

IOWA COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 13

TITLE: ON-SITE WASTEWATER TREATMENT AND DISPOSAL SYSTEM
AND WELL PERMITS.

SECTION 1. Purpose. It is the Purpose of this chapter to adopt rules and regulations for on-site wastewater treatment and disposal systems in Iowa County, Iowa, and to provide for well permits; all promoting the public health of our residents and providing penalties for violations of the provisions hereof.

SECTION 2. State Guidelines. All Iowa Administrative Code regulations regarding on-site wastewater and disposal systems, wells, well plugging, and well construction contained in Chapters 38, 39, 49, and 69 of Section 567 of the Iowa Administrative Rules are adopted in its entirety and shall be considered part of the on-site wastewater rules and well plugging and well construction rules of Iowa County, Iowa.

SECTION 3. Definition. For use in this ordinance, the following terms or words shall be interpreted or defined as follows:

1. "Administrative Authority" shall be the Iowa County Board of Supervisors, or any individual designated by the Board, to act in its name in implementing these regulations.
2. "Department" shall mean the Iowa Department of Natural Resources.
3. "Director" shall mean the Iowa County Environmental Director or his designee.
4. "On-site wastewater treatment and disposal system" shall mean all equipment and devices necessary for the proper conduction, collection, storage, treatment and disposal of wastewater from a dwelling or other facilities serving the equivalent of ten (10) persons or less.

SECTION 4. General Requirement.

1. It is prohibited for any household drainage and/or sewer to discharge to any ditch, stream, lake, pond, natural, or artificial waterway, county drain tile, service water drain tile, or to the surface of the ground. Such waste disposal shall be disposed of in such a sanitary manner as is prescribed by these rules and regulations.
2. No person, firm or corporation shall begin construction of any on-site wastewater treatment and disposal system for any purpose in Iowa County without having first obtained a permit as set forth in this chapter. The permit for installation of the on-site wastewater treatment

and disposal system shall be obtained prior to the construction of a dwelling or building to be served by this system.

3. This ordinance shall not apply to presently constructed septic tank systems but shall apply to new and reconstructed septic tank systems.
4. No person, firm, or corporation shall begin construction of any private sewage disposal system until the owners comply with all the rules and regulations of the director and the Iowa State Department of Natural Resources.

SECTION 5. Permit Requirements

1. Any person, firm or corporation desiring a permit must file with the Director, an application stating the Owner's name, current mailing address, number of bedrooms in structure served, type of water supply, and other information as may be required by the Director on the application.
2. The Director will supply a list of names for the performance of percolation tests.
3. The Director will issue the permits.
4. The Director will also issue permits for the drilling of or construction of a new water well.
5. The Director will maintain a fee schedule for the obtaining of waste water treatment disposal systems permits and well permits.
6. Refusal to obtain a permit for the construction of an on-site wastewater treatment disposal system or digging a new well or compliance with any provision to this ordinance may be punished by a fine of not more than \$100 or by imprisonment of not more than thirty (30) days. In addition any violations of this section shall be a county infraction which is punishable by Civil penalty of not less than \$100 for each violation, or if the infraction is a repeat offense, a civil penalty not exceeding \$200 for each repeat offense.

SECTION 6. Severability. Should any section or provision of the Ordinance be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, that provision shall not affect the validity of the Ordinance as a whole or in any part thereof, other than the part so declared to be invalid.

SECTION 7. When Effective. This ordinance shall be in effect after its final passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

Effective: April 17, 1996