

**TOWN OF PLAINFIELD  
WASTEWATER SYSTEM  
ORDINANCE**

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## Town of Plainfield Wastewater System Ordinance

Pursuant to the municipal charter of the Town of Plainfield at 24 App. V.S.A. Ch. 131, § 301-305, Ordinances, and Vermont Statutes Title 24, Chapter 59, Chapter 89, Chapter 97, Chapter 101, Chapter 129, and Chapter 131, 10 V.S.A.1263, and 1 V.S.A. 126, and such other general enactments as may be material hereto, which include the authority to adopt, amend, repeal, charge rates and fines, enforce ordinances and to regulate all aspects of municipally owned wastewater properties and facilities, the Selectboard of the Town of Plainfield hereby adopts the Wastewater System Ordinance as follows and ordains:

The articles provided below set forth the regulations that apply to current or proposed customers of the Town of Plainfield Public Community Wastewater System. When a customer applies for, and is granted wastewater allocation from the Plainfield Wastewater System, that acceptance represents a contract between the customer and the Town of Plainfield. The customer agrees to discharge wastewater only for legitimate purposes as described in these rules and at established rates and fees set by the Town of Plainfield.

### Article I Definitions

Unless the content specifically indicates otherwise, the meaning of terms used in this ordinance shall be as follows:

1. “Backyard Connections” shall mean two or more building sewers connected to each other prior to discharge into recognized sewer mains.
2. “BOD” (denoting Biochemical Oxygen Demand) shall mean the quantity of oxygen utilized in the biochemical oxidation of organic matter under standard laboratory procedure in five (5) days at 20 degrees C, expressed in milligrams per liter.
3. “Building Sewer” shall mean the extension from the sewer drainage system of any building or other structure to a public sewer or other place of disposal.
4. “Cleanout” shall mean a capped pipe which gives access to sewer line piping, in home, at ground level, or underneath the grade line. There may be multiple cleanouts installed on building sewer line. A cleanout is installed for property owner’s convenience in order to maintain clog free sewer lines.
5. “Commission” shall mean the Water and Wastewater Commission.

6. "Committed Reserve Capacity" is the total amount of total development wastewater flow (gallons per day) from all projects/buildings approved by the Commission and the Department for discharge to the treatment plant, but not yet discharging at the time of the calculation.
7. "Completed Construction" For building development; means completion of construction of all foundations, framing, siding, and roofs. For subdivision development; means the sale of the individual lots.
8. "Control Manhole" Shall mean a manhole (See "Manhole") with only a single building, industry, property, or business discharging into it. Control manholes are used to determine the nature and volume of the waste from a single site in order to protect the sewer system.
9. "Department" shall mean the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation.
10. "Development" the construction of improvements on a tract of land for any purpose, including, but not limited to, residential, commercial, industrial activity.
11. "Development Wastewater Flow" is the flow resulting from full use of the development at its peak capacity, which flow shall be calculated using flow quantities, adopted as rules by the Department, as promulgated at the time a connection permit application is made.
12. "Discharge Permit" shall mean a permit issued by the Department pursuant to authority granted in 10 VSA, Chapter 47.
13. "Facility Operator" shall mean a licensed person who regularly makes recommendations or is responsible for process control decisions at the Plainfield wastewater treatment facility.
14. "Garbage" shall mean solid wastes from domestic and commercial preparation, cooking, and dispensing of food, and from the handling, storage and sale of produce.
15. "Impact Fee" shall mean a fee imposed on applicants for capacity allocation. Process for determining this fee can be found in the Town of Plainfield Wastewater System Policies.
16. "Industrial Wastes" shall mean the liquid wastes from manufacturing, processing, or assembling any product, commodity, or article by business or industry.
17. "Lateral" See "Building Sewer"

