

SANITARY SEWER

CHAPTER 95 ON-SITE WASTEWATER SYSTEMS

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95.01 PURPOSE.

The purpose of this chapter is to establish rules and regulations governing the treatment and disposal of sewage wastewater within the City in order to protect the public health, safety and welfare.

95.02 DEFINITIONS.

For use in this chapter, unless the context specifically indicates otherwise, the following terms are defined:

(IAC, 567-69.1[2])

1. "Building sewer" means the extension from the building drain to the place of disposal.
2. "On-site wastewater treatment and disposal system" means all equipment and devices necessary for proper conduction, collection, storage, treatment, and disposal of wastewater from four or fewer dwelling units or other facilities serving the equivalent of fifteen persons (1500 gpd) or less.
3. "Septage" means the liquid contents (including sludge and scum) of a septic tank.
4. "Sewage" means a combination of the water-carried wastes from residences, business buildings, institutions and industrial establishments, together with such ground, surface and storm waters as may be present.
5. "Sewer" means a pipe or conduit for carrying sewage.
6. "Wastewater" means the water-carried wastes derived from ordinary living processes.

95.03 WHEN PROHIBITED.

Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, it is unlawful to construct or maintain any privy, privy vault, septic tank, cesspool or other facility intended or used for the disposal of sewage.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 364.12[3f])

95.04 WHEN REQUIRED.

Where a sanitary sewer is not available to a property under the provisions established by the Iowa Great Lakes Sanitary Sewer District, the building sewer shall be connected to an approved on-site wastewater treatment and disposal system complying with the provisions of this chapter.

(IAC, 567-69.1[3])

95.05 COMPLIANCE WITH REGULATIONS.

The type, capacity, location and layout of an on-site wastewater treatment and disposal system shall comply with the specifications and requirements set forth by the Iowa Administrative Code 567, Chapter 69, and to such additional requirements as are prescribed by the regulations of the County Board of Health.

(IAC, 567-69.1[3 & 4])

95.06 DISCHARGE RESTRICTIONS.

It is unlawful to discharge any wastewater from an on-site wastewater treatment and disposal system (except under an NPDES permit) to any ditch, stream, pond, lake, natural or artificial waterway, drain tile or to the surface of the ground.

(IAC, 567-69.1[3])

95.07 MAINTENANCE OF SYSTEM.

The owner of an on-site wastewater treatment and disposal system shall operate and maintain the system in a sanitary manner at all times and at no expense to the City.

95.08 PRIVATE SYSTEMS ABANDONED.

At such time as a sanitary sewer becomes available to a property served by an on-site treatment system, a direct connection shall be made to the sewer in compliance with the Iowa Great Lakes Sanitary Sewer District regulations, and any septic tanks, cesspools and similar private sewage disposal facilities shall be abandoned and filled with suitable material.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 364.12[3f])

95.09 DISPOSAL OF SEPTAGE.

No person shall dispose of septage from an on-site treatment system at any location except an approved disposal site.