

## **Chapter 248A**

### **STORMWATER MANAGEMENT**

#### **GENERAL REFERENCES**

**Flood damage prevention — See Ch. 144.**

**Land management — See Ch. 175.**

**Littering — See Ch. 193.**

**Refuse collection — See Ch. 239.**

**Soil removal — See Ch. 245.**

**Streets and sidewalks — See Ch. 249.**

**Water — See Ch. 272.**

**Garbage and refuse — See Ch. 285.**

**Containerized yard waste — See Ch. 285A.**

**Improper disposal of waste — See Ch. 285B.**

**Litter control — See Ch. 285D.**

**Sewers — See Ch. 303.**

## ARTICLE I

**Retrofitting of Storm Drains****[Adopted 11-23-2010 by Ord. No. O:25-2010]****§ 248A-1. Purpose.**

This article requires the retrofitting of existing storm drain inlets which are in direct contact with repaving, repairing, reconstruction, or resurfacing or alterations of facilities on private property, to prevent the discharge of solids and floatables (such as plastic bottles, cans, food wrappers and other litter) to the municipal separate storm sewer system(s) operated by the Township of Monroe so as to protect public health, safety and welfare, and to prescribe penalties for the failure to comply.

**§ 248A-2. Definitions.**

For the purpose of this article, the following terms, phrases, words, and their derivations shall have the meanings stated herein unless their use in the text of this article clearly demonstrates a different meaning. When not inconsistent with the context, words used in the present tense include the future, words used in the plural number include the singular number, and words used in the singular number include the plural number. The word "shall" is always mandatory and not merely directory.

**MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM (MS4)** — A conveyance or system of conveyances (including roads with drainage systems, municipal streets, catch basins, curbs, gutters, ditches, man-made channels, or storm drains) that is owned or operated by Township of Monroe or other public body, and is designed and used for collecting and conveying stormwater. (NOTE: In municipalities with combined sewer systems, add the following: "MS4s do not include combined sewer systems, which are sewer systems that are designed to carry sanitary sewage at all times and to collect and transport stormwater from streets and other sources.")

**PERSON** — Any individual, corporation, company, partnership, firm, association, or political subdivision of this state subject to municipal jurisdiction.

**STORM DRAIN INLET** — An opening in a storm drain used to collect stormwater runoff and includes, but is not limited to, a gate inlet, curb-opening inlet, slotted inlet, and combination inlet.

**WATERS OF THE STATE** — The ocean and its estuaries, all springs, streams and bodies of surface water or groundwater, whether natural or artificial, within the boundaries of the State of New Jersey or subject to its jurisdiction.

**§ 248A-3. Prohibited conduct.**

No person in control of private property (except a residential lot with one single-family house) shall authorize the repaving, repairing (excluding the repair of individual potholes), resurfacing (including top coating or chip

sealing with asphalt emulsion or a thin base of hot bitumen), reconstructing or altering any surface that is in direct contact with an existing storm drain inlet on that property unless the storm drain inlet either:

- A. Already meets the design standard below to control passage of solid and floatable materials; or
- B. Is retrofitted or replaced to meet the standard in § 248A-4 below prior to the completion of the project.

#### **§ 248A-4. Design standard.**

Storm drain inlets identified in § 248A-3 above shall comply with the following standard to control passage of solid and floatable materials through storm drain inlets. For purposes of this section, "solid and floatable materials" means sediment, debris, trash, and other floating, suspended, or settleable solids. For exemptions to this standard see Subsection C below.

#### A. Grates.

- (1) Design engineers shall use either of the following grates whenever they use a grate in pavement or another ground surface to collect stormwater from that surface into a storm drain or surface water body under that grate:
    - (a) The New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) bicycle safe grate, which is described in Chapter 2.4 of the NJDOT Bicycle Compatible Roadways and Bikeways Planning and Design Guidelines (April 1996); or
    - (b) A different grate, if each individual clear space in that grate has an area of no more than seven square inches or is no greater than 0.5 inch across the smallest dimension.
  - (2) Examples of grates subject to this standard include grates in grate inlets, the grate portion (non-curb-opening portion) of combination inlets, grates on storm sewer manholes, ditch grates, trench grates, and grates of spacer bars in slotted drains. Examples of ground surfaces include surfaces of roads (including bridges), driveways, parking areas, bikeways, plazas, sidewalks, lawns, fields, open channels, and stormwater basin floors.
- B. Whenever design engineers use a curb-opening inlet, the clear space in that curb opening (or each individual clear space, if the curb opening has two or more clear spaces) shall have an area of no more than seven square inches or be no greater than two inches across the smallest dimension.
- C. This standard does not apply:
- (1) Where the Municipal Engineer agrees that this standard would cause inadequate hydraulic performance that could not practicably

be overcome by using additional or larger storm drain inlets that meet these standards;

