

**THE CITY OF BIRCHWOOD VILLAGE
STORM WATER POLLUTION PREVENTION PROGRAM PLAN (SWPPP)**

202.100. ILLICIT DISCHARGE DETECTION AND ELIMINATION: PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES. The purpose of this Ordinance is to provide for the health, safety and general welfare of the citizens of Birchwood Village through the regulation of non-stormwater discharges to the storm drainage system to the maximum extent practicable as required by the State and Federal Law. This Ordinance establishes methods for controlling the introduction of pollutants into the municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) in order to comply with the requirements of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) MS4 permit process.

The objectives of this Ordinance are:

- 202.100.1. To regulate the contribution of pollutants to the municipal separate storm sewer system by stormwater discharges by any user.
- 202.100.1.2. To prohibit Illicit Connections and Discharges to the municipal separate storm sewer system.
- 202.100.1.3. To establish legal authority to carry out all inspection, surveillance, and monitoring procedures necessary to ensure compliance with this ordinance.
- 202.100.2. DEFINITIONS. For the purpose of this ordinance, the following terms shall have the following meanings:
 - 202.100.2.1. Authorized Enforcement Agency: employees or designees of Birchwood Village or the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) as designated to enforce this Ordinance.
 - 202.100.2.2. Best Management Practices (BMP's): Schedule of activities, prohibitions of practices, general good housekeeping practices, pollution prevention and educational practices, maintenance procedures, and other management practices to prevent or reduce the discharge of pollutants directly or indirectly into stormwater, receiving waters, or stormwater conveyance systems. Best Management Practices also include treatment practices, operating procedures, and practices to control site runoff, spillage or leaks, sludge or water disposal, or drainage from raw materials storage.
 - 202.100.2.3. Clean Water Act: The Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C., 1251 et seq.), and any subsequent amendments thereto.
 - 202.100.2.4. Construction Activity: Activities subject to NPDES Construction Permits. These include construction projects resulting in land disturbance of one acre or more and projects that disturb less than one acre if they are part of a larger common plan of development. Such activities include but are not limited to clearing and grubbing,

grading, excavating, and demolition.

- 202.100.2.5. Hazardous Materials: Any material, including any substance, waste, or combination thereof, which because of its quantity, concentration, or physical, chemical, or infectious characteristics may cause, or significantly contribute to, a substantial present or potential hazard to human health, safety, property, or the environment, when improperly treated, stored, transported, disposed of, or otherwise managed.
- 202.100.2.6. Illicit Connections: An illicit connection is defined as either of the following: Any drain or conveyance, whether on the surface or subsurface, which allows an illegal discharge to enter a storm drain system including, but not limited to, any conveyances which allow any non-stormwater discharge including sewage, process wastewater, and wash water to enter the storm drain system and any connections to the storm drain system from indoor drains and sinks, regardless of whether said drain or connection had been previously allowed, permitted, or approved by the City or, any drain or conveyance connected from a commercial or industrial land use to the storm drain system which has not been documented in plans, maps, or equivalent records and approved by the City.
- 202.100.2.7. MPCA: Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
- 202.100.2.8. National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Stormwater Discharge Permit: A permit issued by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) (or by the State of Minnesota under the authority delegated pursuant to 33 U.S.C., 1342(b)) that authorizes the discharge of pollutants to Waters of the State, whether the permit is applicable on an individual, group, or general area-wide-basis.
- 202.100.2.9. Non-Stormwater Discharge: Any discharge to the storm drain system that is not composed entirely of storm water.
- 202.100.2.10. Person: Any individual, association, organization, partnership, firm, corporation or other entity recognized by law and acting as either the owner or as the owner's agent.
- 202.100.2.11. Pollutant: Anything which causes or contributes to pollution. Pollutants may include, but are not limited to: paints, varnishes, and solvents; oil and other automotive fluids; non-hazardous liquids, solid wastes, and yard wastes; refuse, rubbish, garbage, litter, or other discarded or abandoned objects, and accumulations, so that same may cause or contribute to pollution; floatables; pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers; hazardous substances and wastes; sewage, fecal coliform and pathogens; dissolved and particulate metals; animal wastes; wastes and residues that result from constructing a building or structure; and noxious or offensive matter of any kind.

