall be made in accordance with the rules and regulations approved by the Village and such further rules as may from time to time be adopted. ▫

SECTION 6-204: REQUIREMENTS; LICENSE, SPECIAL CONTRACT

No person shall open, uncover or in any manner make any connection with or lay any sewer or drain or attach or modify an appurtenance to sewer connections to sewers within the public streets, alleys or other grounds of the Village unless duly licensed therefor or operating under special contract with the City for such work. ▫

SECTION 6-205: POWER OF INSPECTORS

The city sewer inspector, or inspectors, are delegated any or all powers essential to the proper supervision and enforcement of the provisions of this ordinance regarding the operation, maintenance and use of the village sanitary sewer collection system. ▫

SECTION 6-206: PERMIT REQUIRED

No person shall construct, alter or repair any sewer or sewer connection in the Village without first obtaining a permit from the sewer inspector to do so. ▫

SECTION 6-207: PERMIT; TIME OF APPLICATION

Any application for a permit to a plumber or drain layer as required by this ordinance shall be filed with the sewer inspector twenty-four hours before its issuance, except in case of accident requiring more prompt attention. ▫

SECTION 6-208: SEWER EXCAVATIONS, GENERALLY

1. Generally. Trenches in public streets or alleys excavated for sewer purposes shall be excavated so as to impede travel as little as possible. The crossing of gutters and all other ways shall be left in shape so as to permit the ready escape of water during storms. Where sidewalks or crossings are opened, planks shall always be provided so as to provide easy crossing over such trenches. ▫

2. Barricades and lights. Red lights shall be kept around all such unfinished work at night, and sufficient barricades against accidents shall be placed around such excavations at all times. ▫

3. Work not to be delayed. Work in the public streets shall not be unnecessarily delayed and, when directed by the sewer inspector, the number of workmen shall be increased to hasten the work to the extent the sewer inspector may deem necessary for public interests. ▫

4. Bracing certain trenches. Trenches six feet deep or more and all trenches made in otherwise treacherous soil or near large masonry buildings shall be properly braced, and the party excavating, and his bondsmen, shall be liable for all damages arising by reason of any neglect in this respect. ▫

5. Refilling trenches. The refilling of all trenches in unpaved streets or alleys shall be well and thoroughly done in uniform layers not exceeding four inches of fill material and tamped with a tamper weighing not less than forty pounds or, in the alternative, with puddled earth, as may be directed by the sewer inspector or other agents of the City entrusted with the supervision of such work, so as to leave the surface in as good a condition as it was found before the commencement of the

work. ▫

SECTION 6-209: SPIRIT LEVEL; DEPTHS; FALL PER FOOT

Drain layers and plumbers shall be required to keep on hand a spirit level in proper order where work is being done in connection with public sewers, and their returns shall show the actual depths below the surface and fall per foot to which their pipes have been laid. ▫

SECTION 6-210: SANITARY SEWER CONNECTIONS AND DISCONNECTIONS, GENERALLY; SEWER INSTALLATIONS GENERALLY

1. Every person desiring a connection with the village sanitary sewer system shall make application to the Department of Utilities for the same. ▫

2. Each applicant shall have all sewer pipes and associated apparatus installed by a licensed plumber or drain layer, the cost of which shall be borne by the applicant, except that private homeowners of non-commercial property may dig their own trenches and fill in same after inspection and approval even though said homeowner is not a licensed plumber. ▫

3. Connections with the sewers of the municipal system shall be of first class quality, minimum four-inch vitrified clay in size, cast iron, plastic or cement-asbestos pipe, all with their suitable connections and of proper composition and weight to conform with the latest standards of the Uniform Plumbing Code and United States Commercial Standards, without reducers, laid to a uniform grade, with gasket joints in correct and good workmanlike manner. No traps shall be allowed throughout the entire line, and the soil pipe shall be continuous for ventilation purposes to a point not less than twelve inches above the roof of the building, such soil pipes to be coated with an approved tar or asphaltic preparation. All connections with such pipes shall be properly trapped with a water seal not less than one-half inch in depth, such seal to be protected against siphonage by connection with such pipes above the outer upper end of the trap. All joints shall be tightly and thoroughly caulked with lead or other approved method to permit no gas to escape. Connections with other than the village sewers shall be done according to the directions of the Department of Utilities. ▫

4. It shall be the responsibility of the owner of the property served to maintain all sewer pipes and associated apparatus in good repair and safe working order. ▫

