

Items raised at the Public Information Meeting on October 16, 2008

1. The word “nonpetroleum” is used redundantly with the abbreviation “FOG” because the FOG definition includes the word “nonpetroleum.” In the next draft of the ordinance, the word “nonpetroleum” will be removed from four different references.
2. Dishwashers and garbage grinders are not allowed to be discharge into the grease interceptor. An example in the Plumbing Code uses a calculation on the sizing of the grease interceptor which shows the dishwasher drainage fixture unit entering into the grease interceptor. This is wrong.
3. Garbage grinder waste discharging to grease interceptor would appear to help the public sewer system from suffering blockage by retaining the food matter at the grease interceptor. The County is following the Plumbing Code for the reason that food matter would cause frequent maintenance of the grease interceptor not for grease related issues but for food matter turning septic and emitting foul odors.
4. Commingling Yellow grease and grease removed from a grease trap or grease interceptor (Brown grease) in the grease waste drum increases the waste hauling fees as the combined grease waste has to be transported as Brown grease in a separate vehicle. Separation of grease wastes can reduce the fees that restaurants are charged by the grease waste haulers. No changes to the ordinance will be made as grease waste haulers are not regulated by the Industrial Waste Ordinance but under the State Food and Agricultural Code, Public Resource Code and Penal Code. When future changes are made to Best Management Practice posters we will make recommendations to separate these waste streams.