

APPANOOSE COUNTY ON-SITE WASTEWATER  
TREATMENT AND DISPOSAL SYSTEMS  
AMENDED ORDINANCE #6

1. That Appanoose County on-site wastewater treatment and disposal systems, Ordinance #6, duly published on the 16th day of June, 1987, is hereby amended in its entirety and the following shall be referred to as Appanoose County Ordinance #6 and known as "Appanoose County On-Site Wastewater Treatment and Disposal Systems".
2. That the amended Appanoose County Ordinance #6 shall be effective following passage by the Board of Supervisors and publication as specified in Section 331.302(7) of the 1991 Code of Iowa. At all times prior to the above described events, the former Ordinance #6 shall remain in full force and effect.
3. Application of Rules:  
These rules are applicable only to on-site wastewater treatment and disposal systems. Contractors performing work on an on-site wastewater treatment and disposal systems which are located within Appanoose County are required to obtain proof from the customer that a permit has been secured by the owner of the property on which the on-site wastewater treatment and disposal system is located prior to start of work on said system.
4. Permit Procedure:
  - a. Applications. Any person, firm or corporation desiring a permit for an on-site wastewater treatment and disposal system, must file with the Appanoose County Health Office. The permit purchased by the property owner shall state such pertinent information as may be required.
  - b. Fees. Upon approval of this application by the Appanoose County Health Office. The permit will be issued upon payment of the required fees to the Appanoose County Board of Health.  
  

Sewer Permit. . . . .	\$10.00
Alteration/Repair permit. . . . .	\$10.00
Septic Systems Inspections. . . . .	\$25.00
Field Design and Site Survey. . . . .	\$50.00
Permeability Test . . . . .	\$50.00

  

\*\*Note\*\* A permeability test is only required for a lateral absorption system. This test will require additional fee.
  - c. Permit. The permit must be readily available upon request by the administrative authority.
  - d. Validity. Permits shall be valid for a maximum of twelve months from the time of issuance. If the system is not completed during this timeframe, another permit is required.
  - e. Notification. The proper administrative authority will be notified orally one calendar day before the work is to be inspected or tested. Inspections and testing are conducted during normal working hours.
  - f. Inspections. No part of any on-site wastewater treatment and disposal system shall be used, covered or so constructed as to deny the mandatory final inspection by the administrative authority. This includes alteration and or repair of an existing system.
5. Financial Responsibility:  
Proof of financial responsibility is required for contractors who construct, alter and or repair on-site wastewater treatment and disposal systems within Appanoose County.
  - a. Performance Bond/Letter of Credit. A performance bond or letter of credit is required for all contractors who

- treatment and disposal systems within Appanoose County. This bond or letter of credit is required to ensure:
- (1) The contractor has obtained proof that the property and necessary permits have been secured by the owner of the property on which the on-site wastewater treatment and disposal system is located.
  - (2) The contractor constructs, alters and or repairs on-site wastewater treatment and disposal systems in accordance with this ordinance.
- b. A performance bond or letter of credit in the amount of \$1,000.00 is required to be on file with the Appanoose County Board of Health. It is the contractors responsibility to ensure the performance bond or letter of credit is current.
  - c. Any contractor who performs work on an on-site wastewater treatment and disposal system located within Appanoose County without first securing from the customer proof that the necessary and proper permits have been obtained, then the contractor risks forfeiture of their bond or letter of credit to the Appanoose County Board of Health. However, an appeal can be made at the next regular meeting of the county Board of Health. If the contractor can show good cause with compelling evidence why their bond or letter of credit should not be forfeited and the county Board of Health finds by a vote of the members that such evidence does exist, then said bond or letter of credit shall not be forfeited.
  - d. Property owner may construct, alter, and or repair their own on-site wastewater treatment and disposal system without a performance bond or letter of credit. All other rules apply.
6. Conclusion:  
The purpose of this ordinance is to promote and encourage public health and sanitation. Appanoose County does not guarantee the workmanship and quality of any work a private contractor performs on any on-site wastewater treatment and disposal system located within Appanoose County. Rather, Appanoose County recognizes the need for properly permitted and installed on-site wastewater treatment and disposal systems. These systems are approved and certified by trained personnel from the Appanoose County Board of Health. The Appanoose County Board of Health and the Appanoose County Board of Supervisors will establish and enforce such rules as necessary to ensure compliance with the permit and installation procedures for on-site wastewater treatment and disposal systems within Appanoose County.
7. In accordance with Section 331.302(4A) of the 1991 Code of Iowa, as amended, Sections 455A.6, 455B.171, and 455B.173(3)(8) concerning Water Quality are incorporated into this ordinance by this reference insomuch as these sections relate to On-Site Waste Water Treatment and Disposal Systems. These rules are stated in 567 Iowa Administrative Code 69.
8. PENALTIES SECTION:  
Any person having found to have violated any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be assessed a civil penalty of not more than \$100.00 for each violation or if the infraction is a repeat offense, a civil penalty not to exceed \$200.00 for each repeat offense.

Each additional day of neglect or failure to comply with a provision of this ordinance, a rule, or lawful order after notice of the violation by the local board shall constitute a separate offense.

Approve first reading of Ordinance August 19, 1991

Approve second reading of Ordinance Waived 8-19-91

Approve third reading of Ordinance Waived 8-19-91

Passed and adopted this 19th day of August, 1991.