



CITY OF LOMPOC  
**WASTEWATER DIVISION**

September 24, 2018

Lompoc Artificial Kidney Center  
127 W Pine Ave  
Lompoc, CA 93436

**Notice of Violation - Enforcement Order**

Re: Lompoc Artificial Kidney Center Self Regenerating Water Softener

The City of Lompoc municipal code **prohibits** the use of self-regenerating water softeners under code 13.16.320 Water Softening Waste.

A. It is unlawful to install, replace, or enlarge apparatus for softening all or any part of the water supply to any premises when such apparatus is an ion-exchange softener or demineralizer of the type that is regenerated on the site of use with the regeneration wastes being discharged to the ground, storm drain, or City sewerage system, unless said softener or demineralizer meets or exceeds the standards specified in California Health and Safety Code sections 116775 to 116795, relating to water softening or conditioning. This Section shall not apply to apparatus of the type which is regenerated off-site by a water conditioning company.

B. A person installing or operating a legal water-treating apparatus of any kind shall make such apparatus accessible to the Director for inspection at all reasonable times and shall make such report relative to such apparatus as the Director may request. (Ord. 1619(15) § 1; prior code § 3363)

Any entity discharging to the sanitary sewer poses a potential risk for the plant to violate its NPDES permit.

The City of Lompoc's Wastewater Treatment Facility received an anonymous complaint about a possibility of the Lompoc Artificial Kidney Center using large amounts of salt for their self-regenerating water softener on 9/13/18. That same day Dorin Marrs and Katrina Dorsey went to the office to inspect and see if the complaint was valid. There was a very large regenerating system that was in use at the time of inspection as well as two pallets of salt for the system. There were pipes that lead directly into a drain that would discharge to the wastewater facility.

In order to protect the City's sanitary sewer and Wastewater Plant, the Wastewater Division requires the Lompoc Artificial Kidney Center to:

1. Remove the current water softening apparatus
2. Provide manifests of brine hauling and disposal if it has been done
3. Submit a plan for water use going forward

4. Provide the City a sampling point
5. Notify the City of any changes to your water treatment plan in the future
6. Comply with the City's municipal code within 180 days

As part of the City of Lompoc's Pollution Prevention Program, the City may conduct inspections of all facilities. Recommendations and/or corrective actions will be made to ensure compliance with Federal, State, and local regulations.

The City should set an example of our expectations of the community. These requirements are made to protect the City, environment, the wastewater treatment plant, and the health and safety of the community.

If the Lompoc Artificial Kidney Center does not comply within 180 days the City will take the following action:

#### 13.16.480 Violation of Chapter

Any discharger found to be violating any provision of this Chapter shall be served by the Director in person or by registered or certified mail with a written notice stating the nature of the violation and providing a reasonable time limit for the satisfactory correction thereof. Any discharger with knowledge of the notice shall, within the period of time stated in the notice, or within such extension thereof as may be granted by the Director, correct and cease the violation. The violation of this Section shall be a misdemeanor. Any discharge of wastewater in violation of the provisions of this Chapter is a public nuisance. (Prior code § 3379)

#### 13.16.450 Enforcement Orders (EO)

A. Any user found to be violating this Chapter shall be so notified by the Director by personal service or by certified mail with a notice that the user shall, within the period of time stated in the notice or within such extension thereof as may be granted by the Director, correct and cease the violation.

B. The Director may impose administrative penalties at his or her discretion upon any user found to be violating this Chapter. Minimum penalties are specified in the City's wastewater service rates and charges, and shall be collected in accordance with the City's utility billing procedures and special charges.

C. The Director may order any user found to be violating this Chapter to attend an administrative hearing, not less than 15 days after NOV, at which time the user shall have an opportunity to respond. The user may be required to explain corrective actions and/or show cause why further enforcement action should not take place. Upon review of the information submitted by the user, the Director may pursue further enforcement actions at his or her discretion.

D. Violation of this Chapter or of any EO issued pursuant to this Chapter is hereby declared a public nuisance and shall be corrected as directed by the Director. Violation of this Chapter is a misdemeanor. (Prior code § 3376)

#### 13.16.490 Disconnection from Public Sewer for Violation of this Chapter Including Non-payment.

The Director shall have the power to disconnect any building sewer lateral from a sewer main or sever or plug any such building sewer lateral within any easement or public street when the

premises connected by such building sewer lateral to a sewer main is the point of the discharge made in violation of this Chapter. The premises shall not be reconnected to the wastewater system and discharge shall not be further allowed, until the Director shall have estimated the cost of disconnection and reconnection, and such costs shall have been paid to the City by the discharger. Any difference between the estimated costs and the actual costs of disconnection and reconnection shall be paid or refunded, as the case may be. (Prior code § 3380)

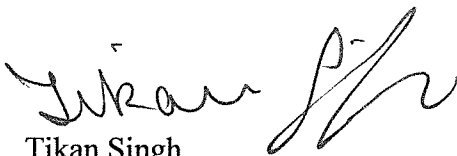
#### 13.16.500 Liability for Violation.

A. Any person violating any of the provisions of this Chapter, or rules, regulations, or standards promulgated by the Director, shall be liable to the City for all expenses, losses, and damage suffered by the City by reason of such violation.

B. Any person violating provisions of this Chapter or any rules, regulations, or standards of the Director, or who violates any State or Federal regulation or permit relating to the operation of the wastewater system, of which he or she has knowledge, shall be liable to the City in a sum equal to the amount of any fine or charge made upon the City by the State or Federal government for such a violation plus reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of suit required to collect such an amount.

(Prior code § 3381)

If you feel it would be beneficial to schedule a meeting with Wastewater or have questions, please call either Dorin Marrs 875-8408 or Katrina Dorsey at 875-8403.



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