5. When for any reason a sanitary sewer service is abandoned, the owner of the property shall promptly have such service shut off at a point between the property line and the village sewer line by capping such service under the direction of and in a manner approved by the Department of Utilities. If, in the opinion of officials of the Department of Utilities, the owner does not comply with this regulation

within a reasonable time, such service shall be capped by the Department of Utilities and all expense connected therewith shall be chargeable against the property and shall be paid by the owner. ▫

SECTION 6-211: CONNECTIONS FOR STABLE WASTE; SIPHON

Sewer connections for stable waste shall be siphon form approved by the sewer inspector. ▫

SECTION 6-212: STEAM EXHAUSTS; CATCH BASINS

Steam exhausts shall be discharged into catch basins and not directly into sewer pipes. ▫

SECTION 6-213: JUNCTION PIPES; SPECIAL PERMIT

No junction pipe shall be cut or taken up for connection without a special permit, and then only in the presence of an inspector. ▫

SECTION 6-214: USE OF CURVED PIPE; CERTAIN CONNECTIONS

Changes of directions of sewer pipes shall be made by properly curved pipe and not by edging or cutting. ▫

SECTION 6-215: CERTAIN CONNECTIONS PROHIBITED

No storm water connections to conduct water from yards, roofs or overflow pipes from cisterns will be permitted within the village sewer system. ▫

SECTION 6-216: "T" CONNECTIONS PROHIBITED

Sewer pipe connections both inside and outside of buildings shall be by "Y's" and not by "T's." ▫

SECTION 6-217: REPORTING ACCIDENTS

Accidents to sewers by caving or cleaning of private connections shall be promptly reported to the sewer inspector's office. ▫

SECTION 6-218: UNCOVERING "Y'S"

No "Y" connections shall be uncovered for connecting with the sewer without the presence of an inspector. ▫

SECTION 6-219: OPENING OR ENTERING MANHOLES

Entrance into manholes or the opening of the same except by the inspector is strictly prohibited. ▫

SECTION 6-220: DISAPPROVED WORK; PROMPTLY REMEDIED

Any defective or other work in connection with sewers or appurtenances disapproved by the sewer inspector shall, upon written notice, be promptly remedied. ▫

SECTION 6-221: SEWER INSPECTOR; RIGHT OF ENTRY

The sewer inspector shall have access at all times to any building connected with any sewer in order to properly examine the same. ▫

SECTION 6-222: UNLAWFUL DEPOSITS; TRAPS REQUIRED

No person shall throw or deposit, or cause or permit to be thrown or deposited, in any manhole, vessel or receptacle connected with the public sewers any garbage, hair, ashes, fruit or vegetable peelings, refuse, rags, sticks, cinders or any other matter or thing whatever except human excrement, urine, the necessary closet paper and liquid house slops. All sewer connections shall be provided with an approved grease or mud trap, except connections to single-unit residences or places of business which use the sewer for no other purpose than carrying off human excrement, urine or liquid house slops. ▫

SECTION 6-223: BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS; RULES; VIOLATION

The rules adopted by the Board of Public Works from time to time to protect the sewers of the City of Fremont are deemed applicable to the sewers of the Village and will be enforced by the Village Board of Trustees as requested by the Board of Public Works. Anyone violating such rules shall, by the direction of the Village Board made upon request of the Board of Public Works and after thirty days' notice to the property owner and tenant, have his/her sewer disconnected from the main sewer system. ▫

SECTION 6-224: VIOLATION; MISDEMEANOR

Any person who shall be found guilty of violating any of the provisions of this ordinance or any of the regulations in connection therewith or who shall fail or neglect to comply with any such provision, rule or regulation shall be considered guilty of a misdemeanor. ▫

SECTION 6-225: ADOPTION OF NATIONAL UNIFORM PLUMBING CODE

The 1979 National Uniform Plumbing Code and subsequent amendments thereto

are hereby deemed to be adopted into this ordinance and made a part thereof by reference. ▫

SECTION 6-226: DRAINAGE BELOW CURB AND BELOW MAIN SEWER LEVEL

1. Drainage piping which serves fixtures having the flood level rims located below the elevation of the curb or property line, at the point where the building sewer crosses under the curb or property line and above the crown level of the main sewer, shall drain by gravity into the main sewer and shall be protected from backflow of sewage by installing an approved type backwater valve. Each such backwater valve shall be installed only in that branch or section of the drainage system which receives the discharge from fixtures located below the elevation of the curb or property line. ▫

2. Drainage piping which serves fixtures that are located below the crown level of the main sewer shall discharge into an approved water-tight sump or receiving tank, so located as to receive the sewage or wastes by gravity. From such sump or receiving tank, the sewage or other liquid wastes shall be lifted and discharged into the building drain or building sewer by approved ejectors, pumps or other equally efficient approved mechanical device. ▫

3. The minimum size of any pump or any discharge pipe from a sump having a water closet connected thereto shall be not less than two inches (50.8 mm). ▫

SECTION 6-227: SEWER USE FEES AND CHARGES, GENERALLY

All expenses for sewer service shall be borne by the applicant for sewer service. The City shall fix rate charges for sewer use by customers, the amount of deposit as a guarantee for the payment of bills, and all other fees or charges for service rendered by the Utilities Department, as provided in the contract for sewer service between the Village and the City.

