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Section 820.01: PURPOSE AND INTENT. The excessive use of presoak, laundry and automatic dishwasher detergents and other detergents with a high percentage of phosphorus within the City, and the resultant effect upon the public health and welfare and quality of bodies of water, requires the adoption of a plan for controlling the percentage of phosphorus being placed in the sanitary sewer system.

In conjunction with this control program, the City adopts appropriate regulations and warnings to the persons, firms or corporations purchasing and using said presoaks, laundry detergents and automatic dishwasher detergents as to their percentage of phosphorus content.

The Federal Water Quality Administration Lab has conducted tests regarding the percentage of phosphorus contained in the various presoaks, laundry detergents and dishwashing detergents and said information is published by the American Society for Testing Materials, giving the percentage of phosphorus in said commercially marketed products.

Therefore, the City adopts the regulations in this Section.

Section 820.02: DEFINITIONS. Unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the meanings stated:

Subd. 1. Presoaks and Laundry Detergents. All detergents used in the washing or cleaning of clothing, household furnishings or other items and materials.

Subd. 2. Dishwashing Detergents. All detergents used in washing dishes, tableware or similar items.

Subd. 3. Sanitary Sewer. A sewer which carries sewage into which storm surface and ground waters are not intentionally permitted.

Subd. 4. Sewage Works. All facilities for collecting, pumping treating and/or disposing of sewage.

Subd. 5. Sewer. Any pipe or conduit for carrying sewage.

Subd. 6. Sewage. Any combination of water carried wastes from residences, business buildings, institutions and industrial establishments, together with such ground, surface and stormwater as may be present.

Section 820.03: DISCHARGE INTO SANITARY SEWER. No person, firm or corporation shall discharge into the sanitary sewers within the City, any sewage which contains presoak or laundry detergent or dishwashing detergent which contains over 35 percent of phosphorus as established by the Federal Water Quality Administration Labs and published by the American Society for Testing materials.

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Section 820.04: POSTING OF PHOSPHORUS CONTENT. Every person, firm or corporation which sells or offers for sale any presoak or laundry detergent or dishwashing detergent to the consumer shall post a conspicuous notice adjacent to any display of any of such presoaks or laundry detergents or dishwashing detergents, and also adjacent to any checkout counter. The notices shall set forth the phosphorus content of each of the presoaks or laundry detergents or dishwashing detergents offered for sale therein. The notices shall name the presoak, laundry detergent or dishwashing detergent by its common trade name and shall indicate adjacent to the trade name the percentage of phosphorus therein contained as set forth and published by the American Society for Testing materials. The notice shall also contain a conspicuous printed statement that it is unlawful to discharge into the sanitary sewers of the City any presoak, laundry detergent or dishwashing detergent which contains over 35 percent phosphorus.

Section 820.05: PENALTY. In addition to other penalties for violation of this Section, any person, firm or corporation violating any provision of this Section shall be liable to the City for all expenses, loss and damages incurred by the City due to such violation.