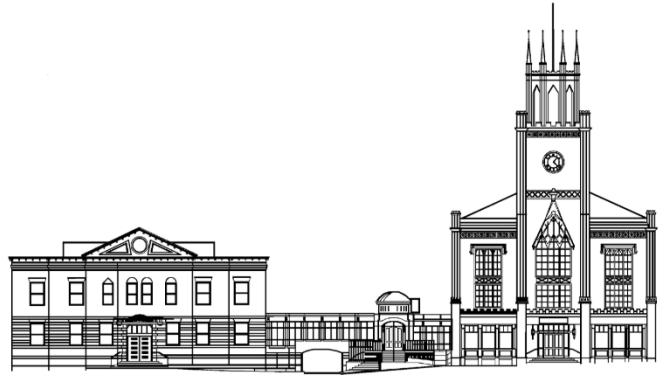




COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, HEALTH & TRAFFIC

September 1, 2026 at 6:00 PM

Aldermanic Chambers, City Hall (3rd Floor)

Members: Aldermen Vincent, Goonan, Dexter, Barry, Bonilla

AGENDA

The Chairman calls the meeting to order.

The Clerk calls the roll.

1. The Traffic Division has submitted an agenda that needs to be addressed:

ELM STREET NORTH OF HANOVER

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On Elm Street, east side, from a point 32 feet north of Hanover Street to a point 25 feet further north

METERS – 2 HOURS

On Elm Street, east side, from a point 57 feet north of Hanover Street to a point 78 feet further north

RESCIND METERS – 2 HOURS

On Elm Street, east side, from Hanover Street to a point 135 feet north
(ORD7902)

CHESTNUT STREET NORTH OF HANOVER

NO PARKING HANDICAP ZONE – HANDICAP PARKING ONLY

On Chestnut Street, west side, from a point 30 feet north of Hanover Street to a point 22 feet further north

On Chestnut Street, west side, from a point 190 feet north of Hanover Street to a point 22 feet further north

METERS - 2 HOURS

On Chestnut Street, west side, from a point 52 feet north of Hanover Street a point 45 feet further north

NO PARKING LOADING ZONE

On Chestnut Street, west side, from a point 97 feet north of Hanover Street to a point 30 feet north

RESCIND METERS – 2 HOURS

On Chestnut Street, west side, from a point 75 feet north of Hanover Street to Amherst Street (ORD9622)

On Chestnut Street, west side, from a point 75 feet north of Hanover Street to a point 62 feet further north (ORD10779)

On Chestnut Street, west side, from Hanover Street to a point 30 feet northerly (ORD7672)

RESCIND NO PARKING LOADING ZONE, MONDAY – FRIDAY, 8AM – 5PM

On Chestnut Street, west side, from a point 30 feet north of Hanover Street to a point 45 feet north (ORD6404)

CHESTNUT STREET SOUTH OF HANOVER

NO PARKING HANDICAP ZONE – HANDICAP PARKING ONLY

On Chestnut Street, west side, from a point 20 feet south of Hanover Street to a point 22 feet further south

METERS – 10 HOURS

On Chestnut Street, west side, from Manchester Street to a point 82 feet north

On Chestnut Street, west side, from a point 42 south of Hanover Street to a point 22 feet further south

NO PARKING LOADING ZONE

On Chestnut Street, west side, from a point 64 feet south of Hanover Street to Londonderry Lane

RESCIND NO PARKING LOADING ZONE

On Chestnut Street, west side, from Hanover Street to a point 52 feet south (ORD8486)

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On Chestnut Street, west side, from Manchester Street to a point 52 feet south of Hanover Street (ORD9637)

Gentlemen, what is your pleasure?

2. Communication from Aldermen Fajardo, Trisciani, and Kaw-uh, requesting approval of an Ordinance Amendment related to PFAS chemicals.

