

## CHAPTER 24 – SUBDIVISIONS

### Sec. 24-130. Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination; Discharge Prohibitions.

(a) Prohibition of Illegal Discharges. No person shall discharge or cause to be discharged into the municipal storm sewer system or watercourses 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. This prohibition shall not apply to stormwater. The commencement, conduct, or continuance of any illegal discharge to the storm drain system is prohibited except as described as follows:

(1) The following discharges are exempt from discharge prohibitions established by Sections 24-120 through 24-143 of this Chapter:

- a. Water line flushing.
- b. Landscape irrigation.
- c. Diverted stream flows.
- d. Rising ground waters.
- e. Uncontaminated groundwater infiltration.
- f. Uncontaminated pumped groundwater.
- g. Discharges from potable water sources.
- h. Foundation drains.
- i. Air conditioning condensate.
- j. Irrigation water.
- k. Springs.
- l. Water from crawl space pumps.
- m. Footing drains.
- n. Lawn watering.
- o. Individual residential car washing.
- p. Discharges from riparian habitats and wetlands.
- q. Street wash water.

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r. Discharges or flows from fire fighting activities.

(2) Discharges specified in writing by the City Manager as being necessary to protect public health and safety.

(3) Dye testing is an allowable discharge, but requires a verbal notification to the City Manager prior to the time of the test.

(4) The prohibition shall not apply to any non-stormwater discharge permitted under an AZPDES permit, waiver, or waste discharge order issued to the discharger and administered under the authority of the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality or the United States Environmental Protection Agency, 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.

(b) Prohibition of Illicit Connections.

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

(2) The prohibition contained in Subsection (i) 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.

(3) A person is considered to be in violation of Section 24-120 through 24-143 of this Chapter if the person connects a line conveying sewage to the MS4 or allows such a connection to exist.

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