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**Kassandra Gove, Mayor** **REVISED**

**AN ORDER to Establish an Illicit Discharge and Connection Stormwater Ordinance for the City of Amesbury**

**Summary:** The purpose of this ordinance is to provide for the health, safety, and general welfare of the citizens of the City of Amesbury through the regulation of non-storm water discharges to the storm water drainage system to the maximum extent practicable as required by federal and state law. This ordinance establishes methods for controlling the introduction of pollutants into the municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) in order to comply with requirements of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit process.

**Be it Ordained by the City Council of the City of Amesbury assembled, and by the authority of the same, that the following Ordinance be and hereby is adopted:**

**Sec. 1. Purpose**

Increased and contaminated stormwater runoff is a major cause of impairment of water quality and flow in lakes, ponds, streams, rivers, wetlands and groundwater; contamination of drinking water supplies; alteration or destruction of aquatic and wildlife habitat; and flooding. Regulation of illicit connections and discharges to the municipal storm drainage system is necessary for the protection of the City's water bodies and groundwater, and to safeguard the public health, safety, welfare and the environment. The Purpose of this Ordinance is as follows:

**A. Detection and Elimination of Illicit Discharges, Connections and/or Obstructions**

1. To prevent pollutants from entering the City's Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) and Waters of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts;
2. To prohibit illicit discharges, connections and obstructions to the MS4;
3. To require the removal of all such illicit discharges, connections and/or obstructions;
4. To comply with state and federal statutes and regulations relating to stormwater discharges; and
5. To establish the legal authority to ensure compliance with the provisions of this Ordinance through inspection, monitoring, and enforcement.