- 202.100.2.12. Premises: Any building, lot, parcel of land, or portion of land whether improved or unimproved including adjacent sidewalks and boulevards.
- 202.100.2.13. Storm Drainage System: Publicly-owned facilities by which stormwater is collected and/or conveyed, including but not limited to any roads with drainage systems, municipal streets, gutters, curbs, inlets, piped storm drains, pumping facilities, infiltration, retention and detention basins, natural and human-made or altered drainage channels, reservoirs, and other drainage structures.
- 202.100.2.14. Storm Water: Any surface flow, runoff, and drainage consisting entirely of water from any form of natural precipitation, and resulting from such precipitation.
- 202.100.2.15. Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP): A document which describes the Best Management Practices and activities to be implemented by a person or business to identify sources of pollution and contamination at a site and the actions to eliminate or reduce pollutant discharges to Stormwater, Stormwater Conveyance Systems, and/or Receiving Waters to the maximum extent practicable.
- 202.100.2.16. City: Birchwood Village
- 202.100.2.17. Wastewater: Any water or other liquid, other than uncontaminated stormwater, discharged from a property.
- 202.100.2.18. Waters of the State: All streams, lakes, ponds, marshes, watercourses, waterways, wells, springs, reservoirs, aquifers, irrigation systems, drainage systems, and all other bodies or accumulations of water, surface or underground, natural or artificial, public or private, which are contained within, flow through, or border upon the State of Minnesota or any portion thereof
- 202.100.3. APPLICABILITY. This Ordinance shall apply to all water entering the storm drain system generated on any developed or undeveloped lands unless explicitly exempted by an authorized enforcement agency.
- 202.100.4. RESPONSIBILITY FOR ADMINISTRATION. Birchwood Village shall administer, implement, and enforce the provisions of this Ordinance. Any powers granted or duties imposed upon the MPCA may be delegated in writing by the City Engineer of Birchwood Village to persons or entities acting in the beneficial interest of or in the employ of the City.
- 202.100.5. ULTIMATE RESPONSIBILITY. The standards set forth herein and promulgated pursuant to this Ordinance are minimum standards; therefore this Ordinance does not intend nor imply that compliance by any person will ensure that there will be no contamination, pollution, nor unauthorized discharge of pollutants.
- 202.100.6. DISCHARGE PROHIBITIONS.

202.100.6.1. Prohibition of Illegal Discharges. No person shall discharge or cause to be discharged into the municipal storm drain system or Waters of the State any materials, including but not limited to pollutants or waters containing any pollutants that cause or contribute to a violation of applicable water quality standards, other than stormwater. The commencement, conduct or continuance of any illegal discharge to the storm drain system is prohibited except as described as follows:

202.100.6.1.1. The following discharges are exempt from discharge prohibitions established by this Ordinance: water line flushing or other potable water sources, landscape irrigation or lawn watering, diverted stream flows, rising groundwater, groundwater infiltration to storm drains, uncontaminated pumped groundwater, foundation or footing drains (not including active groundwater dewatering systems), crawl space pumps, air conditioning condensation, springs, non-commercial washing of vehicles, natural riparian habitat or wetland flows, swimming pools (if dechlorinated-typically less than one PPM Chlorine), fire fighting activities, and any other water source not containing pollutants.

202.100.6.1.2. Discharges specified in writing by the MPCA as being necessary to protect the health and safety.

202.100.6.1.3. Dye testing is an allowable discharge, but requires a verbal notification to the City clerk 48-hours prior to the start of the test.

202.100.6.1.4. The prohibition shall not apply to any non-stormwater discharge permitted under the NPDES permit, waiver, or waste discharge order issued to the discharger and administered under the authority of the MPCA or Federal EPA, provided that the other applicable laws and regulations, and provided that the discharger is in full compliance with all requirements of the permit, waiver, or order and other applicable laws and regulations, and provided that written approval has been granted for any discharge to the storm drain system.

202.100.6.2. Prohibition of Illicit Connections.

202.100.6.2.1. The construction, use, maintenance or continued existence of illicit connections to the storm drain system is prohibited.

202.100.6.2.2. This prohibition expressly includes, without limitation, illicit connections made in the past, regardless of whether the connection was permissible under law or practices applicable or prevailing at the time of connection.

202.100.6.2.3. A person is considered to be in violation of this Ordinance if the person connects a line conveying sewage to the MS4, or allows such a connection to continue.

