

Local Agency Management Program and Onsite Wastewater Treatment System Regulations and Technical Standards Revision

Pertinent Sonoma County Code Sections

Sec. 7-5. - Building permit required.

- (b) Permits shall not be issued by the permit and resource management department for work which includes any of the following, unless and until written approval has been received:
 - (1) The construction, alteration or modification of:
 - (i) Any on-site disposal system (approval required from the well and septic section of permit and resource management department),
 - (ii) Any water supply system which under state law or county ordinance is required to have a permit to operate (approval required from the health officer or the state health services department),
 - (iii) Any establishment selling or preparing food or food products, any public or semi-public swimming pool as defined in the 2013 California Administrative Code (approval required from the health officer); Page 201
 - (2) The construction, alteration or modification of any structure which will result in the structure being connected to an on-site wastewater disposal system or water system; (approval required from the well and septic section of permit and resource management department),
 - (3) The alteration or modification of any existing structure which is connected to an on-site wastewater disposal system or water system requiring a permit, where the alteration or modification may impose additional burdens upon the existing system, such as, but not limited to, the addition of rooms or the modification of floor plans for potential additional occupancy. This section shall not apply to repairs, such as replacement of roofing or siding. Where the permit is for modification or alteration of an existing structure, no permit will be issued where, in the determination of the chief building official, such modification is likely to result in exceeding the capacity of the system;
 - (4) The construction, alteration or modification of any structure which may result in the property being improved in excess of its capacity to absorb sewage effluent. This section is intended to cover any change in the property which might adversely affect sewage disposal such as, but not limited to, grading or the construction of a barn or swimming pool which might infringe on the leach field (approval required from the well and septic section of permit and resource management department);

- (5) For the purposes of this section, approval by the well and septic section of permit and resource management department shall mean either an office clearance, field clearance, or issued well and septic permit for on-site wastewater disposal system.

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- (c) Whenever approval of the on-site wastewater disposal system is required, it shall be based upon the requirements imposed by this chapter and any other state or local law or regulation which may be applicable, including basin plans and other standards promulgated by the North Coast Water Quality Control Board and the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board.

Sec. 24-31.5. – Standards for on-site wastewater disposal systems.

The director of permit and resource management department may from time to time adopt and promulgate standards for on-site septic disposal systems. Every proposed standard, proposed revised standard, or standard proposed to be rescinded shall be posted in the office of the Sonoma county clerk and in a public area of the permit and resource management department's offices for at least fifteen (15) days, together with a notice that the public may submit written comments for the director's consideration not later than the thirtieth day following posting of notice. The director of permit and resource management department shall consider comments submitted and may withdraw, adopt or rescind the standard or revised standard as proposed or as revised following the comment period. Adoption or rescission shall take place not less than fifteen (15) nor more than one hundred eighty (180) days following the close of the comment period, and each standard or revised standard adopted or rescinded shall be effective upon such posting. Such standards shall be periodically compiled and a copy thereof made available to the public at cost. Copies of such standards shall be available for review free of charge at the permit and resource management department. This section shall not be construed to impose any new or additional notice requirements for standards adopted by the director of permit and resource management department by any other procedure prior to the effective date of the ordinance codified in this section.