

# Town of Raynham, Massachusetts

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## Article I - Definitions

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Unless the context specifically indicates otherwise, the meaning of terms used in this By-law shall be as follows:

**Section. 1.** "BOD" (denoting Biochemical Oxygen Demand) shall mean the quantity of oxygen utilized in the biochemical oxidation of organic matter under standard laboratory procedure in five (5) days at 20C, expressed in milligrams per liter.

**Section. 2.** "Building Drain" shall mean that part of the lowest horizontal piping of a drainage system which receives the discharge from soil, waste, and other drainage pipes inside the walls of the building and conveys it to the building sewer, beginning ten (10) feet outside the inner face of the building wall.

**Section. 3.** "Building Sewer" shall mean the extension from the building drain to the public sewer or other place of disposal.

**Section. 4.** "Town" shall mean the Town of Raynham, Massachusetts.

**Section. 5.** ~"Combined Sewer" shall mean a sewer receiving both surface runoff and sewage.

**Section. 6.** "Garbage" shall mean solid wastes from the domestic and commercial preparation, cooking, and dispensing of food, and from the handling, storage and sale of produce.

**Section. 7.** "Industrial Wastes" shall mean the liquid wastes from industrial manufacturing processes, trade, or business as distinct from sanitary sewage.

**Section. 8.** "Natural Outlet" shall mean any outlet into a watercourse, pond, ditch, lake or other body of surface or groundwater.

**Section. 9.** "Person" shall mean any individual, firm, company, association, society, corporation, or group.

**Section. 10.** "pH" shall mean the logarithm of the reciprocal of the weight of hydrogen ions in grams per liter of solution.

**Section. 11.** "Properly Shredded Garbage" shall mean the wastes from the preparation, cooking, and dispensing Of food that have been shredded to such a degree that all particles will be carried freely under the flow conditions normally prevailing in public sewers, with no particle greater than one-half (1/2) inch (1.27 centimeters) in any dimension.

**Section. 12.** "Public Sewer" shall mean a sewer in which all owners of abutting properties have equal rights, and is controlled by public authority.

**Section. 13.** "Private Sewer" shall mean any lateral sewer which has been constructed across private property or in a private way by a private authority, financed by said authority or by abutters and installed for the purpose of receiving and conveying sewage from building sewers. A building sewer serving more than two buildings shall be considered a private sewer.

**Section. 14.** "Sanitary Sewer" shall mean a sewer that carries sewage and to which storm, surface, and groundwater is not intentionally admitted.

**Section. 15.** "Sewage" shall mean a combination of the water-carried wastes from residences, business buildings, institutions, and industrial establishments, together with such ground, surface, and storm waters as may be present.

**Section. 16.** "Sewage Treatment Plant" shall mean any arrangement of devices and structures used for treating sewage.

**Section. 17.** "Sewage Works" shall mean all facilities for collecting, pumping, treating, and disposing of sewage.

**Section. 18.** "Sewer" shall mean a pipe or conduit for carrying ~sewage.

**Section. 19.** "Shall" is mandatory; "May" is permissive.

**Section. 20.** "Slug" shall mean any discharge of water, sewage, or ~industrial waste which in concentration of any given constituent or in quantity of flow exceeds for any period of duration longer than ~fifteen (15) minutes, more than five (5) times the average twenty-four (24) hour concentration or flows during normal operation.

**Section. 21.** "Storm Drain" (sometimes termed "Storm Sewer") shall mean a sewer which carries storm and surface waters and drainage, but excludes sewage and industrial wastes, other than unpolluted cooling water.

**Section. 22.** "Superintendent" shall mean that person appointed by the Board of Sewer Commissioners of the Town of Raynham, to act in such capacity, or his authorized deputy, agent or representative.

**Section. 23.** ~"Suspended Solids" shall mean solids that either float on the surface of, or are in suspension in water, sewage, or other liquids, and which are removable by laboratory filtering.

**Section. 24.** "Watercourse" shall mean a channel in which a flow of water occurs, either continuously or intermittently.