

Sec. 12-72. **Illicit discharges.**

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation to **discharge** a pollutant to the city's stormwater system that will have a deleterious impact on the environment. Any pollutant, associated with an industrial or commercial activity that is covered by the National Pollutant **Discharge** Elimination System as dictated by 40 CFR 122.26, can be discharged to the city stormwater system only if the **discharge** is covered by, an NPDES permit for stormwater.

(b) Where an **illicit discharge** is reasonably believed by the city of originating from a facility, it shall be the right of the city to designate employees, bearing proper credentials and identification, to enter facility grounds for the purpose of inspection, observation, measurement, sampling and testing in accordance with this article.

(c) Authority is hereby granted to the city by and through its duly designated enforcement officers to halt any **discharge** from a facility that is reasonably believed by the city to be potentially harmful to human health or the environment.

(d) All costs incurred by the city in association with the ceasing of a potentially harmful **discharge** will be reimbursed by the discharging facility. The city may charge the cost against the subject land as a municipal lien, charges to be recovered in a suit at law against the owner.

(Ord. No. 1081, Art. II, 3-16-2000)