

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.

1 i. SEPTIC TANK means a watertight receptacle which re-  
2 ceives the discharge of a drainage system or part thereof, designed  
3 and constructed so as to retain solids, digest organic matter  
4 during a period of detention, and allow the effluent to drain into  
5 a sub-surface absorption system.

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

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

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

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

22 SECTION 2. GENERAL:

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

26 SECTION 3. ILLEGAL OCCUPANCY:

27 It shall be unlawful for any person to maintain, or use,  
28 any dwelling, place of business, or other building or place (or  
29 trailer) where persons reside, congregate, or are employed which  
30 is not provided with means for the disposal of human excreta,  
31 either by connection to an approved sewage disposal system or to  
32 a public sewerage system. Where it is impractical or impossible to

1 do otherwise, the Health Officer may allow privies or chemical  
2 toilets, provided that approved methods of construction and main-  
3 tenance are adhered to in said installations. Said privies or  
4 chemical toilets may be installed and used only with written per-  
5 mission of the Health Officer.

6 SECTION 4. PUBLIC SEWER CONNECTIONS:

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

13 SECTION 5. REQUIREMENTS FOR SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS:

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

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

25 SECTION 6. APPROVAL REQUIRED:

- 26 a. Septic tanks and drainage systems shall be so con-  
27 structed as to comply with the minimum standards as set forth in  
28 the Rules and Regulations of the Health Officer and approved by  
29 the Board.  
30 b. Cesspools and sewage wells shall be unlawful and are  
31 hereby declared to be a nuisance.  
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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