

ORDINANCE NO. _____

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 29 OF THE SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
CODE RELATING TO THE REGULATION OF WATER SOFTENERS IN THE LAGUNA
COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT**

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara ordains as follows:

SECTION 1: Section 29-26 of the County Code is amended in its entirety to read as follows:

Section 29-26. Prohibited Wastes.

It shall be unlawful for any person to knowingly discharge any of the following described wastes into the sewer system of the district:

- (a) Any waste having a temperature higher than one hundred fifty degrees Fahrenheit.
- (b) Any waste which may contain more than one hundred milligrams per liter of fat, oil or grease.
- (c) Mineral oils, greases or other products of petroleum origin.
- (d) Any flammable or explosive waste.
- (e) Any garbage which has not been properly shredded.
- (f) Any ashes, cinders, sand, mud, straw, and shavings, metal, glass, rags, feathers, tar, plastics, wood, paunch manure, viscera or other solid or viscous substances capable of causing obstruction to the flow or undue maintenance of the district's sewer system or other interference with the proper operation of the district's treatment facility.
- (g) Any waste having pH lower than 6.0 or higher than 9.0 or waste having any other corrosive properties capable of causing damage or injury to the district's sewer system or treatment facilities or district personnel.
- (h) Any waste containing algaecides, fungicides, antibiotics, insecticides, strong concentrations of oxidizing agents or strong concentrations of reducing agents.
- (i) Any noxious or malodorous gas or substance capable of creating a public nuisance either by itself or by interaction with other substances.
- (j) Any domestic or other wastes obtained from a septic tank or chemical toilet.
- (k) Any storm water, surface water, groundwater, roof runoff, subsurface drainage or uncontaminated process water.

(l) Any waste which exhibits or causes discoloration differing from that of domestic usage.

(m) Any waste containing in excess of any of the following:

- 0.2 mg/l arsenic,
- 0.2 mg/l cadmium,
- 0.5 mg/l copper,
- 1.0 mg/l cyanide,
- 1.0 mg/l lead,
- 0.01 mg/l mercury,
- 1.0 mg/l nickel,
- 0.2 mg/l silver,
- 0.5 mg/l total chromium, or
- 2.0 mg/l zinc.

(n) Any waste containing substances which are not amenable to treatment or which cause the treatment plant effluent to fail to meet the discharge requirements established by the California State Water Resources Control Board, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board or any other state or regulatory agency.

(o) Any brine waste resulting from the regeneration of any water softening system or device installed in any discretionary development project approved on or after January 1, 2012. The district may provide for such conditions, protections and improvements necessary to assure the exclusion of these wastes.

SECTION 2: Section 29-26.1 of the County Code is amended in its entirety to read as follows:

Section 29-26.1 . Water-softening systems or devices.

- (a) It shall be unlawful for anyone to install any water softening system or device which discharges brine waste into the district's sewer system, to the ground or to a storm drain in any structure with occupancy approved on or after January 1, 2012.
- (b) Anyone operating a water-treating apparatus of any kind, including any water-softening system or device, shall make such apparatus accessible to the manager for inspections upon reasonable notice, and shall provide such information, as the manager may require, relative to the apparatus and its operation and maintenance.

SECTION 3: This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force THIRTY (30) days from the date of its passage; and before the expiration of FIFTEEN (15) days after its passage, it or a summary of it, shall be published once, with the names of the members of the Board of Supervisors voting

for and against the same, in the Santa Maria Times or other newspaper of general circulation published in the County of Santa Barbara.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors, County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this _____ day of _____ 2011, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Joni Gray, Chair
Board of Supervisors

Date: _____

ATTEST:
CHANDRA L. WALLAR
CLERK OF THE BOARD

By: _____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
DENNIS A. MARSHALL
County Counsel

By: _____
Deputy Counsel