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# **PUBLIC WORKS FATS, OILS, AND GREASE (FOG) ORDINANCE**

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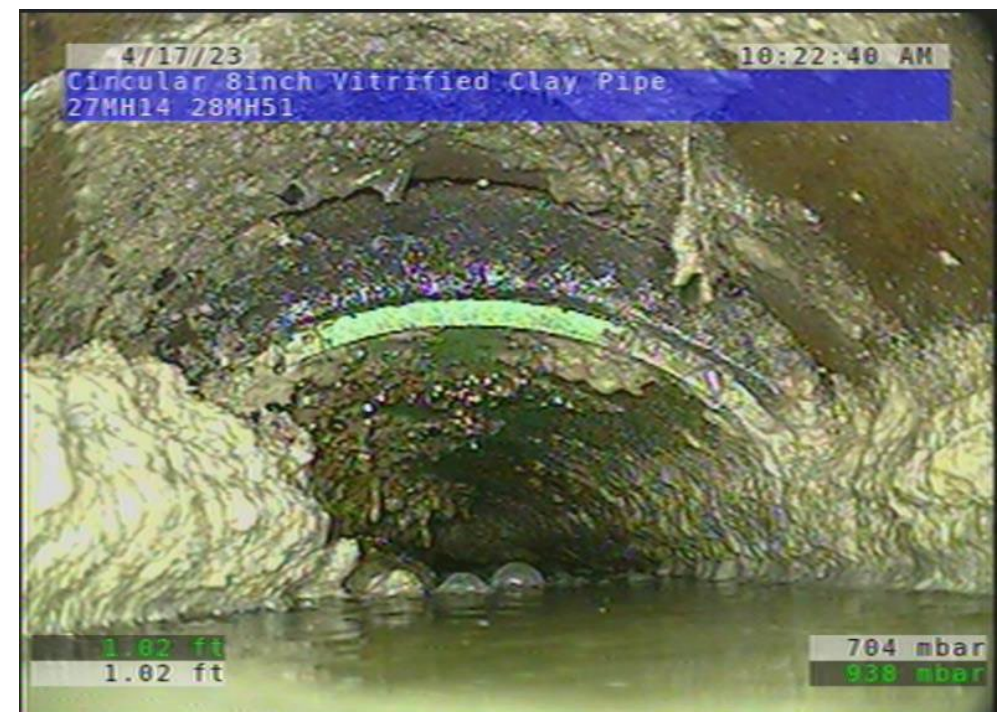
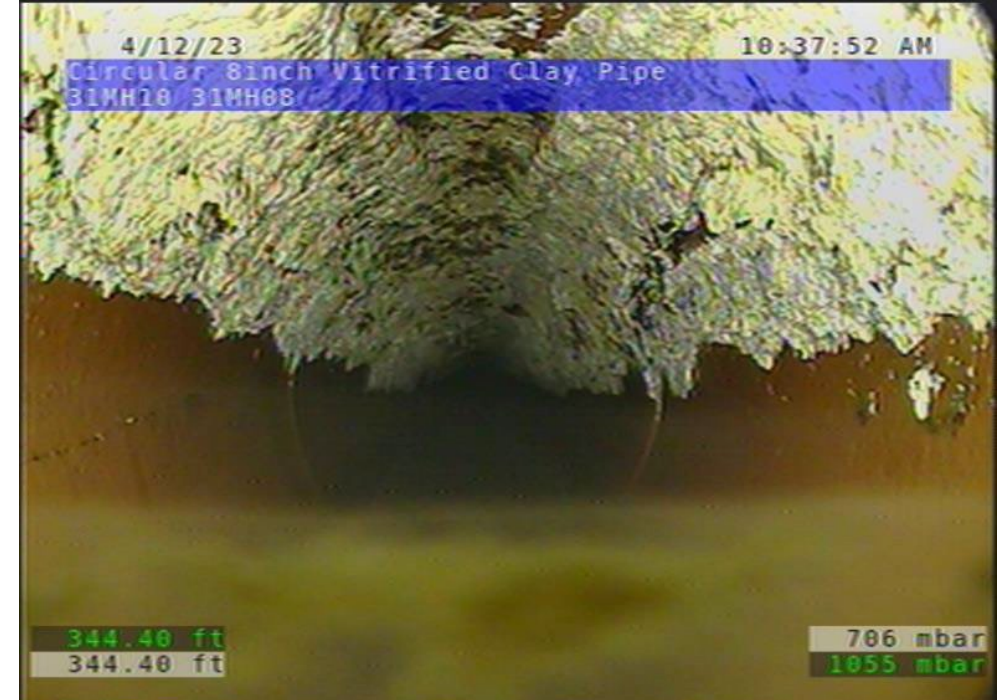


# GOAL

- Meet TCEQ requirements
- Eliminate build-up in our sewer system
- Create, Regulate, and Enforce Grease Trap Permits and Inspections









# OVERVIEW

## WHY

- ❑ HB-1979 → law in the 78th Legislative Session on September 1, 2003
- ❑ TCEQ requirement

## PRESENT

- ❑ Health Division – Food Inspections Program to monitor Grease Trap cleaning

## PROPOSING

- ❑ Amending Chapter 86 “Utilities”
- ❑ Grant PW authority to regulate grease traps
- ❑ Allow Health to require and issue permits for grease traps