202.100.7. SUSPENSION OF MS4 ACCESS.

202.100.7.1. Suspension due to Illicit Discharges in Emergency Situations. Birchwood Village

may, without prior notice, suspend MS4 discharge access to a person when such suspension is necessary to stop an actual or threatened discharge which presents or may present imminent and substantial danger to the environment, or to the health or welfare of persons, or to the MS4 or Waters of the State. If the violator fails to comply with a suspension order issued in an emergency, the City may take such steps as deemed necessary to prevent or minimize damage to the MS4 or the Waters of the State, or to minimize danger to persons.

202.100.7.2. Suspension due to the Detection of Illicit Discharge. Any person discharging to the MS4 in violation of this Ordinance may have their MS4 access terminated if such termination would abate or reduce an illicit discharge. The City will notify a violator of the proposed termination of its MS4 access.

202.100.7.3. Restoration of Access. A person violates this Ordinance by restoring MS4 access to a premises that had access suspended or terminated pursuant to this Section. Restoration of access may only occur with prior written approval of the City.

202.100.8. MONITORING OF DISCHARGES.

202.100.8.1. Applicability. This section applies to all facilities that have stormwater discharges associated with industrial activity, or construction activity as defined in this Ordinance.

202.100.8.2. If an officer or agent of the City has been refused access to any part of the premises from which stormwater is discharged, and he/she is able to demonstrate probable cause to believe that there may be a violation of this Ordinance, or that there is a need to inspect and/or sample as part of a routine inspection and sampling program designed to verify compliance with this Ordinance or any order issued hereunder, or to protect the overall public health, safety, and welfare of the community, then the City may seek issuance of a search warrant from any court of competent jurisdiction.

202.100.9. REQUIREMENT TO PREVENT, CONTROL, AND REDUCE STORMWATER POLLUTANTS BY USE OF THE BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES. Birchwood Village has adopted requirements identifying Best Management Practices for any activity, operation, or facility which may cause or contribute to pollution or contamination of stormwater, the storm drain system, or Waters of the State. The owner or operator of a commercial or industrial establishment shall provide, at their own expense, reasonable protection from accidental discharge of prohibited materials or other wastes into the municipal storm drain system or Waters of the State through the use of these structural and non-structural best management practices. Further, any person responsible for a property or premise, which is, or may be, the source of an illicit discharge, may be required to implement, at said person's expense, additional structural and non-structural best management practices to prevent the further discharge of pollutants to the municipal separate storm sewer system. Compliance with all terms and conditions

of a valid NPDES permit authorizing the discharge of stormwater associated with industrial activity, to the extent practicable, shall be deemed compliant with the provisions of this section. These best management practices shall be part of a stormwater pollution prevention plan (SWPPP) as necessary for compliance with these requirements of the NPDES permit.

202.100.10. WATERCOURSE PROTECTION. Every person owning property through which a watercourse passes, or such person's lessee, shall keep and maintain that part of the watercourse within the property free of trash, debris, excessive vegetation, and other obstacles that would pollute, contaminate, or significantly retard the flow of water through the watercourse. In addition, the owner or lessee shall maintain existing privately owned structures within or adjacent to a watercourse, so that such structures will not become a hazard to the use, function, or physical integrity of the watercourse.

202.100.11. NOTIFICATION OF SPILLS. Notwithstanding any other requirements of law, as soon as any person responsible for a property has information of any known or suspected release of materials which are resulting or may result in illegal discharges or pollutants discharging into stormwater, the storm drain system, or Waters of the State, said person shall take all necessary steps to ensure the discovery, containment, and cleanup of such a release. In the event of such a release of hazardous materials said person shall immediately notify emergency response agencies of the occurrence via emergency dispatch services. An owner or lessee is responsible for the residential property they own or occupy. For commercial and industrial property, responsible persons include an owner, but not be limited to the tenant, the operator, and an emergency response officer for the facility or operation. In the event of the release of non-hazardous materials, said person shall notify the City in person or by phone or facsimile no later than the next business day. Notifications in person or by phone shall be confirmed by written notice addressed and mailed to Birchwood Village within three business days of the phone notice. If the discharge of prohibited materials emanates from a commercial or industrial establishment, the owner or operator of such establishment shall also retain an on-site written record of the discharge and the actions taken to prevent its recurrence. Such records shall be retained for at least three years.

