

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF MERCED, CALIFORNIA,  
AMENDING SECTION 15.24.110, "SPECIFIC  
POLLUTANT LIMITATIONS," OF THE MERCED  
MUNICIPAL CODE

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERCED DOES ORDAIN  
AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT TO CODE. Section 15.24.110,  
"Specific Pollutant Limitation," of the Merced Municipal Code is hereby amended  
to read as follows:

**"15.24.110 Specific pollutant limitations.**

A. No person shall discharge wastewater to the POTW that contains concentrations or a mass emission rate of material exceeding limits established by the table below. Material limits for heavy metals, cyanide and chlorinated hydrocarbons, and other materials are for the purpose of preventing the introduction of any wastewater containing toxic pollutants in sufficient quantity, either singly or by interaction, to injure or interfere with any wastewater treatment process, constitute a hazard to humans or animals, or to cause the POTW treatment plant effluent or treatment residues, sludges or scums, to be unsuitable for discharge, disposal or beneficial use.

SPECIFIC POLLUTANT LIMITATIONS

| Material        | Limit on Discharge (mg/l) |
|-----------------|---------------------------|
| Arsenic         | <del>0.1</del> 0.036      |
| Cadmium         | 0.2                       |
| Chromium, total | 0.5                       |
| Copper          | <del>2.0</del> 0.32       |
| Cyanide         | 1.0                       |
| Lead            | 1.0                       |
| Mercury         | 0.01                      |
| Nickel          | 1.0                       |

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|------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Silver</b>                                        | <b>0.2</b>                 |
| <b>Zinc</b>                                          | <del>3.0</del> <b>0.60</b> |
| <b>Totally identifiable chlorinated hydrocarbons</b> | <b>0.02</b>                |
| <b>Phenolic compounds</b>                            | <b>1.0</b>                 |

B. Exemption to the specific pollutant limitations may be granted by the director if the user demonstrates that the discharge will not, either singly or by interaction, injure or interfere with any wastewater treatment process, constitute a hazard to humans or animals, have the reasonable potential to cause the City to violate its NPDES permit or the POTW treatment plant effluent or treatment residues, sludges or scums, to be unsuitable for discharge, disposal or beneficial use.

C. Notwithstanding the above requirements, all users discharging into the POTW are required to remove incompatible pollutants from their waste in conformance with national pretreatment standards.”

**SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect thirty (30) days after its adoption.

**SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY.** If any section, subsection, subdivision, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance, is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. The City Council hereby declares that it would have adopted this Ordinance, and each section, subsection, subdivision, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, subdivisions, sentences, clauses, phrases, or portions thereof be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

**SECTION 4. PUBLICATION.** The City Clerk is directed to cause a summary of this Ordinance to be published in the official newspaper at least once within fifteen (15) days after its adoption showing the vote thereon.

The foregoing Ordinance was introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Merced on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017, and was passed and adopted at a regular meeting of said City Council held on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017, by the following called vote:

**AYES:**                      **Council Members:**

**NOES:**                      **Council Members:**

**ABSTAIN:**                      **Council Members:**

**ABSENT:**                      **Council Members:**

**APPROVED:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Mayor**

**ATTEST:**  
**STEVE CARRIGAN, CITY CLERK**

**BY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Assistant/Deputy City Clerk**

**(SEAL)**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**City Attorney**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**