

**ORDINANCE NO. 1465**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WILLMAR, MINNESOTA AMENDING CHAPTER 17, SURFACE WATER  
MANAGEMENT, ARTICLE III, ILLICIT DISCHARGE AND ILLEGAL CONNECTION, SECTION 17-32,  
DISCHARGE PROHIBITIONS**

The City Council of the City of Willmar hereby ordains as follows:

Section 1. AMENDMENT OF MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 17-32. Chapter 17, Article III, Section 17-32 of the Willmar Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows (deleted material is crossed out; new material is underlined; sections and subsections not being amended are omitted):

**Sec. 17-32. - Discharge prohibitions.**

(a) *Prohibition of illicit discharges.*

- (1) No person shall cause an illicit discharge or otherwise allow an illicit discharge into the storm drainage system, and no person shall throw, drain, or otherwise discharge, cause or allow others under its control to throw, drain or otherwise discharge into the storm drainage system any pollutants or waters containing any pollutants, other than stormwater, except as follows:
  - a. The following discharges are exempt from discharge prohibitions established by this article: water line flushing, landscape irrigation, diverted stream flows, rising groundwater, uncontaminated groundwater infiltration, uncontaminated pumped groundwater, discharges from potable water sources, foundation drains, air conditioning condensation, irrigation water, springs, water from crawl space pumps, footing drains, lawn watering, individual residential car washing, flows from riparian habitats and wetlands, street wash water, de-chlorinated swimming pool water, and any other water source not containing a pollutant.
  2. Discharge of swimming pools, crawl spaces, sump pumps, footing drains and other sources that may be determined to contain sediment or other forms or pollutants may not be discharged directly to a gutter or storm sewer. This discharge must be allowed to flow over a vegetated area to allow filtering of pollutants, evaporation of chemicals and infiltration of water consistent with the stormwater requirements of the city.

(3)No person shall deposit grass clippings, leaves, tree branches or other vegetative materials, in or upon any driveway, parking area, street, alley, sidewalk, component of the storm drainage system, or water of the state. No person shall deposit grass clippings, leaves, tree branches or other vegetative materials within natural or human-made watercourses, wetlands or within wetland buffer areas unless such materials originated from routine periodic or seasonal mowing or weed control of vegetation growing in the same area. Nothing herein shall be interpreted as preventing those residents who prefer to collect grass clippings, leaves, tree branches or other vegetative materials from their properties from transporting such materials to any brush site owned or operated by the City and available for residents to dispose of such materials pursuant to the rules and procedures established by the City for any such site. Such materials are otherwise prohibited from being transported to or disposed of on any property on which the materials did not originate.

(4)No person shall throw, deposit, or leave in or upon any driveway, parking area, street, alley, sidewalk, component of the storm drainage system, or water of the state, any chemicals (including but not limited to fertilizer, herbicides, and pesticides), petroleum-based products (including but not limited to gasoline, oil, fuels, solvents, and paints), excess salt, sand or other materials for snow and ice removal.

Section 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall take effect after its adoption and second publication.

VOTE:  X  ASK  Absent  ASMUS  X  BUTTERFIELD  X  DAVIS

X  FAGERLIE  X  NELSEN  X  O'BRIEN  Absent  PLOWMAN

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