18. "Manhole" shall mean a covered opening in a floor, pavement, or other surface to allow a person to enter, especially an opening in a city street leading to a sewer.
19. "Municipal Office" means the offices of the Plainfield Town Clerk.
20. "Natural Outlet" shall mean any outlet into a watercourse, pond, ditch, lake or other body of surface or groundwater.
21. "Person" shall mean any individual, partnership, firm, company, association, society, corporation, or other legal entity.
22. "Plant" is the municipal sewage treatment plant owned by the Town of Plainfield.
23. "Plant Wastewater Flow" is the wastewater passing through the treatment plant in gallons per day on an annual average basis (365-day average) except where flows vary significantly from seasonal development. In the latter case, plant wastewater flow is determined as the average throughout the high seasonal use period, as determined by the Commission.
24. "pH" is the decimal logarithm of the reciprocal of the hydrogen ion activity. The pH scale usually ranges from 0 to 14. Aqueous solutions at 25°C with a pH less than 7 are acidic, while those with a pH greater than 7 are basic or alkaline.
25. "Properly Shredded Garbage" shall mean the wastes from the preparation, cooking, and dispensing of food that have been shredded to such a degree that all particles will be carried freely under the flow conditions normally prevailing in public sewers, with no particle greater than one-half (1/2) inch (1.27 centimeters) in any dimension.
26. "Public Sewer" shall mean a sewer owned and controlled by the Town of Plainfield.
27. "Pump Station" shall mean Sewage / Wastewater lift stations used for pumping wastewater or sewage from a lower to higher elevation, particularly where the elevation of the source is not sufficient for gravity flow and/or when the use of gravity conveyance will result in excessive excavation and higher construction costs.
28. "Reserve Capacity" is the permitted wastewater flow minus the actual plant wastewater flow during the preceding 12 months.
29. "Sanitary Sewage/Wastewater" shall mean normal water-carried wastes and toilet wastes from residences, business buildings, institutions, industrial establishments, and any other buildings or structures excluding ground, surface, storm water, and industrial waste.

30. "Sewage" shall mean a combination of sanitary sewage and industrial waste, together with such ground, surface, and storm waters as may be present.
31. "Sewer" shall mean a pipe or conduit for carrying sewage.
32. "Sewer Main" is the public sewer system, typically comprised of 6-inch and larger pipelines located within public rights-of-way or easements
33. "Slug" shall mean any discharge of water, sanitary sewage, or industrial waste which in concentration of any given constituent or in a quantity of flow exceeds for any period of duration longer than fifteen (15) minutes more than five (5) times for the average twenty-four (24) hour concentration or flows during normal operation.
34. "Storm Drain" and "Storm Sewer" shall mean a sewer that carries storm and surface waters and drainage, but excludes sanitary sewage and industrial wastes, other than unpolluted cooling water.
35. "Suspended Solids" shall mean solids that either float on the surface of, or are in suspension in water, sanitary sewage, sewage, industrial wastes or other liquids, which are removable by laboratory filtering.
36. "Uncommitted Reserve Capacity" is that portion of the reserve capacity remaining after subtracting the development wastewater flow of all projects approved by the Department but not yet discharging to the Sewer.
37. "Wastewater Commission" shall be a board of not more than 3 individuals, served water or sewer service by the Town of Plainfield, appointed by the Selectboard of the Town of Plainfield.
38. "Wastewater Treatment Facility" shall mean any arrangement of devices and structures used for treating sanitary sewage. Also known as wastewater treatment plant.

## Article II

### Use of Public Sewers Required

1. REQUIRED CONNECTION. The owners of all houses, private, commercial, industrial, or other buildings or properties used for human occupancy, business, employment, recreation, or other purposes, located within the Town of Plainfield, abutting on any street, alley, or right of way, benefited, improved, served, or accommodated by any public sanitary sewer or to which any public sanitary sewer is available, is required at the owner's expense to install suitable toilet facilities therein and to connect such facilities directly with the proper public sanitary sewer in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance, within 120 days after

the date of official notice to do so, provided that said public sanitary sewer is located within 200 feet of the building on said properties. A separate and independent building sewer shall be provided from every building; except where one building stands at the rear of another on an interior lot and no private sewer is available or can be constructed to the rear building through an adjoining alley, court, yard, or driveway, the building sewer from the front building may be extended to the rear building and the whole considered as one building sewer. Existing backyard connections shall be grandfathered, however with change of use or construction projects sewers shall be separated to ensure separate and independent sewers exist. Whenever possible, the building sewer shall be brought to the building at an elevation below the basement floor. In all buildings in which the drainage system for sanitary sewage is too low to permit gravity flow to the public sanitary sewer, sanitary sewage carried by such drainage systems shall be lifted in a manner approved by the Wastewater Commission and discharged into the public sewer. Old building sewers may be used in connection with new buildings only when they are found, on examination and test by the Wastewater Commission, or their agents to meet all requirements of this Ordinance and Town Wastewater Policies.

