

Town of Seabrook, New Hampshire
Request for Floor Drain Waiver

Name of Business or Organization: _____
Physical Address: _____ Phone: _____
Owned by: _____
Authorized Representative**: _____ Title: _____
Mailing Address (if different): _____
Phone (if different): _____ Permit # (if any): _____

Municipal Sewer System Ordinance, Town of Seabrook, New Hampshire

Article II, Section 2.2 – Building Sewers and Connections

T. No person shall allow any floor drain to be connected, or to remain connected, to any building sewer or building drain that in turn is connected directly or indirectly to a public sanitary sewer.

Article II, Section 2.4 - Variances

- A. The Superintendent, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, may allow reasonable variances from the provisions of Sections 2.1 and 2.2 of this Ordinance, which will not result in a violation of State or Federal law, provided:
1. The owner pays a variance fee of twenty-five (25) dollars;
 2. The variance allowed is the least variance that is reasonable to accomplish the lawful purpose;
 3. The variance will not cause undue harm or inconvenience to the Town, the POTW, or the owner's neighbors; and
 4. The variance is justified by substantial reason. As used in this section, the term "substantial reason" means a valid health or safety consideration, a clear and compelling logistical need, or a direct or indirect economic and/or aesthetic benefit to the town, as determined by the Board of Selectmen.
- B. The owner shall apply for the variance in writing to the Superintendent. The application shall identify the name and address of the owner, the property in question, the specific variance sought by the owner and a substantial reason justifying the variance. The variance fee shall be paid with the application or the variance shall be deemed to have been denied. The variance as issued shall identify any changes, limitations or restrictions on the variance as applied for.

Variance to Article II, Section 2.2 (T) may be issued by the Town with the following stipulations:

1. Any area that could be drained by a floor drain shall be deemed a restricted zone as described herein. The restricted zone shall extend from the floor drain to a distance of 30 feet in every direction if the floor is flat, and for an unlimited distance in every direction if the floor is pitched toward the drain.
2. Each floor drain shall be covered by an appropriate drain grate at all times. The Owner shall ensure that sufficient water is introduced into each floor drain at least weekly to prevent exchange of gasses between the room air and the sewer.
3. The Owner shall train employees in procedures and precautions adequate to ensure that floor drains are properly used and maintained, and also in steps to be taken to mitigate potential damage from any spill that might occur. The Owner shall ensure that every employee, regardless of position, length of employment, or language fluency, understands the types of materials that may and may not be introduced into floor drains and how to respond to an accidental spill of prohibited materials.
4. No prohibited substance shall be housed in, transported through, or used in any restricted zone at any time. As used herein, a prohibited substance is any substance, the discharge of which to the public sewer would otherwise be prohibited by the Town, with the exception of general cleaning products in quantities of one gallon or less.
5. Any and all floor drains at the subject facility that are not covered by an exemption shall be permanently closed in a manner that is satisfactory to, and verifiable by the Town

The Owner of the business or organization named herein requests variance from the provisions of Seabrook Municipal Sewer System Ordinance, Article II, Section 2.2(T). Please enter the location(s) of each floor drain for which a variance is requested and clearly state the substantial reason justifying each variance. Attach additional pages as necessary.

1. **Location:** _____ **Number:** _____

Reason: _____

Inspection date: _____ by: _____ Approved Disapproved _____

NOTES: _____

2. **Location:** _____ **Number:** _____

Reason: _____

Inspection date: _____ by: _____ Approved Disapproved _____

NOTES: _____

CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

On behalf of the Owner, I understand and agree that the Owner shall be fully liable for any and all disruption to the operation of the Town's municipal sanitary sewer system, or damage to the component parts comprising that system, or harm to persons, property, or the environment, which may result wholly or in part from unauthorized materials entering the sewer system, either directly or indirectly, through any floor drain at this location.

I understand that, in the absence of an effective water seal in the drain trap, any drain can serve as a point of entry for harmful sewer gas into a building. I understand and agree that the Town shall not be liable in the event of any illness, injury, or death resulting wholly or in part from sewer gas which enters this facility through an improperly maintained drain.

I understand and acknowledge that the Owner is subject to all of the requirements, conditions, and restrictions of the Seabrook Municipal Sewer System Ordinance, as well as all other applicable municipal, State, and federal regulations, and that a complete copy of the Seabrook Municipal Sewer System Ordinance is available to me upon request from the Seabrook Sewer Department.

Signature

Printed Name

Title

Date

Please return this signed application, along with a check in the amount of \$25 made payable to "Town of Seabrook" to:

Industrial Pretreatment Manager
Seabrook Sewer Department
P.O. Box 456
Seabrook, NH 03874-0456
telephone: (603) 474-8012 ext 11
e-mail: tcampbell@seabrooknh.org