

October 23, 2017

RE: City of Thomaston Code of Ordinances, Division 4, Section 90-137 (GREASE TRAPS)

During the past few months the City of Thomaston began the inspection/permitting process to ensure that food service establishments were compliant with the above mentioned code section. This ordinance that regulates the City FOG program was drafted in response to an EPD consent order that the City entered into in 2013. Additionally, as part of this consent order, the City has spent over \$4,000,000 improving outdated and dilapidated sewer mains.

Due to the response that the City has had during this process, and considering the concerns and issues noted by local businesses, the City administration is proposing modifications to the current ordinance. It is envisioned that these modifications will become effective January 1, 2018. Until such time as the Mayor and Council enact any such revisions, the current ordinance shall be in effect. A copy of the current ordinance may be found at:

https://library.municode.com/ga/thomaston/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=PTIICOOR_CH90UT_ARTIIWASESE_DIV4SESEDI_S90-137.7MARENEEXFS

The City's intent is to have a successful FOG program that mitigates sewer issues, but at the same time takes into consideration our local businesses. As so, the City invites any interested party to come and speak before the Mayor and Council at any scheduled meeting. The next scheduled meeting shall be held at 7:00 PM on November 7th at the Thomaston-Upson Government Complex.