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AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE DEPOSIT OF CERTAIN ITEMS AND MATERIALS INTO THE SEWER SYSTEM OF HIGHLAND, ARKANSAS; PROHIBITING DAMAGING OR TAMPERING WITH THE SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM; AND ESTABLISHING PENALTIES AND COSTS FOR VIOLATIONS

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WHEREAS, THE CITY OF HIGHLAND, ARKANSAS, is responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of its sanitary sewer system so that the system will operate as designed; and

WHEREAS, THE CITY OF HIGHLAND, ARKANSAS, has had experience with certain users of the sanitary sewer system depositing items and materials into the sanitary sewer system that the system was not designed to handle resulting in damage to the system; and

WHEREAS, THE CITY OF HIGHLAND, ARKANSAS, desires to regulate what items and materials may be lawfully deposited into the sanitary sewer system and specifically prohibit certain items and materials from being deposited into the sanitary sewer system and to prevent damage or tampering with the sanitary sewer system;

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIGHLAND, SHARP COUNTY, ARKANSAS, THAT:

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- C. socks, rags or clothes
- D. explosives or flammable material

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F. cooking oil or animal fat in such quantities as to obstruct the sewer system

G. strong chemicals or gasoline

H. any other item or material that will cause damage to the sanitary sewer system or obstruct the normal operation of the sanitary sewer system.

SECTION TWO: Any user of the sanitary sewer system who causes damage to or obstruction of the sanitary sewer system by introducing any prohibited item of material or by allowing any prohibited item or material to enter the sanitary sewer system shall pay for all costs of repairing the damage or clearing the obstruction, including without limitation the costs of repairing or replacing or freeing from obstructions any grinder

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pump damaged or obstructed by such prohibited item or material being deposited into the sanitary sewer system.

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PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIGLAND, ARKANSAS

Passed and approved this /2 day of ,2011.

APPROVED: Richard Smith, Mayor

ATTEST: Wiles, Recorder/Treasurer Mary R.



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PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 12 DAY OF APRIL 2011

ATTEST: <u>Richard Smith, Mayor</u> Mary Ruth Wiles, Recorder/Treasurer

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General Manager

Subscribed and sworn before me this <u>27th</u> day of <u>July</u>, <u>2011</u>

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