202.100.12. ENFORCEMENT.

202.100.12.1. Whenever Birchwood Village finds that a person has violated a prohibition or failed to meet a requirement of this Ordinance, the City may order compliance by written Notice of Violation to the responsible person. Such a notice may require without limitation:

202.100.12.1.1. The performance of monitoring, analyses, and reporting;

202.100.12.1.2. The elimination of illicit connections or discharges;

- 202.100.12.1.3. The violating discharges, practices, or operations shall cease and desist;
- 202.100.12.1.4. The abatement or remediation of stormwater pollution or contamination hazards and the restoration of any affected property; and
- 202.100.12.1.5. Payment of a fine to cover administrative and remediation costs; and
- 202.100.12.1.6. The implementation of source control or treatment best management practices; and
- 202.100.12.1.7. The deadline within which to remedy the violation.
- 202.100.12.2. If the abatement of a violation and/or restoration of affected property is required, the notice shall set forth a deadline within which such remediation or restoration must be completed. Said notice shall further advise that, should the violator fail to remediate or restore within the established deadline, the work will be done by a designated governmental agency or a contractor and the expense thereof shall be charged to the violator.
- 202.100.13. APPEAL OF NOTICE OF VIOLATION. Any person receiving a Notice of Violation may appeal the determination of the City. The notice of appeal must be received by the City within 15 days from the date of the Notice of Violation. The appeal shall be heard by the City Council within 30 days from the date of the receipt of the notice to appeal. The decision of the Board of Supervisors shall be final.
- 202.100.14. ENFORCEMENT MEASURES AFTER APPEAL. If the violation has not been corrected pursuant to the requirements set forth in the Notice of Violation, or, in the event of an appeal, within the deadline extended by the decision of the City Council, then representatives of the City shall enter upon the subject private property and are authorized to take any and all measures necessary to abate the violation and/or restore the property. It shall be declared unlawful for any person, owner, agent, or person in possession of any premises to refuse to allow the City or designated contractor to enter upon the premises for the purposes set forth above.
- 202.100.15. COST OF ABATEMENT OF THE VIOLATION. Within 30 days after the abatement of the violation, the owner of the property will be notified of the cost of the abatement, including administrative costs and a 25% surcharge, and the deadline to pay the abatement costs. The property owner may file a written protest objecting to the costs and payment terms of the abatement within 15 days. The appeal shall be heard by the City Council within 30 days from the date of the receipt of the notice of appeal. If the amount due is not paid within a timely manner as determined by the decision of the City Council after hearing the appeal, the charges will be filed with Washington County and shall become a special assessment against the property and shall constitute a lien on the property for the amount of the assessment.

- 202.100.16. INJUNCTIVE RELIEF. The provisions of this Ordinance are intended to prevent the occurrence of events which would likely create immediate and irreparable harm to public facilities and the public health if they occurred. If a person has violated or continues to violate the provisions of this Ordinance, the authorized enforcement agency may petition for a preliminary or permanent injunction restraining the person from activities which would create further violations or compelling the person to perform abatement or remediation of the violation.
- 202.100.17. COMPENSATORY ACTION. In lieu of enforcement proceedings, penalties, and remedies authorized by this Ordinance, the authorized enforcement agency may impose upon violator alternative compensatory actions, such as storm drain stenciling, attendance at compliance workshops, lake and/or creek cleanup, etc.
- 202.100.18. VIOLATIONS DEEMED A PUBLIC NUISANCE. In addition to the enforcement processes and penalties provided, any condition caused or permitted to exist in violation of any of the provisions of this Ordinance is a threat to public health, safety, and welfare, and is declared and deemed a nuisance and may be summarily abated or restored at the violator's expense, and/or a civil action to abate, enjoin, or otherwise compel the cessation of such nuisance may be taken.
- 202.100.19. CRIMINAL PROSECUTION. Any person that violates this Ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof, may be subject to the maximum fine and imprisonment allowed by State law. Each day on which such violation exists or continues, shall constitute a separate offense punishable to the maximum extent of the law. The authorized enforcement agency may recover all attorney's fees, court costs, and other expenses associated with the enforcement of this Ordinance, including sampling and monitoring expenses.
- 202.100.20. REMEDIES NOT EXCLUSIVE. The remedies listed in this Ordinance are not exclusive of any other remedies available under any applicable Federal, State, or Local law and it is within the discretion of the authorized enforcement agency to seek cumulative remedies.

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