If the Committee so desires, a motion is in order that the Ordinance Amendment ought to pass and be referred to the Committee on Bills on Second Reading for technical review.

If there is no further business, a motion is in order to adjourn.

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CITY OF MANCHESTER

Board of Aldermen

MEMORANDUM

TO: Committee on Public Safety, Health & Traffic
Aldermen Vincent, Goonan, Dexter, Barry, Bonilla

FROM: Aldermen Fajardo, Trisciani, Kaw-uh

DATE: August 24, 2026

RE: PFAS Ordinance Amendment

Manchester residents are being exposed to toxic PFAS chemicals through operations at our city's wastewater treatment facility. We respectfully request that the committee accept the attached proposed Sewer Use Ordinance amendments and refer them to the full Board.

Over the past 18 months, constituents have repeatedly raised concerns about PFAS — often referred to as "forever chemicals" that persist in the environment and the human body, which are linked to cancer, reproductive harm, and developmental delays in children. This is not a hypothetical risk, it is a serious matter with very real consequences.

In 2025, the previous BMA received a non-public briefing from DPW Director Clougherty on the facility's role in PFAS disposal. While the details of that session remain confidential, we can speak to what is publicly known: The facility continues to emit PFAS pollution into the air via the incineration of sewage sludge, and into the drinking water supply via untreated wastewater discharges into the Merrimack River.

Federal PFAS regulation standards remain minimal relative to what the science tells us regarding the known risks associated with exposure. Recent regulations target a narrow set of PFAS compounds found in drinking water, but they do not address thousands of other compounds found in air emissions from incineration, wastewater discharge, or industrial inputs into treatment systems. But Manchester need not wait given that we, the BMA, have the authority to set our own limits.

The attached ordinance amendment takes a targeted approach: requiring industrial users to monitor and reduce their PFAS inputs into our system. Put simply, less PFAS coming into our local facility means less PFAS going out into the community.

We recognize that implementation may be complex and the need for coordination will be high, but the potential harm to people in and around Manchester warrants the effort. People downstream are drinking this water. Families here are breathing this air. With that in mind, we respectfully request that you refer these amendments to the full BMA for open, on-the-record deliberation.

City of Manchester
New Hampshire
In the year Two Thousand and Twenty-Six
AN ORDINANCE

“Amending Chapter 52: Sewers of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Manchester pertaining to per- and polyfluorinated alkyl substances (PFAS), including prohibited discharges, screening, monitoring, control plans, and industrial discharge permits.”

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Be it Ordained, by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Manchester, as follows:

I. Amend the Code of Ordinances by inserting new language as bolded (**bold**) and deleting existing language as stricken (-----). Portions of the following sections that remain unchanged appear in regular type.

§ 52.002 DEFINITIONS

PFAS. Organic chemicals, known as per- and polyfluorinated alkyl substances, containing at least one fully fluorinated carbon atom, including precursors.

PFAS Control Plan. A plan and schedule for either (1) source control best management practices, such as, but not limited to, product substitution or elimination, accidental discharge minimization, and equipment decontamination or replacement, to eliminate PFAS from a facility’s contribution of waste, wastewater, groundwater or landfill leachate, or (2) if it is demonstrated that source control best management practices will not eliminate PFAS or are otherwise technologically infeasible, a plan and schedule to install, operate, and maintain pretreatment to remove PFAS from discharges to the city’s wastewater treatment facility.

PFAS Screening Report. A report prepared by or on behalf of an industrial or commercial facility that provides the following information: (1) whether the facility has manufactured, or currently manufactures, PFAS or PFAS-containing materials; (2) whether the facility has used, or currently uses, PFAS or PFAS-containing materials; (3) whether the facility discharges, or has the potential to discharge to the wastewater treatment facility waste, wastewater, groundwater, or landfill leachate containing PFAS.

§ 52.026 PROHIBITED DISCHARGES.

