

JOINT RESOLUTION
OF
CITY OF RAPID CITY AND PENNINGTON COUNTY

WHEREAS, on-site septic systems are an effective, low-cost alternative for domestic waste treatment and disposal if properly sited, designed, installed, and maintained; and

WHEREAS, without proper management, septic systems can contribute to ground-water pollution and threaten private and public drinking water sources; and

WHEREAS, individual property conditions have a substantial effect on septic system performance; and

WHEREAS, integrating technological scientific developments and flexibility into existing codes is necessary to improve existing septic system management programs; and

WHEREAS, developing public education programs to encourage property owners and contractors to be active participants will improve waste management practices; and

WHEREAS, using water conservation techniques will improve system performance and extend system life; and

WHEREAS, provisions for septic system operation and maintenance, property septage disposal, and enforcement techniques are important aspects of a comprehensive management program;

WHEREAS, limiting commercial and industrial uses of septic systems and the discharge of toxic chemicals to septic systems is necessary to protect against ground-water contamination;

WHEREAS, The Council of the city of Rapid City and the Pennington County Board of County Commissioners have appointed a Drinking Water Protection Committee to advise them on the issues related to protecting the drinking water for City and County residents; and

WHEREAS, the Drinking Water Protection Committee has recommended numerous actions to protect the drinking water for City and County residents,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Rapid City and the Pennington County Board of County Commissioners resolve to jointly and cooperatively:

Create technical design standards for the installation of individual on-site wastewater disposal systems;

Collect information from counties adjoining affected sensitive aquifer areas and arrange water protection agreements with those counties;

Collect, review and incorporate outside information regarding the implementation of inspections and licensing of on-site wastewater systems;

Support the establishment of inter-agency and county agreements utilizing the same criteria and process for permitting, site evaluations, and construction inspections for on-site wastewater systems;

Amend existing ordinances as necessary to institute inspections of on-site wastewater systems at time of resale and to establish an inspection schedule for existing systems;

Encourage the licensing and education of private inspection companies to City and County standards; and

Provide the budgetary and manpower requirements to support the inspection, maintenance and educational goals of the Drinking Water Protection Committee as may be necessary and appropriate to carry out the Management Plan; and

FURTHER, that the Drinking Water Protection Committee continue to provide coordination and oversight in the implementation of the Management Plan;

FURTHER, that the Drinking Water Protection Committee undertake a public education and information program for proper siting, design, construction, operation, and maintenance of on-site wastewater disposal systems.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20____.

THE RAPID CITY COUNCIL:

Mayor

ATTEST:

Finance Officer
(SEAL)

PENNINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Chairperson

ATTEST:

Pennington County Auditor
(SEAL)

Approved By: CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

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