

ARTICLE II
ON LOT SEWAGE DISPOSAL

History: Adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Center Township as Ordinance No. 02-12-11, December 11, 2002, as amended by Ordinance No. 2004-12-11, December 8, 2004.

§15-201. Purpose

To establish procedures for the application of On-Lot Sewage Disposal as set forth in Chapters 71, 72, and 73 of Title 25 of the Pennsylvania Code (Environmental).

§15-202. Definitions

- A. **INSTALLER:** Any person that engages in the business of installing on-lot sewage systems approved by the Township Sewage Enforcement Officer.
- B. **PERSON:** Any individual, partnership, association, company, firm, trust, corporation, department, bureau, agency or other entity recognized by law as subject to right and duties.
- C. **SEWAGE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER:** The person or persons licensed by the State and appointed by the Board of Supervisors to inspect and approve the installation of permitted on-lot sewage systems.
- D. **SEWAGE:** Includes gray water and black water. Gray water is all wastewater generated from household activities, except that produced from the toilet and kitchen sink. Wastewater from the kitchen sink and toilet is black water. Both black water and gray water must be discharged into an on-lot sewage system.
- E. **SYSTEM:** Any on-lot state-approved sewage system designed and permitted for the sole purpose of renovation and disposal underground of all gray and black water produced by a single residence, mobile home, building, or occupied parcel of land not connected to public sewage.

§15-203. Permits

- A. It shall be unlawful for any person to install or cause to be installed an on-lot sewage system on any piece or parcel of ground under his/her ownership, care or control unless said person has previously

applied for an on-lot sewage system permit, completed state-approved soil tests, and received a permit to install an approved system from the Township Sewage Enforcement Officer.

- B. It shall be unlawful to construct an on-lot sewage system where a public sewer line is within one hundred and fifty feet (150') of the residence, mobile home, building, plant or occupied piece of land and the area sewer authority approves connection to the sewer line.

§15-204. Installers

Installation of on-lot sewage systems may be by:

- A. Installers who assume responsibility for the proper installation of the system design approved and permitted by the Township Sewage Enforcement Officer; or
- B. Any person who complies with the regulations of this Chapter.

§15-205. Application and Inspection Fees

All persons wishing to install or have installed an on-lot sewage system permit from the Township Sewage Enforcement Officer and a building permit from the Township office. A building permit shall not be issued unless the applicant submits an on-lot sewage permit when apply for the building permit.

§15-206. New Construction

No construction shall be started without first having obtained an on-lot sewage system permit from the Township Sewage Enforcement Officer and a building permit from the Township office. A building permit shall not be issued unless the applicant submits an

§15-206.1 Portable Chemical Toilets Required for Construction Sites

No residential or nonresidential building construction shall be started without the developer, builder or owner providing an on-site portable chemical toilet facility for use by the builder's employees, contractors, subcontractors and their employees. The portable chemical toilet facility shall be maintained at all times in a sanitary and good working order. The portable chemical toilet facility shall remain on-site until construction is either completed or until indoor plumbing facilities are constructed and made available to the builder's employees, contractors, subcontractors and their employees. Failure to provide a portable chemical toilet shall result in revocation of the building permit and subject the builder to the penalties set forth in §15-209 below. In addition, failure to maintain the portable chemical toilet in a sanitary and good working order shall result in revocation of the building permit and subject the builder to the penalties set forth in §15-209 below.

§15-207. Existing Systems

Repair or replacement of malfunctioning or inadequate on-lot sewage systems shall require an on-lot sewage system permit.

§15-208. Complaints

- A. Complaints of on-lot sewage systems malfunction and causing raw sewage to appear on the surface of the ground or otherwise appear must be submitted in writing to the Township Secretary who shall forward the complaint to the Township Sewage Enforcement Officer for investigation.
- B. Upon investigation, the Sewage Enforcement Officer may at his discretion may complete a dye test on both the complaint's on-lot sewage system and the on-lot sewage system of the person named in the complaint.

§15-209. Violations and Penalties

Any person violating the provisions of this Article shall be liable upon conviction thereof before a District Magistrate and be fined a sum not to exceed three hundred dollars (\$300.00) for each and every offense, or in default of the payment of the fine and costs, such person willfully in default, shall be committed to the Butler County Prison for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days. Each and every day that any violation of the provisions hereof exist or continue shall constitute a separate and distinct offense and shall be subject to separate and distinct penalties hereunder.