No person shall discharge or cause to be discharged any of the following described water or wastes to any public sewer or drain:

(N) Any waters, wastewaters, groundwater, or landfill leachate containing PFAS.

§ 52.037 PFAS; EXISTING, PERMITTED INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL DISCHARGES; IDP AMENDMENTS

(A) No later than 60 days following the effective date of this section, the Public Works Director shall notify each permitted industrial or commercial facility contributing discharge to the wastewater treatment facility to submit, within 90 days, a PFAS Screening Report.

(B) For each permitted facility that indicates in a PFAS Screening Report that it manufactures or uses PFAS, or otherwise discharges or may discharge PFAS to the wastewater treatment plant, the Public Works Director shall, within 30 days, amend the facility’s Industrial Discharge Permit to include the following requirements:

(1) No later than 90 days of the effective date of the amended IDP, the facility shall test the levels of PFAS in its discharge to the wastewater treatment plant and continue such testing on a monthly basis. Such testing shall require both targeted and nontargeted PFAS testing that complies with sample collection methods recommended or approved by EPA, including but not limited to methods 1633 and 1621.

(2) The facility shall notify the Public Works Director as soon as practicable after receiving a test result indicating the presence of PFAS.

(3) The facility shall submit, no later than February 1 of each year, an annual report to the Public Works Director containing the monthly test results from the prior calendar year.

(4) No later than 90 days after receiving a test result indicating the presence of PFAS in its wastewater, a facility shall submit to the Public Works Director a PFAS Control Plan to be implemented no later than 180 days after its submission.

(5) A facility that implements a PFAS Control Plan with source control best management practices to eliminate PFAS from its waste, wastewater, groundwater or landfill leachate may cease the monitoring set forth in § 52.037(B) if, after implementation, three consecutive monthly tests detect no PFAS.

(C) This section shall apply to industrial and commercial facilities with existing IDPs that discharge waste, wastewater, groundwater, or landfill leachate to the city’s wastewater treatment facility via liquid waste haulers. Liquid waste haulers shall not transport and discharge to the city’s wastewater treatment facility any waste, wastewater, groundwater, or landfill leachate from any industrial or commercial facility that is not in compliance with this section, § 52.026(N), and any IDP provisions pertaining to PFAS.

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§ 52.051 PERMIT REQUIRED; APPLICATIONS.

(A) All persons, industrial or commercial establishments subject to these rules shall submit an application for an industrial discharge permit (IDP), as required by the city, containing information required under applicable federal, state, and local industrial pretreatment reporting regulations. Such information, as a minimum, shall include:

(8) A PFAS Screening Report and any related additional information required by the Public Works Director, including but not limited to a PFAS Control Plan, as applicable.

~~(8)~~ (9) Additional information as required by the Public Works Director.

§ 52.052 INDUSTRIAL DISCHARGE PERMIT CONTENTS.

(B) Specifically, the IDP will include, but need not be limited to, the following:

(4) A statement that no person shall discharge or cause to be discharged to any public sewer or drain any waters, wastewaters, groundwater, or landfill leachate containing PFAS.

(5) A statement incorporating the monthly PFAS testing and reporting requirements under § 52.037(B), if applicable.

(6) A statement requiring a PFAS Control Plan, if applicable, and the continuous implementation thereof.

(7) A statement that any permitted discharger that does not manufacture or use PFAS shall not amend its operations to include the manufacture or use of PFAS without first providing an updated PFAS Screening Report and initiating an IDP amendment under § 52.037.

(8) As applicable, a statement that liquid waste haulers are prohibited from transporting and discharging to the city’s wastewater treatment facility waste, wastewater, groundwater, or landfill leachate from industrial or commercial facilities that have not submitted a PFAS Screening Report and complied with § 52.037, § 52.026(N), and any IDP provisions pertaining to PFAS.

~~(4)~~ (9) A statement that indicates IDP duration, which in no event shall exceed five years.

II. This ordinance shall take effect upon passage.