

ARTICLE 1.0 INTRODUCTION

It is the intention of the Lamar County Board of Supervisors to protect the health and safety of the citizens and visitors of the community and to prevent damage to private property and public facilities through the proper design and construction of both on-site and regional stormwater management and/or detention facilities that prevent or adequately reduce increases in peak flow rates of runoff that may otherwise increase the risk of flooding and the associated risk of public endangerment, property damage and erosion. To accomplish this goal, the Board of Supervisors finds it is necessary to provide stormwater management practices for drainage and control of flood and surface waters within Lamar County. This is to insure that storm and surface waters may be properly drained and controlled, pollution may be reduced and environment enhanced, and that the health property, safety and welfare of Lamar County and its inhabitants may be safeguarded and protected. Stormwater Runoff is a major contributor to degradation and pollution of receiving waters. Discharges into a Stormwater Runoff system may occur because of stormwater runoff, spills, dumping, and/or improper connections to the stormwater system from developments, residential, industrial, commercial, or institutional establishments. Such discharges not only impact waterways individually, but geographically dispersed, small volume discharges can have a cumulative impact on receiving waters, which can adversely affect public health and safety, drinking water supplies, recreation, fish and other aquatic life, property values and other uses of lands and waters. The Lamar County Board of Supervisors endorses promulgation of this ordinance to address the impacts of stormwater runoff, spills, improper dumping, and/or illegal connections to the County runoff program. This ordinance applies to construction and development on all lands within the unincorporated portions of Lamar County.

1.1 PURPOSE

- A. The purpose of this ordinance is to protect the environment, public health, safety, property and general welfare of the citizens of Lamar County, Mississippi, through the regulation of Stormwater Runoff and Illicit Discharges into the County Storm Drainage or any Separate Storm Sewer system, to the maximum extent practicable as required by federal and state law. This ordinance establishes methods for controlling the introduction of pollutants into the County drainage system in order to comply with requirements of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit process.
- B. This ordinance is not intended to modify or repeal any other ordinance, rule, regulation, or other provision of law. The requirements of this ordinance are in addition to the requirements of any other ordinance, rule, regulation, or other provision of law, and where any provision of this ordinance imposes restrictions different from those imposed by any other ordinance, rule, regulations, or other provision of law. Whichever provision is more restrictive or imposes higher protective standards for human health or the environment shall control.

1.2 OBJECTIVES

- A. The objectives of this ordinance are:
1. To regulate or restrict the introduction of pollutants that may potentially enter the County Drainage System;
 2. To prohibit Illegal Connections and Discharges to any separate storm sewer system;
 3. To identify, define, and regulate erosion, sediment and detention controls related to stormwater runoff.
 4. To prevent discharges that may occur as a result of spills, inappropriate dumping or disposal, and/or improper connections to the County drainage system, whether from residential, industrial, commercial or institutional establishments;
 5. To provide Lamar County with the authority to deal with Stormwater runoff non-conformance and illicit discharges, and to establish enforcement actions for those persons or entities found to be in noncompliance or that refuse to allow access to their facilities;
 6. To establish legal authority to carry out all inspection, surveillance, monitoring, and enforcement procedures necessary to ensure compliance with this ordinance.