ORDINANCE NO. 319

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SANITARY DISPOSAL OF SEWAGE AND THE PROTECTION OF DOMESTIC WATER IN THE COUNTY OF MARIPOSA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Mariposa, State of California, do ordain as follows:

SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this Ordinance certain words and phrases are defined and certain provisions shall be construed as herein set forth, unless it shall be apparent from their context that they have a different meaning:

a. APPROVED means any plan of facilities which indicates that the existing facility or construction thereof is or will be equal to the generally accepted standards for such installations.

b. BOARD means the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mariposa, State of California, or their delegated governing bodies.

c. DWELLING means any housing unit constructed for the purpose of housing one or more families and shall include mobile homes, trailers, etc.

d. DRAINAGE SYSTEM means all the piping within public or private premises which conveys sewage, or other liquid wastes to a point of disposal, but shall not include any portion of a public sewage system.

e. EFFLUENT means any liquid waste or sewage of which a portion of the solids have been removed by a primary treatment method.

f. HEALTH DEPARTMENT means the Health Department of the County of Mariposa, State of California.

g. HEALTH OFFICER means the Health Officer of the County of Mariposa, State of California, or his duly authorized representative.

h. PERSON means any person, firm, association, organization, partnership, business, corporation or company.
i. SEPTIC TANK means a watertight receptacle which receives the discharge of a drainage system or part thereof, designed and constructed so as to retain solids, digest organic matter during a period of detention, and allow the effluent to drain into a sub-surface absorption system.

j. SEWAGE means any and all waste substances, liquid or solid, associated with human habitation, or which contains or may be contaminated with human or animal excreta or excrement, offal or any feculent matter and shall include liquid waste from sinks, washing machines and other plumbing fixtures.

k. SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM means any sewer system, sewage disposal plant, septic tank, drainage system, seepage pit, chemical toilet, privy or any other facility constructed for the purpose of receiving sewage or its effluent.

l. WELL means any hole, whether drilled, dug, blasted, or otherwise produced, which is designed to provide water that may be used for domestic purposes.

m. SEWER WELL means any hole used for disposal of sewage that has been dug or drilled into the ground and extends to or into the subterranean water bearing stratum which is used or may be used as a domestic water source.

SECTION 2. GENERAL:

All sewage shall be disposed of by connection to a public sewerage system or a private sewage disposal system approved by the Health Department.

SECTION 3. ILLEGAL OCCUPANCY:

It shall be unlawful for any person to maintain, or use, any dwelling, place of business, or other building or place (or trailer) where persons reside, congregate, or are employed which is not provided with means for the disposal of human excreta, either by connection to an approved sewage disposal system or to a public sewerage system. Where it is impractical or impossible to
do otherwise, the Health Officer may allow privies or chemical
toilets, provided that approved methods of construction and main-
tenance are adhered to in said installations. Said privies or
chemical toilets may be installed and used only with written per-
mission of the Health Officer.

SECTION 4. PUBLIC SEWER CONNECTIONS:

Every dwelling, place of business, or other building or
place where persons reside, congregate, or are employed, that is
within 200 feet of, and may connect to, a public sewerage system,
shall be connected thereto. Connection to a public sewer by other
than a full gravity flow system shall be made only with the approval
of the Health Officer.

SECTION 5. REQUIREMENTS FOR SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS:

It shall be unlawful for any person to construct or main-
tain any sewage disposal system which discharges any sewage,
effluent, impure waters or any matter or substance offensive, in-
jurious or dangerous to health, whereby they shall do any of the
following:

a. Overflow on the surface of the ground.
b. Empty, flow, seep or drain into any springs, streams,
rivers, lakes or domestic water supplies of the County of Mariposa,
State of California.
c. Create a health or safety hazard to any person legally
on the property or to minors under the age of 12 years.

SECTION 6. APPROVAL REQUIRED:

a. Septic tanks and drainage systems shall be so con-
structed as to comply with the minimum standards as set forth in
the Rules and Regulations of the Health Officer and approved by
the Board.
b. Cesspools and sewage wells shall be unlawful and are
hereby declared to be a nuisance.
SECTION 7. It shall be unlawful for any person to construct, build, or rebuild any private sewage disposal system without first securing the necessary permits from the Building Department.

SECTION 8. The Health Officer shall, from time to time as circumstances require, adopt, revise, or otherwise provide Rules and Regulations controlling the installation, operation, and maintenance of private sewage disposal systems in the County. Such Rules and Regulations shall be subject to the approval of the Board and shall be considered a part of this Ordinance.

a. No person shall engage in the act of installing, repairing or enlarging a private sewage disposal system unless that person is first registered with the Health Department as a sewage disposal system installer and has satisfied the Health Officer that he has an adequate knowledge of the Rules and Regulations governing such installations.

SECTION 9. No person shall engage in the act of drilling, digging, or otherwise producing, a water well, unless that person is first registered with the Health Department as a well driller and has agreed to comply with the requirements relating to such well drilling.

SECTION 10. PENALTY:

Any person who violates any of the provisions of this ordinance or any orders of the Health Officer made pursuant to this ordinance for the protection of human health or comfort shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof, shall be punishable by a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars ($25.00) or more than five hundred dollars ($500.00) for each offense or by imprisonment for not less than five (5) days or more than one hundred twenty (120) days or by both fine and imprisonment.
SECTION 11. VALIDITY:

If any portion of this ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not effect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance. The Board of Supervisors hereby declares that it would have passed this ordinance and every portion thereof irrespective of the fact that any one or more portions be declared unconstitutional.

SECTION 12. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty (30) days after its passage and adoption by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mariposa, State of California.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mariposa this 30th day of December, 1969, by the following vote:

AYES: Davis, Hurlbert, Long, Moffitt, Richardson

NOES: None

NOT VOTING: None

ABSENT: None

Herbert R. Davis, Jr., Chairman of the Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Gabrielle Wilson, County Clerk
and Ex-officio Clerk of the Board of Supervisors