2. APPLICATION FOR SERVICE. Application for new service shall be made in writing at the municipal office. The application shall be made by the owner of the premises who shall be responsible for the payment of wastewater charges. There is an application fee and process that can be found in Town of Plainfield Wastewater System Policies available at the Town Offices.
  
3. CHANGE OF USE. The subdivision of a lot or lots, construction of a new building or structure, adding additional bedrooms to existing buildings, adding seating in commercial settings, changes from residential to commercial or industrial applications or vice versa, and any other modification of an existing building or structure that increases the design flow or modifies other operational requirements of a development wastewater flow including, but not limited to, the conversion of a single family residence from seasonal to year round use shall constitute a change of use and may require additional wastewater allocation. Any person proposing a new discharge into the system or a substantial change in the volume or character of pollutants that are being discharged into the system shall notify the Wastewater Commission at least forty-five (45) days prior to the proposed change or connection and such change shall require an application form be reviewed and approved by the Commission to determine if additional allocation and impact fees are required. Approval and payment of all fees are required prior to commencement of construction. For the purposes of this section, commencing construction means any work involving the physical construction or modification of a building or structure and its associated building sewer.

## Article III

### Building Sewers and Connections

1. TOWN OWNERSHIP. The Town of Plainfield will, at its expense, initially construct each sewer main within the highway right of way or adjacent thereto. Upon completion of a new construction built at owner/developers expense the Town may accept ownership of newly constructed Sewer mains in accordance with Article III Section 3. The Town will at no time accept ownership of building sewers/laterals connected to said mains. Any cleanouts, manholes, or pump stations added between the sewer mains and building are the responsibility of the property owner, even when such structure is required by the Town, unless agreement between property owner and Town is reached and properly documented.

The sewer shall be deemed private based on several factors. These include; location, size, lack of records which show ownership of the sewer, and Town requirements. Sewers that are not located in the public right-of-way or in an easement are typically considered private. Typically, the town shall own from 8inch sewer lines from manhole to manhole and all connections from buildings into the pipe or manholes shall be the owned by the property owner. Also, sewers that are smaller than 6" diameter are considered private. Sewers that were not installed by the Town or dedicated to the Town are considered private if any of the other factors are applicable. Lastly, sewers that do not meet Town or State requirements are considered private.

2. SEWER MAIN EXTENSION, PLAN APPROVAL, AND CONSTRUCTION. Any person, corporation or governing body desiring to construct an addition to the wastewater system shall first apply to the Municipal Office using the application forms available there and process outlined in Town of Plainfield Wastewater System Policies. The applicant shall have final plans and specifications developed by a professional engineer, registered to practice in Vermont together with an engineer's hydraulic report in accordance with current Wastewater rules and engineering requirements included in the application.

Construction shall not commence until approval of plans has been issued by the State of Vermont and the Commission, including a Permit to Construct in the case of extensions exceeding 500 linear feet and/or Potable Water and Wastewater permit for subdivisions, sewer lines, etc. All work performed by non-municipal agents, such as developers or homeowners, shall remain uncovered until an authorized Wastewater Department representative has inspected the work and indicates satisfaction and acceptance of the work.

When sewer mains, force mains, pump stations etc. are to be constructed, the applicant/developer shall engage a professional engineer to observe the construction to ensure the work proceeds in accordance with the approved plans. The applicant/developer's engineer shall certify to the Commission as to the



completeness, suitability and adherence to the approved plans, and shall include submission of record drawings to the municipality within 60 days of acceptance by the Commission.