## WHEN

- ❑ Implementation in the Spring of 2024



# OPERATIONAL & ENFORCEMENT RESPONSIBLE PARTIES

## Business Notification

- email food establishments - Health
- Paper handout during inspections - contractor

## FOG Permitting

- Develop workflow, application, and fees in Energov - Health, IT, Public Works
- Receive and process permits - Customer Success Division, Health

## Inspections

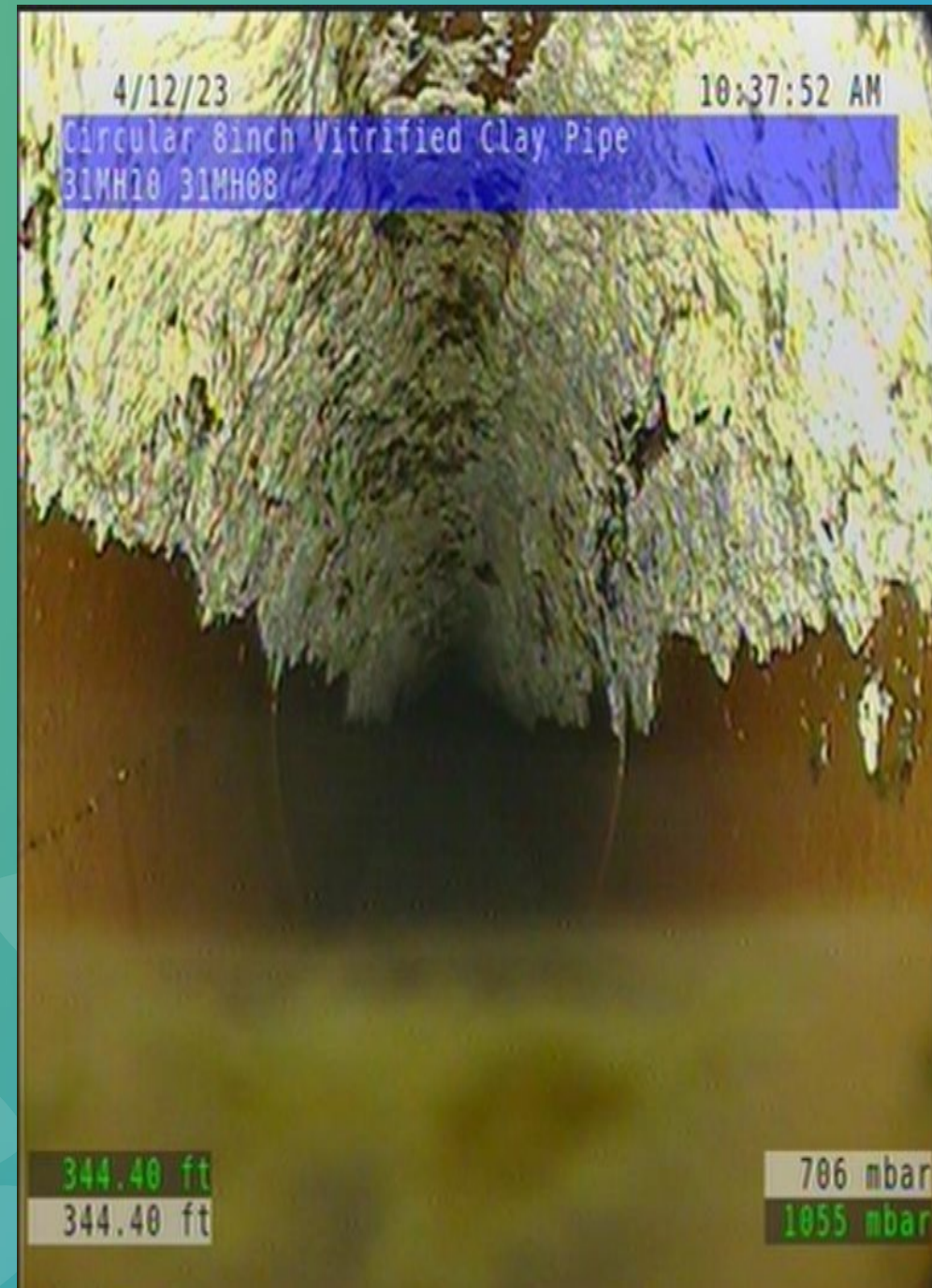
- Routine Inspection - Contractor

## Enforcement

- City Staff - Health, Public Works, and City Attorney

# Penalty Structure Section 86-620

- If the **Business / Generator** is found liable for grease trap overflow or mainline blockage,
- \$1,000.00 for the first violation
- \$1,500.00 for the second and third violation
- \$2,000.00 civil penalty for the fourth violation within a two-year period
- Continuous violations - an increase in penalty by five hundred dollars (\$500.00) and may also result in termination of sanitary services.





# Penalty Structure cont.

- ❑ Any person violating any of the provisions of this article shall be subject to a written warning for the first violation
- ❑ A \$1,000.00 civil penalty for the second violation
- ❑ A \$1,500.00 civil penalty for the third violation
- ❑ And a \$2,000.00 civil penalty for the fourth violation within a two-year period.
- ❑ Consistent violations will result in a five hundred (\$500.00) increase in civil penalty and may result in termination of service



# FOG Adoption & Implementation: TIMELINE AT A GLANCE





# Communications Plan

- Information Material Development
  - Brochure
  - Letters to the business owners
- Information on the Website
- Take time during Food Inspections to share information on the upcoming regulations





# DISCUSSION/ QUESTIONS