

FROM: George W. Ferebee

TO: Rapid City Mayor and City Council Members

SUBJECT: Septic system regulation with one-mile of Rapid City city limits

Dear Mayor Steve Allender and councilmembers Charity Doyle, Darla Drew, Brad Estes, Steve Laurenti, Chad Lewis, Richie Nordstrom, John Roberts, Ron Weifenbach, and Jerry Wright.

I am writing to request your consideration of an amendment to your Ordinance 13.20.670. Specifically, I ask that you amend 13.20.670 to relinquish city regulation in the one mile area outside of the city limits. Your Ordinance at 13.20.670 currently reads:

“This chapter applies to all territory within and 1 mile outside the city limits. If another legal entity regulates the intent of this chapter outside the city limits but within 1 mile of city limits, the city has the option of sanctioning regulation outside city limits to the government entity. The city shall regulate all onsite wastewater systems within the city limits.” [Emphasis added]

I would like to suggest that you *exercise the option* noted above and change 13.20.670 to read:

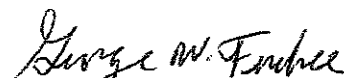
“This chapter applies to all territory within city limits. The city shall regulate all onsite wastewater systems within the city limits.”

Pennington County Zoning Ordinance #34 at subsubsection 204-J.1.F reads:

“Section 204-J shall be enforceable within the extraterritorial jurisdiction of a municipality to the extent the municipality does not currently regulate such systems or ceases to regulate such systems within its extraterritorial jurisdiction.” [Emphasis added]

Since the Pennington County Zoning Ordinance in essence *mirrors* your Ordinance relative to *regulation* of onsite wastewater systems and since Pennington County, as noted above, *shall* pickup enforcement if you **cease** regulation within 1 mile of your city limits, the only change when Rapid City ceases to regulate this area is which government oversees those citizens within the 1 mile, city or county. I look forward to presenting my ideas concerning this issue at an upcoming city council meeting.

Sincerely,


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