If the Commission suspects that the construction work is not being installed in accordance with the approved plans, the Commission may engage a professional engineer to review the work and provide a report to the Commission regarding compliance with the plans. The cost of said engineer shall be the responsibility of the applicant if discrepancies are noted between the approved plans and the constructed sewer main extension which are unacceptable to the Commission. Any discrepancies noted shall be corrected by the applicant under the observation of the Commission's professional engineer at the expense of the applicant for both engineering observation and construction correction. The town reserves the right to refuse service if the construction poses a threat to health or violates any part of this ordinance.

3. OWNERSHIP, INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF BUILDING

SEWER. The owner, or their agent, of any property for which a permit is sought shall make application on a form furnished by the Town of Plainfield, available at the Municipal office. The permit application shall be supplemented by any plans, specifications, or other information considered pertinent in the judgment of the Wastewater Commission. The costs and expenses of the construction of any building sewers and the connection to the sewer main shall be borne by the owner and such owner shall indemnify and save harmless the Town of Plainfield, its officers and agents, from any loss or damage that may be caused, directly or indirectly, as a result of the construction of the building sewer or its connection to the public sewer. The owner of any property discharging waste into the sewer system shall be responsible for the sewer pipe from inside the building to the connection to the main.

The size, scope, alignment, materials of construction of a building sewer, and the methods to be used in excavating, placing of the pipe, jointing, testing, and back filling the trench shall be overseen by the Facility Operator and approved thereof. All such connections shall be made gas tight and watertight, and shall all conform to the requirements of the rules and regulations of the Town of Plainfield Wastewater System Policies. In the absence of such rules and regulations, the materials and procedures set forth in appropriate specifications of the A.S.T.M. and W.P.C.F. Manual of Practice No. 9 shall apply.

The applicant for the building sewer shall notify the Wastewater Commission when the building sewer is ready for inspection and connection to the public sewer. The connection shall be made under the supervision of the Wastewater Commission or their agents. There shall be no backfilling until the building sewer has been inspected. If the owner/contractor fails to allow a Wastewater Commissioner or their representative to inspect the pipe and connections, the town can require the work be uncovered at the owner's expense.

All excavations for building sewer installation shall be adequately guarded with barricades and lights so as to protect the public from hazard. Streets,

sidewalks, parkways and other public property disturbed in the course of the work shall be restored in a manner satisfactory to the Town of Plainfield.

4. COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL CONSIDERATIONS. When required by the Wastewater Commission, the owner of any property serviced by a building sewer carrying industrial wastes shall install a suitable control manhole together with such necessary meters and other appurtenances in any building sewer connected to a public sanitary sewer to facilitate observation, sampling, and measurement of the wastes and to insure that no industrial wastes are being discharged from a building sewer into a public sanitary sewer.

All industries discharging into a public sewer shall perform such monitoring of their discharges as the Wastewater Commission may require, including, but not limited to, installation, use and maintenance of monitoring equipment, keeping records and reporting the results of such monitoring to the Wastewater Commission and/or Facility Operator. Such records shall be made available, upon request, by the Wastewater Commission, or their agents, to other agencies having jurisdiction over discharging to the receiving waters. Where industrial pretreatment permits are issued by the State of Vermont, monitoring records must also be submitted to the appropriate State of Vermont official in accord with such permit.

All industries discharging into a public sewer shall notify the Facility Operator immediately upon the discovery of any unauthorized or unusual discharge into the public sanitary sewer and shall take any and all steps necessary to limit and cease any discharge of this nature. Repairs shall be made by owner of said industry before any further discharge into the public sewer to prevent further unauthorized or unusual discharge.

All measurements, tests and analysis of the characteristics of waters and wastes to which reference is made in the Ordinance shall be determined in accordance with the latest edition of "Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater," published by the American Public Health Association, and shall be determined at the control manhole. In the event that no special manhole has been required the control manhole shall be considered to be the nearest downstream manhole in the public sewer to the point at which the building sewer is connected. Sampling shall be carried out by customarily accepted methods to reflect the effect of constituents upon the sewer system and to determine the existence of hazards to life, limb and property.

Pretreatment shall be required for Goddard College and all buildings/properties whose sewer lines run into Goddard College owned sewers. Pretreatment will primarily be in the form of septic tanks though other methods may be considered at the discretion of the Commission. All septic tanks or other pretreatment facilities shall be maintained by the owner.

