

**ORDINANCE NO. 18697**

**ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 31 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES  
IN REGARD TO LOCAL LIMITS AND ADMINISTRATIVE ENFORCEMENT REMEDIES**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Joliet, Illinois (City) have the authority to adopt ordinances and to promulgate rules and regulations that pertain to its government and affairs and protect the public health, safety, and welfare of its citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the City owns and operates three wastewater treatment plants; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) regulations require wastewater treatment plants have an Industrial Pretreatment Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the City instituted its Industrial Pretreatment Program in 1986 in accordance with federal guidelines; and

**WHEREAS**, the federal guidelines require industrial wastewater customers comply with certain discharge standards called local limits; and

**WHEREAS**, the local limits adopted by the City must be based on scientific data derived from actual samples from the City's collection system, receiving streams and wastewater treatment plants which are utilized to calculate the plants' effective removal rates; and

**WHEREAS**, the City's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permits require a periodic re-evaluation and revision (if needed) of the local limits; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has undertaken the process of re-evaluating the local limits; and

**WHEREAS**, the USEPA has reviewed and approved the proposed local limits; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Joliet is a home rule unit of local government.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOLIET, ILLINOIS, PURSUANT TO ITS HOME RULE AND STATUTORY AUTHORITY, AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1:** The Mayor and City Council hereby find that the recitals contained in the preamble to this Ordinance are true, correct and complete and are hereby incorporated into this Ordinance by reference.

**SECTION 2:** Effective December 1, 2024, Chapter 31, Water and Sewers, of the Code of Ordinances is hereby amended as follows:

**Sec. 31-284 (b) is amended to read as follows:**

(b) Toxic Pollutants

No User shall Discharge any Wastewater containing concentrations greater than the Daily Maximum Local Limits as set forth below into any sewers that connect either directly or indirectly to the POTW Works.

<b><u>POLLUTANT (total unless otherwise listed)</u></b>	<b><u>CONCENTRATION (mg/l)</u></b>	
	Daily Maximum	Instantaneous
Arsenic	0.4	
Cadmium	0.7	
Chromium	23	
Copper	0.9	
Cyanide	1.0	
Lead	2.0	
Mercury (see Section 31-283)	0.0005	
Nickel	1.3	
Phosphorus	31	
Silver	3.2	
Zinc	3.9	

**Sec. 31-360 (d) is amended to read as follows:**

(d) Each detected Violation of the plan of action, compliance schedule, and permit, will result in an NOV being issued to the User. When NOV #3 (total of three NOVs) is issued, a "ticket" shall be issued to the User, Authorized Representative except for pH and Oil & Grease violations. The ticket is a legal notice requiring the User to appear in court, either Will or Kendall County Circuit Court or the City Adjudication Court. The City shall charge assessments to the User as provided for in the ordinance. The City's Adjudication Court standards are outlined in Chapter 3.

**SECTION 3:** This Ordinance and every provision thereof shall be considered separable and the invalidity of any section, clause, paragraph, sentence or provision of the Ordinance shall not affect the validity of any other portion of this Ordinance. In the event any portion of this Ordinance establishing rates is found to be invalid, the most recently adopted Ordinance adopted prior to this Ordinance which establishes rates for such usage shall apply and be given full force and effect.

**SECTION 4:** All Ordinances or parts of ordinances conflicting with any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be stricken and the same is hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

**SECTION 5:** The City Clerk is hereby directed to publish this Ordinance.

**SECTION 6:** This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

**PASSED** this 19<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2024

  
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**MAYOR**

  
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**CITY CLERK**

**VOTING YES:** Mayor D'Arcy and Councilmen Cardenas, Clement, Guerrero, Hug, Councilwoman Ibarra, Councilman Mudron, Councilwomen Quillman, and Reardon.  
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**VOTING NO:** None.  
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**NOT VOTING:** None.  
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