

**ORDINANCE NO. 5177**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE REGULATION OF ON-SITE  
WASTEWATER DISPOSAL AND TREATMENT BY AMENDING SECTION  
13.09.800 OF THE RAPID CITY MUNICIPAL CODE.**

WHEREAS, the Rapid City Safe Drinking Water Committee has recommended amending the ordinance regulating on-site wastewater disposal and treatment by amending section 13.09.800(A) requiring owners of on-site domestic wastewater disposal systems to obtain sewage permits before being allowed to operate and maintain such systems; and

WHEREAS, said sewage permit fees are used to fund the required inspection of such systems and the prior established fees do not cover such and thus, an adjustment to the permit fees is needed to fully fund such; and

WHEREAS, the Rapid City Common Council concurs with the recommendation of the Rapid City Safe Drinking Water Committee; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City of Rapid City that section 13.09.800 of the Rapid City Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

13.09.800 Sewerage System Permits.

A. All owners of on-site domestic wastewater disposal systems are required to obtain sewerage permits before being allowed to operate and maintain such systems.

Permit terms shall be as follows:

1. Conventional and Alternative Systems that include septic tanks of 2,250 gallons or less - three (3) years:
2. Other domestic systems - one (1) year.
3. Permit fees shall be as follows:
  - Existing Systems and Renewals - ~~\$80~~ \$125
  - New Systems - ~~\$120~~ \$150
  - Repaired or Modified Systems - ~~\$90~~ \$125

B. No sewerage permit shall be issued without the applicant having first submitted such information as required by these regulations to the Public Works Director or his designee.

C. No sewerage permit shall be issued for and no person shall install or cause to be installed, an on-site wastewater disposal system, domestic or otherwise, in any area required by laws, rules, regulations, ordinances, conditions of plat approval, or other authorization to have other than on-site domestic wastewater disposal systems.

D. Sewerage permits for new, altered, repaired, extended, or replaced systems will be issued by the Public Works Director or his designee only upon approval of an application, payment of appropriate fees, and final system inspection.

E. The City will send a permit renewal notice by certified mail to the owner of record at least sixty (60) calendar days prior to the expiration date of each sewerage permit. Upon notification of permit expiration, the owner of the permitted disposal system shall have thirty (30) calendar days to schedule an inspection of the system with the Public Works Director.

1. Prior to inspection, the septic tank must be pumped.
2. The Public Works Director or his designee shall be notified of a requested inspection within 24 hours of the septic tank being pumped. The tank shall be inspected prior to the tank filling with liquid.
3. The Public Works Director or his designee may extend a permit for up to three (3) years if proof is provided that the tank has been pumped and inspected by a person designated as a City certified inspector.
4. It is the owner's responsibility to schedule said pumping with a septic tank pumper prior to the expiration of the sewerage permit. If after the inspection it appears that the on-site wastewater system is in compliance with the provisions of this Chapter as well as all other City ordinances, the Public Works Director or his designee shall issue a renewed sewerage permit following the inspection.

F. Sewerage permits shall be renewed on or before the expiration date listed on the permit, unless said permit is extended by the Public Works Director or his designee.

CITY OF RAPID CITY

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Mayor

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Finance Officer

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