City of Brentwood
FATS, OILS, & GREASE (FOG) PROGRAM
PROHIBITIONS FACT SHEET

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Prohibition	Reason
Direct discharge of FOG No facility shall discharge wastewater containing fats, oils, or grease into the sewer system without going through a grease control device. *Source: BMC 13.04.315.B*	Direct discharge of FOG into the sewer system will cause blockages. Food service establishments found responsible for the blockages may be subject to costs for damages and maintenance.
Discharge of fecal matter into grease control devices Toilets, urinals, wash basins, and other fixtures containing fecal material shall not flow through the grease control device. *Source: BMC 13.04.400.A*	Grease control devices are intended to separate and remove FOG and should not contain other wastes that will interfere with its operation and maintenance.
Discharge of wastes exceeding temperatures of 140°F No wastewater having excessive temperatures (>140°F), which will cause pass through of FOG, shall be discharged into drains or the grease control device. This includes **dishwashers** that reach these temperatures. *Source: BMC 13.04.315.E , BMC 13.04.400.B*	Temperatures in excess of 140°F will temporarily dissolve FOG, which will then solidify in the sanitary sewer as the water cools.
Addition of chemicals that will cause pass through of FOG No chemicals, including **emulsifiers** or **enzymes**, shall be added to drains or grease control devices that will cause the pass through of FOG. *Source: BMC 13.04.315.B, BMC 13.04.400.C*	Adding chemicals that disperse FOG in the wastewater will prevent the grease control device from effectively separating and removing FOG.
Operating grease control devices with solids exceeding 25% capacity (25% rule) Grease control devices with FOG (top layer) and solids (bottom layer) shall not collectively exceed 25% of the total unit's capacity. *Source: BMC 13.04.410.B*	This rule ensures that the minimum retention time and volume are maintained to effectively separate FOG from wastewater and prevent it from entering the sewer system.