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The following information has been prepared as a guide to individuals considering starting or opening a business in the City of Arlington.

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this brochure is to point out some of the City of Arlington water and wastewater requirements regarding various types of business operations in the City of Arlington. Some requirements change frequently and everyone may not be aware of the requirements or changes to these requirements.

These requirements affect several types of businesses including food related businesses, laundromats, car repair shops, car washes, car rental facilities, and many others.

FOOD SERVICE RELATED BUSINESSES

There are several types of facilities that fall under the food service category. This category can include but is not limited to restaurants (fast food & full service), cafes, diners, deli's, sandwich shops, light food service, ice cream shops, candy shops, some coffee shops, convenience stores, concession stands,

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Some of the requirements for these food related businesses can include but are not limited to grease interceptors, sample tees & securing devices, and back flow prevention devices.

GREASE INTERCEPTORS

Grease interceptors are required at businesses where there is food preparation and / or clean up from food preparation. The interceptors must be installed on the exterior of the building. The minimum size for a grease interceptor in the City of Arlington is 500 gallons. The size and design of the grease interceptor will be determined by Water Resource Services and is based on potential flow from the fixtures required to pass through the grease interceptor. The grease interceptor must be serviced a minimum of every 6 months (or more often if determined by this office) by a waste hauler permitted by the City of Arlington.

SAMPLE WELL AND SECURING DEVICE

A 15" sample well and securing device is required to be installed between the last connection on the private sanitary sewer line and the tap to the city main sanitary sewer line. This is so we can sample various locations through out the City of Arlington on a random basis.

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The sampling is necessary to monitor the discharge to the sanitary sewer system.

BACK FLOW PREVENTION DEVICES

Back flow prevention devices are required at all commercial facilities, irrigation systems, and construction meters. The purpose of the back flow prevention devices is to protect the public water supply and also to protect the customers and employees inside of the business. Double checks are required on the incoming water line to any commercial facility and irrigation systems. RPZ's are required to be installed at carbonated beverage machine and any other application regarded as a high health hazard. RPZ's are required to be tested annually by a tester certified with the TCEQ and registered with this office. Double checks are required to be tested upon initial installation, repair or replacement by a tester certified with the TCEQ and registered with this office.

OTHER BUSINESSES

Other types of businesses, such as laundromats, car washes, and car repair shops have requirements similar to food related businesses. However, these types of businesses may require different types of

interceptors known as lint interceptors, sand traps, and oil separators. Even though these types of interceptors are different, they are sized and designed in a manner similar to grease interceptors. Sample well, securing devices, back flow prevention devices, and regular maintenance of the interceptors is also required at these facilities.

Even if your business, new or remodeled, does not require an interceptor of some type, the sample well, securing device, and some type of back flow prevention device will still be required for sampling purposes and to protect the public water supply and people.

Additional information regarding any of the topics in this brochure is available from:

Water Resource Services
200 North Cooper Street
Arlington, TX, 76004
(817) 459-5902

OTHER DEPARTMENTS

There are other City of Arlington departments that may have requirements or information regarding your business or changes. Some of these departments are:

Building Inspections
(817) 459-6502

Community Services
(817) 459-6777

Water Utilities / Customer Services
(817) 275-5931

WATER RESOURCE SERVICES

Arlington Water Utilities
City of Arlington
200 N. Cooper Street
P.O. Box 90231
Arlington, Texas 76004-0231
(817) 459-5902

Opening a New Business?

Remodeling Your Existing Business?

Changing Your Menu?

Taking Over an Existing Business?

Expanding your Existing Business?

Relocating Your Business?



Bar

Vet

Doctor

Barber Shop

Car Wash

Dry Cleaners

Night Club

Corner Market Ice Cream Shop Candy Shop

Car Repair Facility Convenience Store

Any Food Prep or Clean Up Hair Salon

Oil Change Facility Concession Stand

Dentist

Deli

Grill

Spa

Bakery

Catering

Butcher