SECTION 6-228: COLLECTION OF SEWER RENTAL CHARGES

The sewer charges prescribed in this ordinance, also called rental charges, shall be collected at the same time, in the same manner and by the same officers as water charges are collected by the City.

SECTION 6-229: SEWER RENTAL CHARGES; DELINQUENT CHARGES

All sewer rental charges prescribed by this article shall be a lien upon the premises and real estate for which the sewer service is supplied and used, and if not paid when due, such charges shall be certified to the city treasurer and may be recovered by the Village, or by the City as agent for the Village, in an action at law. Such delinquent charges may be certified to the county clerk and assessed against the

real estate and premises served and be collected and returned in the same manner as other taxes. All rental charges levied by this article which are not paid when due shall be deemed to be delinquent and the water and sewer service for such user may be discontinued.

SECTION 6-230: EXCEPTIONS TO RATES

If any user can show to the satisfaction of the Board of Public Works that any substantial portion of the water consumed by such user as determined by this section is used for such purpose that it does not contribute to the sanitary sewage, then that water shall be disregarded for the purpose of determining the sanitary sewer rental charges to such user.

(Ord. 182, 7/6/81)

ARTICLE 3 – GARBAGE AND WASTE DISPOSAL

SECTION 6-301: DEFINITIONS

In the administration of this article, the following definitions shall prevail: ▫

"Garbage" shall be defined to mean kitchen refuse, decayed waste, dead animals or anything that may decompose and become offensive to the public health. ▫

"Rubbish" or "trash" shall be defined as discarded machinery, chips, pieces of wood, sticks, dead trees, branches, bottles, broken glass, crockery, tin cans, boxes, papers, rags or any other litter or debris that is not an immediate hazard to the health of the residents of the Village. ▫

"Waste" shall mean cinders, ashes, plaster, brick, stone, sawdust or sand. ▫

SECTION 6-302: GENERAL REGULATIONS

1. It shall be unlawful for any person to keep in, on or about any dwelling, house, building or premises in the Village and within the corporate limits thereof, any decayed vegetable or animal substance, garbage, offal or refuse matter or any substance that may be injurious to the public health or offensive to the residents or inhabitants of the vicinity unless the same is kept in receptacles not exceeding a 30-gallon capacity and as nearly airtight as may be practical. ▫

2. It shall be unlawful for any person to throw or sweep into the streets, avenues, alleys, parks or public grounds of the Village any dirt, paper, nails, pieces of glass or board, fruit parings or skins, refuse, waste or rubbish of any kind or to throw or place such matter upon any sidewalk or street crossing or on any driveways or upon the floor, stairway or hallway of any public building or theater. ▫

SECTION 6-303: REMOVAL REQUIRED

It shall be unlawful for any person to permit garbage, rubbish, waste or refuse to collect on his/her property, as the same might affect the public health, and any person shall remove the same within 24 hours after being notified to do so by the public works commissioner, who shall act on behalf of the Board of Health. All persons shall have the contents of their garbage can(s) removed at least once a week. ▫

SECTION 6-304: GARBAGE AND DEAD ANIMALS

It shall be unlawful for any person to place garbage, rubbish, waste or dead animals or fowls or permit any of the above-enumerated articles, which were his/hers or under his/her control, to be placed on any street, avenue, alley, park or other public ground, except the village dumping ground, without the permission of the public works commissioner. ▫

SECTION 6-305: HOURS OF HAULING GARBAGE IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS

No garbage or trash hauler shall commence operations in residential areas before 6:00 A.M. or after 9:00 P.M. For the purpose of this section, "residential areas" shall be those residential zoning districts so designated on the Village's zoning district map. ▫

(Ord. 224, 11/2/87)

ARTICLE 4 – PENAL PROVISION

SECTION 6-401: VIOLATION; PENALTY

Any and all persons violating any of the provisions of the several articles of this chapter for which no other penalty is imposed shall, upon conviction, be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in an amount not more than \$500.00. Each day that maintenance of the same continues shall constitute a separate offense. ▫

