

San José Building Division Now Conducting Wastewater Plan Checks for Food Facilities

In an effort to further streamline City plan review processes, as of August 1, 2017 the Plumbing Review Section of the Building Division is now conducting Wastewater Plan Checks for all **food facility projects** located in San José as part of the Building Permit plan review process. **Environmental Services Department staff will continue to review projects for non-food facilities such as industrial wastewater discharges. Non-food facilities should contact the Environmental Services Department at (408) 945-3000.**

A Wastewater Plan Check is a review of the construction plans for building remodels, tenant improvements, new construction, and/or for changes in cooking/menus of existing food facilities by a Building plan reviewer to ensure proper disposal of wastewater to the sanitary sewer. This review is to ensure wastewater grease removal requirements, if any, are provided by the following adequately-sized and maintained grease pretreatment devices, compliant per the California Plumbing Code, and as required by the Building Department and Municipal Code, prior to plan approval or permit issuance:

- Hydro-mechanical Grease Traps
- Gravity Grease Interceptors
- Power-Operated Grease Removal Devices

Wastewater Plan Check Services

Over-The-Counter (OTC) Wastewater Plan Check Service – Walk in with plans, walk out with a permit! Only for existing food facility projects that require wastewater approval to replace a pretreatment device. Appointments are not required. For questions, contact Ron Davis at ron.davis@sanjoseca.gov or call (408) 535-6881.

All Other Wastewater Plan Check Services including, Regular Plan Review, Streamlined Restaurant Program (SRP), Commercial Express, and Special Tenant Improvement/Industrial Tool Installation (STI/ITI) – For remodels, tenant improvements, and new construction projects that are submitted to Regular Plan Review, the pretreatment device review will be performed at the time of the Plumbing Plan Review. For projects that are in the SRP, Commercial Express, or STI/ITI Plan Review programs, the Wastewater Plan Check will be performed with the Plumbing Plan Review during the scheduled appointment.

Obtain approval letter and stamped plans from the [Santa Clara County Department of Environmental Health](#) **prior** to your City Wastewater Plan Check service.

Where do I go for my Wastewater Plan Check for projects located in San José?

Location: San José City Hall – Development Services Permit Center
200 East Santa Clara Street, 1st Floor
San José, CA 95113

Parking: Available in the City Hall Basement Parking Garage. Garage entrance is on S. 6th Street (between East Santa Clara and San Fernando Streets). Parking validation available at the 1st Floor front desk.

Hours: **Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday:** 8:00–11:30 a.m. and 1:00–3:30 p.m.
Wednesday: 9:00 – 11:30 a.m. and 1:00–3:30 p.m. *Last customer taken at 11:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.*