5. SEWER DISCONNECTION. When the use of a building sewer or sewer main is discontinued, the line must be properly sealed. The Wastewater Commission or their agent must inspect and approve how the service line is sealed.

Article IV  
Use of the Public Sewers

1. RESTRICTIONS ON UNAUTHORIZED DISCHARGE OF WASTE. No person shall discharge or cause or permit to be discharged into any natural outlet within the Town of Plainfield any sewage, sanitary sewage, industrial waste, or other substance or material or other polluter of waters, except as permitted by the Vermont Statutes and Rules and Regulations of the Vermont Water Resources Board.

No person shall place or deposit, or cause or permit to be placed or deposited upon public or private property within the Town of Plainfield any sanitary sewage or industrial waste. This provision shall include, but not be limited to, faulty sewer services.

No person shall construct or maintain any privy, privy vault, septic tank, cesspool, or other facility intended or used for the private disposal of sewage, except as is permitted by the Town of Plainfield Solid Waste Ordinance and the Town of Plainfield Zoning Ordinance provisions for private sewage disposal systems. No privy, privy vault, septic tank, cesspool, or other similar receptacle at any time shall be connected with a public sanitary sewer

2. UNAUTHORIZED USE OF SEWERS. No unauthorized person shall uncover, make any connections with or opening into, use, alter or disturb any public sewer or appurtenance thereof without first obtaining a written permit from the Wastewater Commission.

No person shall make connection to roof down spouts, exterior foundation drains, area way drains, cellar drains, sump pumps or cause to be discharged any storm water, surface water, groundwater, roof runoff, subsurface unpolluted industrial process waters into any sewer connected directly or indirectly to a public sanitary sewer.

3. INTERCEPTORS. At the expense of the property owner, grease, oil, and sand interceptors shall be provided when, in the opinion of the Wastewater Commission, they are necessary for the proper handling of liquid wastes containing grease in excessive amounts, or any flammable wastes, sand, or other harmful ingredients; except that such interceptors shall not be required for private living quarters or dwelling units. All restaurants and commercial food preparation facilities shall be required to install a grease interceptor. All interceptors shall be of a type and capacity approved by the Wastewater Commission, and shall be located as to be readily and easily accessible for cleaning and inspection. The Commission may require proof of cleaning and/or inspection of interceptors at intervals appropriate to each circumstance, failure to provide proof shall be considered a violation of this ordinance.

4. RESTRICTION OR PROHIBITION OF CERTAIN SEWER USES. No person shall discharge or cause to be discharged into public sewers the following

described substances, materials, waters, or wastes, without written consent of the Wastewater Commission. The Wastewater Commission shall not give their consent if it appears likely, in their opinion, that such wastes can harm the sewers, wastewater treatment process or equipment, or have an adverse effect on the receiving stream, or can otherwise endanger life, limb, public property, or constitute a nuisance. In forming their opinion as to the acceptability of these wastes, the Wastewater Commission will give consideration to such facts as the quantities of subject wastes in relation to flows and velocities in the sewers, materials of construction of the sewers, nature of the sewage treatment process, capacity of the wastewater treatment plant, degree of treatability of wastes in the wastewater treatment plant, and other pertinent factors. The substances so prohibited are:

