

**Article:**

To see if the Town will vote to amend **Chapter 132 “Sewage Disposal”** of the Code of the Town of Chelmsford by adding a new section “Section 132-3 “Grinder Pumps”” as follows:

**Section 132-3 Grinder Pumps.**

- 1 The preferred method for discharge of sewage from an individual building or group of buildings to the Town’s sewer system is by gravity flow. Grinder Pumps shall be used only after alternatives for gravity service connections has been thoroughly considered and, in the opinion of the Town of Chelmsford Department of Public Works, such alternatives cannot reasonably discharge to the Town’s sewer system by gravity flow. Grinder Pumps shall only be used in accordance with regulations established by the Town of Chelmsford Department of Public Works.
- 2 Each Owner/Applicant shall apply for a permit and shall be responsible for all of the costs related to the connection to the Town’s sewer system.
- 3 Both existing and new residential grinder pumps and the associated appurtenances and controls installed shall be maintained, serviced and replaced by the Town of Chelmsford as integral components of the Town’s wastewater collection system respecting that while a pump is inoperable the homeowner is without sanitary facilities. The Town of Chelmsford shall not be responsible for the maintenance of Grinder Pumps servicing commercial properties and residential properties comprised of three or more units.
  - a *Various items SHOULD NOT BE introduced into any sewer system either directly or through a drain or waste disposal, including:*
    - i *Glass, metal or plastic*
    - ii *Diapers, sanitary napkins , tampons or baby wipes*
    - iii *Socks, rags or clothes*
    - iv *Explosives or flammable material*
    - v *Lubricating oils or grease*
    - vi *Strong chemicals or gasoline*
    - vii *Seafood shells or Kitty litter*

The property owner shall be responsible for any and all costs to repair and/or replace a Grinder Pump as a result of improper disposal of materials into the sewer system, or take any other action relative thereto.