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Mr. A. M. McKinnon
Director of Public Works
City Hall
Mountain View, California

Dear Mr. McKinnon:

Reference is made to your recent communication submitting preliminary draft of a proposed ordinance regulating use of public sewers, etc., and requesting our comments thereon. The following suggestions are offered for your consideration.

SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS

Add definitions for "Domestic Sewage" and for "Health Officer".

"Domestic Sewage" - means a combination of liquid or water carrying human or kitchen waste conducted away from residence, business, or institutional buildings. OK

"Health Officer" - shall mean the Santa Clara County Health Officer, his assistants or authorized deputies acting as health officer of the City of Mountain View. OK

Revise definition for Sanitary Sewer.

"Sanitary Sewer" - shall mean a sewer which carries domestic sewage and to which storm, surface and ground waters are not intentionally admitted. OK

"BOD" should be written without periods after the letters. No periods are used in Standard Methods or in other authorative sewage reference works. OK

Correct typographical error in definition of pH.

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

SECTION 3. DISCHARGE TO NATURAL OUTLETS

This entire section should be rewritten to reflect the statutes relating to water pollution, specifically the jurisdiction of the Regional Water Pollution Control Board. No person may discharge a liquid waste into other than a community sewer system without first making a report of the proposed discharge to the Regional Board and the Board thereafter setting requirements for such discharge. The City, of course, should write into the ordinance, their requirement that an additional permission be obtained from the Director of Public Works and the possibility that the City's requirements may be more restrictive than those of the Regional Board.

SECTION 12 and SECTION 14.

The City should have the authority and normally require that the discharger provide and pay for such sampling and analyses as the City may specify. This should not preclude the City doing such other sampling and analyses as it may wish.

SECTION 19.

Revise so as to facilitate entrance of Health Officer and Deputies. Suggest "other duly authorized representatives" in place of "other duly authorized employees".

Sincerely,

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