

**GENERAL FACT SHEET**

08-36

**BILL NUMBER**

<p><b>BRIEF TITLE</b>  <u>LMC 28.02 Regulations for</u>  <u>Illicit Discharges</u></p>	<p><b>APPROVAL DEADLINE</b>          _____          _____</p>	<p><b>REASON</b>          _____          _____</p>
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DETAILS	POSITIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS	
<p>The City of Lincoln is required to comply with the federally mandated Clean Water Act. As a part of that mandate, the City holds a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit (NPDES) from the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality (NDEQ). The permit stipulates that the City must prevent illicit discharges to the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4). In addition, the City must assure that local industries are in compliance with their NPDES stormwater permits and must respond to spills, releases and illegal dumping that may impact the City's stormwater drainage system to minimize environmental impacts. However, this work has been hampered by the lack of specific authorities in ordinance and inadequate program resources to conduct inspections of local industries. Recognizing these shortcomings, an ordinance was drafted which would assure the City's stormwater drainage system is protected from illicit discharges and the City is in compliance with our NPDES permit.</p>	<p>Sponsor</p>	<p>Board of Health Health Department</p>
	<p>Program Departments, or Groups Affected</p>	<p>Regulated industries an municipal facilities that hold National Pollution Discharge Elimination Permits</p>
	<p>Applicants/ Proponents</p>	<p>Applicant Bruce D. Dart, Ph.D. Health Director</p> <p>City Department Health</p> <p>Other Board of Health</p>
	<p>Discussion (Including Relationship to other Council Actions)</p> <p>A draft ordinance was distributed to representatives of a variety of industries and municipal facilities. We then met with those representatives to listen to their comments and concerns, and incorporate changes into the ordinance. An updated draft ordinance was sent to about 100 regulated businesses, industries and public facilities, and they were invited to provide input. Two public meetings were held; one on January 28 and one on February 4. Final changes to the ordinance were made by the Law Department. The Board of Health reviewed the ordinance in February and it was unanimously supported.</p>	<p>Opponents</p>
	<p>Staff Recommendations</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> For   <input type="checkbox"/> Against Reason Against</p>
	<p>Board or Commission Recommendation</p>	<p>BY: Board of Health <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> For   <input type="checkbox"/> Against <input type="checkbox"/> No Action Taken <input type="checkbox"/> For with revisions or conditions (See Details column for conditions)</p>

