



# TOWN OF AMHERST

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

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## Food Service Establishments

### Town of Amherst Sewer Use Law – Grease Interceptors

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter contains important information for prospective clients looking to purchase, rent or lease commercial or institutional space for the purposes of food preparation or food service industry. This information is necessary as the cost for physical improvements to your prospective space to gain compliance with this law can be significant and should be considered in the terms and conditions of sale, rent or lease of the property.

On November 17, 2014, the Town of Amherst Town Board passed amendments to its local sewer use law one of which requires that all grease, oil and sand interceptors are sized and approved in accordance with the Town of Amherst Town Code Chapter 160-13(d) for use within the Town of Amherst sanitary sewer district. The intent of this amendment to the law requires compliance with local sewer use law prior to any certification of occupancy and/or transfer of occupancy to any new Food Service Establishment for the interceptor to be sized in accordance to specific requirements according to the law.

The amendment and ensuing sizing protocols require that all interceptors shall be sized in accordance and sizing criteria established by the Town of Amherst, based on a minimum detention time of 30 minutes under proposed water use. In most situations, this requirement usually requires a retrofit of internal plumbing and installation of an external grease interceptor. All proposed interceptor installations, including retrofits and replacements, must be approved by the Town of Amherst Engineering Department.

Please refer to the Town of Amherst website ([www.amherst.ny.us](http://www.amherst.ny.us)) and type in the keyword "GREASE" to review the requirements of the local sewer use law.

If you have any questions, please call John Richter, the Town of Amherst Pretreatment Coordinator at 716-691-4331 extension 2. Thank you for your help in raising this due diligence issue within your client base.

Sincerely,

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Town Engineer