- (a) Any gasoline, benzene, naphtha, fuel oil, motor oil, cooking oil, or other flammable or explosive liquid, solid or gas.
- (b) Any waters or wastes containing toxic or poisonous solids, liquids or gases in sufficient quantity, either singly or by integration with other wastes, to injure or interfere with any sewage treatment process, or constitute a hazard in the receiving waters of the wastewater treatment plant, including but not limited to, cyanides in excess of two (2) mg/l as CN.
- (c) Solid or viscous substances in quantities or of such size capable of causing obstruction to the flow in sewers, or other interference with the proper operation of the sewage system such as, but not limited to, ashes, cinders, sand, mud, straw, shavings, metals, glass, rags, feathers, plastics, wood, garbage, whole blood, paunch manure, hair, fleshings, entrails, wipes (including "flushable wipes"), condoms, feminine products, flushable cat litter, cigarettes, paper dishes, cups, milk containers and any other paper products (not including toilet tissue), either whole or ground by garbage grinders.
- (d) Any liquid or vapor having a temperature higher than one hundred fifty (150) degrees F (65C).
- (e) Any water or waste containing fats, wax, grease, or oils, whether emulsified or not, in excess of one hundred (100) mg/l or containing substances which may solidify or become viscous at temperatures between thirty-two (32) and one hundred fifty (150) degrees (0 and 65C).
- (f) Any garbage of any kind.
- (g) Any water or wastes containing iron, chromium, copper, zinc and similar objectionable or toxic substances.
- (h) Any waters or wastes containing phenols or other taste-or odor-producing substances, in concentrations exceeding limits which may be established by the Wastewater Commission, State, Federal, or other public agencies having jurisdiction for such discharge.
- (i) Any radioactive wastes or isotopes of such half-life or concentration as may exceed limits established by the Wastewater Commission or State and Federal Regulations.
- (j) Waters or wastes containing substances which are not amenable to treatment or

reduction by the wastewater treatment processes employed, or are amenable to treatment only to such degree that the wastewater treatment plant effluent cannot meet the requirements of Vermont law or of other public agencies having jurisdiction over discharge to the receiving waters.

- (k) Any waters or wastes having a pH lower than 6 and greater than 8.
- (l) Materials which exert or cause:
  - 1. Unusual concentrations of inert suspended solids (such as, but not limited to, fullers earth, lime slurries and lime residues) or of dissolved solids (such as, but not limited to, sodium chloride and sodium sulfate).
  - 2. Excessive discoloration (such as, but not limited to, dye wastes and vegetable tanning solutions).
  - 3. Unusual BOD, chemical oxygen demand, or chlorine requirements in such quantities as to constitute a significant load on the wastewater treatment system.
  - 4. Unusual volume of flow or concentration of wastes constituting "slugs" as defined herein.

5. DENIAL OR REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN SEWER USES. If any waters or wastes are proposed to be discharged to the public sewers, which waters contain the substances or possess the characteristics enumerated in Sections 2 and 4 of this Article, and which in the judgment of the Wastewater Commission, may have a deleterious effect upon the wastewater system, processes, equipment, or receiving waters, or which otherwise create a hazard to life or constitute a public nuisance, the Wastewater Commission may:

- (a) Reject the wastes,
- (b) Require abatement to an acceptable condition for discharge to the public sewers,
- (c) Require control over the quantities and rates of discharge, and/or
- (d) Require payment to cover the added cost of handling and treating the wastes not covered by existing taxes or sewer charges.

If the Wastewater Commission permits the pretreatment of waste flows, the design and installation of the plants and equipment shall be subject to the review and approval of the Wastewater Commission, and subject to the requirements of all applicable codes, ordinances and laws. Where preliminary treatment of flow-equalizing facilities are provided for any water or wastes, they shall be maintained continuously in satisfactory and effective operation by the owner at his/her expense.

## Article V

### Protection from Damage

No unauthorized person shall maliciously, willfully, or negligently break, damage, destroy, uncover, deface, or tamper with any structure, appurtenance, or equipment which is a part of the wastewater system.

Any person violating this provision shall be subject to fines in the amount not exceeding \$500.00 for each violation in addition to fines covering the costs of damaged property. Each day any such violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.

## Article VI

### Powers and Authority of Inspectors

The Wastewater Commission and their agents bearing proper credentials and identification shall be permitted to enter all properties commercial and private for the purposes of, but not limited to: inspection, observation, measurement, sampling, and testing in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance. The Wastewater Commission and their agents shall have no authority to inquire into any processes including metallurgical, chemical, oil, refining, ceramic, paper, or other industries beyond that point having a direct bearing on the kind and source of discharge to the sewers or water ways or facilities for waste treatment.

While performing the necessary work on private properties the Wastewater Commission and their agents shall observe all safety rules applicable to the premises established by the owner or lessee.

