

## ***GREASE INTERCEPTOR GUIDELINES***

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### **Who needs a Grease Interceptor?**

Any food service establishment that cuts, cooks, bakes, prepares or serves food, which disposes of food-related wastes and/or which has a local, State, and/or Federal food service permit.

#### **Exemptions:**

- Modifications to existing facilities that do not add new buildings or increase the level of grease generating activities are exempt from this requirement.
- Adult family homes and family day care facilities as defined in the International Building Code.
- Facilities with 4 or less drainage fixture units (DFU's).

### **I have determined that my food service establishment does require an interceptor. What is the next step?**

You will need to fill out a Grease Interceptor Permit Application and a Plumbing Permit Application. Forms are available at the Building/Planning Counter and online. Information needed to fill out this permit can be found in the City of Gig Harbor Grease Ordinance 1185. To determine what size interceptor you will need, refer to Section 13.30.070 Table 7-3, Table 10-2 & Table 10-3 of the current Grease Ordinance located on the City of Gig Harbor website: [www.cityofgigharbor.net](http://www.cityofgigharbor.net). Hard copies are available upon request. If you need to speak to someone, you may call the WWTP Supervisor @ 253.851.8999. These application forms and 3 copies of each of the plans, specifications and sizing criteria must be submitted with the applicable fees for review.

### **Is there a fee?**

Yes there is. Contact the City of Gig Harbor's Permit Coordinator for current fee information at 253.851.6170.

### **How long does it take to get a Grease Interceptor Permit?**

Generally two weeks or less.

### **How long is the Grease Interceptor Permit valid for?**

180 days. Extensions may be granted upon request.

#### **Other Fees and Utility Hook-up Fees:**

1. Plumbing Permit
2. Sanitary Sewer Hook-up
3. Water Meter Hook-up

### **Is maintenance required?**

Yes, an operational permit will be issued by the Wastewater Treatment Plant Supervisor before connection to the sanitary sewer. The initial schedule will be set up per City history of like facilities. Once an individual history is established, the WWTP Supervisor will adjust the schedule as needed to provide minimum protection to the Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTW). No fee will be required for the operational permit.

Your role in maintaining your grease interceptor will be as stated in your operational permit at your expense. Maintenance frequency depends on type of establishment you have. Depending on the size of the interceptor, this could vary from once per week, to once every six months.

### **What if I have other questions?**

Permits – Contact Patty McGallian,  
Permit Coordinator, 253.851.6170  
Sizing & Operational Permit – Darrell Winans,  
WWTP Supervisor, 253.851.8999

**For more information:** This client assistance memo provides the basic information and requirements for a grease interceptor application and permit. In addition, the Gig Harbor Municipal Code contains specific requirements. For more information on the permitting and use of Grease Interceptors, contact the City of Gig Harbor Building & Fire Safety Department @ 253.851.6170. We thank you for your cooperation.