# City of Somers Point Ordinance

## Ordinance No. 14 of 2018

An Ordinance of the City of Somers Point, County of Atlantic, New Jersey Amending Chapter 216 of the Code of the City of Somers Point by Adding Article III Concerning the Improper Disposal of Waste Into the Stormwater System.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Somers Point that Chapter 216 of the Code of the City of Somers Point is hereby amended to add Article III entitled, "Improper Disposal of Waste Into the Stormwater System," as follows:

### SECTION I. Purpose:

An ordinance to prohibit the spilling, dumping, or disposal of materials other than stormwater into the municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) operated by the City of Somers Point, 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 in the plural number include the singular number, and words used in 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 or operated by City of Somers Point or other public body, and is designed and used for collecting and conveying stormwater.
- b. Person any individual, corporation, company, partnership, firm, association, or political subdivision of this State subject to municipal jurisdiction.
- c. Stormwater water resulting from precipitation (including rain and snow) that runs off the land's surface, is transmitted to the subsurface, is captured by separate storm sewers or other sewerage or drainage facilities, or is conveyed by snow removal equipment.

# **SECTION III. Prohibited Conduct:**

In addition to any prohibitions delineated elsewhere in this Chapter, the spilling, dumping, or disposal of materials other than stormwater into the municipal separate storm sewer system operated by City of Somers Point is prohibited. The spilling, dumping, or disposal of materials other than stormwater in such a manner as to cause the discharge of pollutants into the municipal separate storm sewer system is also

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prohibited.

# SECTION IV. Exceptions to Prohibition:

- Water line flushing and discharges from potable water sources, but limited, however, to the capacity of the MS4 system and not to cause flooding of any public or private property or street, boulevard, avenue, road, highway, cul-de-sac, alley or other area of public travel
- pumps, foundation or footing drains, rising ground waters) Uncontaminated ground water (e.g., infiltration, crawl space or basement sump
- Air conditioning condensate (excluding contact and non-contact cooling water)
- 9 0. 9 Irrigation water (including landscape and lawn watering runoff)
- Flows from springs, riparian habitats and wetlands, water reservoir discharges and diverted stream flows
- Residential car washing water, and residential swimming pool discharges
- -- in do Sidewalk, driveway and street wash water
  - Flows from fire fighting activities
- Flows from rinsing of the following equipment with clean water:
- Beach maintenance equipment immediately following their use for their intended purposes; and
- and vehicles to the maximum extent practicable using dry cleaning methods (e.g., shoveling and sweeping). Recovered materials are to be returned to storage for reuse or properly discarded. water, all residual salt and de-icing materials must be removed from equipment following salt and de-icing material applications. Prior to rinsing with clean - Equipment used in the application of salt and de-icing materials immediately

enclosed machinery. Rinsing of equipment, as noted in the above situation is limited to exterior, undercarriage, and exposed parts and does not apply to engines or other

# SECTION V. Enforcement:

This ordinance shall be enforced by the Code Enforcement Official of City of Somers Point.

### SECTION VI. Penalties:

Any person(s) who continues to be in violation of the provisions of this ordinance, after being duly notified, shall be subject to a fine as set forth in § 216-2.

# 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

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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.

First Reading: August 23, 2018
Publication: August 31, 2018
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The within Ordinance was introduced at a meeting of the Common Council of the City of Somers Point, County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey held on August 23, 2018 and will be further considered for final passage after a public hearing thereon at a meeting of said Common Council on September 13, 2018