- (2) Where flows are conveyed through any device (e.g., end-of-pipe netting facility, manufactured treatment device, or a catch basin hood) that is designed, at a minimum, to prevent delivery of all solid and floatable materials that could not pass through one of the following:
  - (a) A rectangular space 4 5/8 inches long and 1 1/2 inches wide (this option does not apply for outfall netting facilities); or
  - (b) A bar screen having a bar spacing of 0.5 inch.
- (3) Where flows are conveyed through a trash rack that has parallel bars with one-inch spacing between the bars; or
- (4) Where the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection determines, pursuant to the New Jersey Register of Historic Places Rules at N.J.A.C. 7:4-7.2(c), that action to meet this standard is an undertaking that constitutes an encroachment or will damage or destroy the New Jersey Register listed historic property.

#### **§ 248A-5. Enforcement.**

This article shall be enforced by the Monroe Township Police Department and/or designated municipal officials of the Township of Monroe.

#### **§ 248A-6. Violations and penalties.**

Any person(s) who is found to be in violation of the provisions of this article shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$1,000 for each storm drain inlet that is not retrofitted to meet the design standard.

## ARTICLE II

**Covering of Dumpsters and Refuse Containers  
[Adopted 11-23-2010 by Ord. No. O:26-2010]****§ 248A-7. Purpose.**

This article requires dumpsters and other refuse containers that are outdoors or exposed to stormwater to be covered at all times and prohibits the spilling, dumping, leaking, or otherwise discharge of liquids, semiliquids or solids from the containers to the municipal separate storm sewer system(s) operated by the Township of Monroe and/or the waters of the state so as to protect public health, safety and welfare, and to prescribe penalties for the failure to comply.

**§ 248A-8. Definitions.**

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**PERSON** — Any individual, corporation, company, partnership, firm, association, or political subdivision of this state subject to municipal jurisdiction.

**REFUSE CONTAINER** — Any waste container that a person controls, whether owned, leased, or operated, including dumpsters, trash cans, garbage pails, and plastic trash bags.

**STORMWATER** — Water resulting from precipitation (including rain and snow) that runs off the land's surface, is transmitted to the subsurface, is captured by separate storm sewers or other sewerage or drainage facilities, or is conveyed by snow removal equipment.

**WATERS OF THE STATE** — The ocean and its estuaries, all springs, streams and bodies of surface water or groundwater, whether natural or artificial, within the boundaries of the State of New Jersey or subject to its jurisdiction.

**§ 248A-9. Prohibited conduct.**

- A. Any person who controls, whether owned, leased, or operated, a refuse container or dumpster must ensure that such container or dumpster is covered at all times and shall prevent refuse from spilling out or overflowing.
- B. Any person who owns, leases or otherwise uses a refuse container or dumpster must ensure that such container or dumpster does not leak or otherwise discharge liquids, semiliquids or solids to the municipal separate storm sewer system(s) operated by the Township of Monroe.

**§ 248A-10. Exceptions to prohibition.**

- A. Permitted temporary demolition containers.
- B. Litter receptacles (other than dumpsters or other bulk containers).
- C. Individual homeowner trash and recycling containers.
- D. Refuse containers at facilities authorized to discharge stormwater under a valid NJPDES permit.
- E. Large bulky items (e.g., furniture, bound carpet and padding, white goods placed curbside for pickup).

**§ 248A-11. Enforcement.**

This article shall be enforced by the Monroe Township Police Department and/or designated municipal officials of the Township of Monroe.

**§ 248A-12. Violations and penalties.**

Any person(s) who is found to be in violation of the provisions of this article shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$1,000.