## Article VII

### Penalties

Any person found to be violating any provision of this Ordinance, shall be served by the Town of Plainfield with written notice stating the nature of the violation and providing a reasonable time limit for the satisfactory correction thereof. The offender shall, within the period of time stated in such notice, permanently cease all violations.

Notwithstanding the above paragraph, in the event of a violation which, in the determination of the Wastewater Commission and their agents, could cause damage to the wastewater system and/or wastewater treatment plant or impact health and safety in any way, the Wastewater Commission and their agents have the authority to correct any such violations without notice and charge back the costs to the property owner and/or be subject to water shut off pursuant to 24 V.S.A. Chapter 129.

Any person who shall continue any violation beyond the time limit provided by the in the notice of violation shall be fined in the amount not exceeding \$500.00 for each violation. Each day any such violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.

Any person violating any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall become liable to the Town of Plainfield for any expense, loss, or damage caused to the Town of Plainfield by reason of such violation or expense incurred by the Town in rectifying damage or blockages.

## Article VIII User Charge System

1. RESPONSIBILITY FOR WASTEWATER CHARGES. The owner of the premises, upon accepting service to his/her property, is responsible for the payment of all charges for wastewater service rendered to the property. The Town Clerk will bill the owner directly and will not bill the occupants if the property is rented or leased. The Town may accept payment from a lessor or renter but that does not remove the owner from the liability of payment for all wastewater bills. Once connected to the wastewater system, the owner is obligated to pay the minimum fee per unit regardless of whether the residence or business is occupied.
2. BILLING PROCEDURES. Bills will be issued bi-annually based on the calendar year, the amounts of which will be in accordance with the rates shown in the Town of Plainfield Wastewater System Policies. Said bills are due immediately and will be in arrears if not paid by the due date.

## Article IX Hearing Board

The Selectboard shall be used as needed for the resolution of differences between the Wastewater Commission and customers concerning interpretation and execution of the provisions of this Ordinance by the Wastewater Commission.

## Article X Validity

The invalidity of any section, clause, sentence, or provision of this Ordinance shall not affect the validity of any other part of this Ordinance, which can be given effect without such invalid parts.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed including the Wastewater Ordinance Regulating the Use of Public Sewer System and Disposal of Sanitary Sewage and Industrial Waste (amended May 1, 2016) and the Wastewater Reserve-Capacity Allocation Ordinance (Amended August 14, 2006).

## Article XI Effective Date

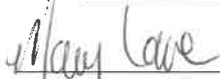
Notice is hereby given the public that the amended ORDINANCE shall become effective on \_\_\_\_\_, 2019 unless a permissive referendum is called for in accord with 24 V.S.A. Section 1973, which provides under subsection (b) thereof as follows: "A petition for a vote on the question of disapproving an ordinance or rule shall be signed by not less than 5 percent of the qualified voters of the municipality and

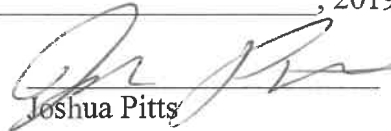
within forty-four days following the date of adoption of the ordinance or rule by the legislative body.

Any person wishing to examine said amended ORDINANCE may do so at the Plainfield Town Clerk's Office during normal times when the office is open.

Article XII  
Adoption

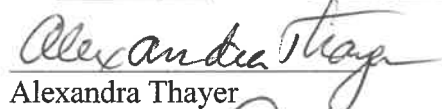
Duly adopted by the Water/Wastewater Commission of the Town of Plainfield,  
This 21<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2019.

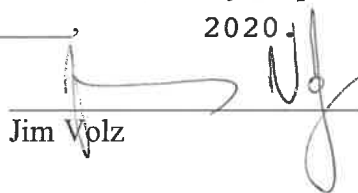
  
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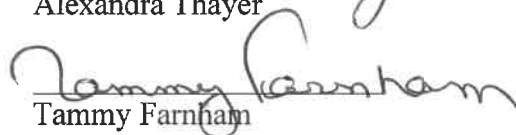
  
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After Warning and Discussion at an Open Selectboard Meeting held at the Town of Plainfield Town Offices the Selectboard of the Town of Plainfield hereby adopts the ORDINANCE  
this 27 day of January, 2020.

  
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