HEALTH DEPARTMENT POLICY

STANDARDS TO HOOK UP TO AN EXISTING SEPTIC SYSTEM

POLICY # 93-2

To receive a permit to hook up to an existing septic system the following is required:

1. A septic permit will be required for this hook up (for a hook up to an existing system there is no fee for this septic permit).

2. Documentation that the system was at one time inspected and permitted as an adequate septic system (if possible).

3. Inspection of the septic tank and leach field by an REHS from this office to determine whether there is any substantial health or safety problem posed by the system. The owner should be told to loosen at least one of the two covers of the septic tank in preparation for this inspection.

4. If deemed necessary by the REHS, owner of the septic tank to arrange to have the septic tank pumped if the system has been idle for more than six (6) months or if the owner cannot provide proof that the tank was pumped within the last three (3) years. Whether a Health Department representative needs to be present, or whether the septic pumping company can merely submit a report will be determined by the REHS. The owner will be so notified.

Charles B. Mosher, MD, Health Officer

3-21-93

Date

Richard Blood, REHS II

3-22-93

Date
TO: Charles B. Mosher, M.D., Health Officer
FROM: Jeffrey G. Green, County Counsel
RE: Policy on Old Sewage Disposal Systems

Dear Dr. Mosher:

Thank you for your letter of October 24, 1991 regarding the above matter. Please be advised that my recommendation regarding this matter would be that in a situation where there is a re-hookup your office would do an inspection to determine whether or not there is in fact a public health and safety problem with the re-hookup. If your office determines that there is no such problem, I would recommend allowing the individual property owner to re-hookup regardless of whether or not the system meets current standards.

I do not believe we can use Foresta as a guide regarding this matter. As you know, Foresta is essentially controlled by the federal government and we used federal government guidelines and a negotiated agreement with the National Park Service. I do not believe that the Foresta arrangement set any precedent for the balance of the County.

Should you have any additional questions or require any additional comments regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

Jeffrey G. Green
County Counsel
March 27, 1992

Re: Hook-up to existing septic systems
   Fees and Billing

I propose that NO FEE be collected at the Building Department
but require that a permit be necessary for ANY structure that
applicants wants to hook up to septic system.

Building Department must notify applicant that fees may
ultimately be required by Health Dept if additions to system
or inspections are necessary.

Applicant should be informed that Health Department will bill
directly if fees become necessary.

Fees will be assessed at the $45.00 per hour (repair rate)
not to exceed $120.00, if they are deemed necessary.

Applicant should produce documentation that the septic system
was installed and inspected AS PERMITTED if available.

Sanitarians may request documentation that septic tank was
pumped in last 3 years or require that it be pumped.

Sanitarian may request applicant to uncover and remove one of
the two septic tank covers prior to septic tank inspection,
if necessary.

Examples of Hook-up applications:

- Replacing original mobile with larger mobile
- Replacing original mobile with same # of bdrm mobile
- Adding additional bedrooms
- Building another home on same lot
- Shop or garage with bedroom or bath
- RV or travel trailer hook-up
- Septic installed year/months before home built

Most of these examples will require additions to existing
septic systems and inspections.

Additional leach lines will require one inspection for:
   preliminary on-site
   profile hole inspection
   final inspection