

ORDINANCE NO. 5685

AN ORDINANCE ADJUSTING THE RATES CHARGED FOR ON-SITE WASTE WATER SYSTEM PERMITS AND EXTENDING THE LENGTH OF THE PERMITS BY AMENDING SECTION 13.09.800 OF THE RAPID CITY MUNICIPAL CODE.

WHEREAS, the City of Rapid City has adopted ordinances regulating on-site wastewater systems; and

WHEREAS, Pennington County has recently adopted a similar ordinance covering the areas in the county outside the city limits; and

WHEREAS, in the county ordinance, rates charged for permits and the length of the permits is different from those in the city ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Rapid City has decided it is in the best interests of the city to amend its ordinance so the rates charged and duration of the on-site wastewater permits matches those in the county ordinance.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the City of Rapid City, that Section 13.09.800 of the Rapid City Municipal Code be 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—3 years.~~ Individual onsite wastewater systems, small onsite wastewater systems and mound systems - six (6) years.

2. ~~Other domestic systems—1 year~~ Unconventional systems, alternative onsite wastewater systems, holding tanks, experimental systems and evapotranspiration systems – as approved by the Director, not to exceed six (6) years.

3. Permit fees shall be as follows:

Existing Systems and Renewals	\$ 125 <u>20</u>
New Systems	\$ 150 <u>300</u>
Repaired or Modified Systems	\$ 125 <u>300</u>

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 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 a liquid waste hauler or authorized City personnel designated by 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. After the tank has been pumped, the liquid waste hauler, or authorized City personnel, shall inspect the observable wastewater system components for compliance with the provisions of this chapter as well as all other City ordinances. The person doing the inspection shall document the on-site system's compliance with the applicable ordinances and regulations on forms provided by the City. Upon completing the inspection, the documentation shall be submitted to the Public Works Director.~~

~~3.—The Public Works Director or his designee may extend a permit for up to 3 ~~six (6)~~ years if proof is provided that the tank has been pumped and inspected by a person designated as a City certified inspector.~~

3. It is the owner's responsibility to schedule said pumping with a ~~septic tank pumper~~ liquid waste hauler, or authorized City personnel, 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. If after the inspection it appears the on-site wastewater system is not in compliance with the provisions of this chapter or any other City ordinances, the Director of Public Works shall notify the owner of record of the deficiencies and what corrections need to be made in order for the permit to be issued. The Public Works Director may extend a permit for up to six (6) years.

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~~.

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