EAGLE LODGE, 1410 Centre Street

The Eagles Lodge at 1410 Centre Street, Rapid City, SD requests a variance from City Ordiances 13.08.030 and 13.08.060 as referenced below:

13.08.030 When connection required.

The owner of any house or building occupied or used by any person and located so that any part of such house or building is within two hundred feet of a public sewer shall connect such a house or building to a public sewer within thirty days from the time of receiving from the city a written notice to do so. Any extension of city public infrastructure to accommodate required connections shall comply with Chapter 16.16 of the subdivision regulations. (Ord. 2969 (part), 1992: prior code § 30-113)

13.08.060 Septic tanks, etc., prohibited.

Except as provided in the plumbing code of the city currently in effect, it is unlawful to construct or maintain any privy, privy vault, septic tank, cesspool or other facility, adapted or used for the disposal of wastewater. (Prior code § 30-116)

The Eagles Lodge is currently on a septic system and their drain field is failing. The City sewer system is within 100 feet of the building, however they would have to pump to discharge their wastewater into the existing sanitary sewer. The City ordinances require they connect to the existing sanitary sewer since they are within 200 feet, regardless if pumping is required. [Note: State regulations prohibit on-site wastewater systems when a public system exists within 400 feet and the municipality requests to provide service.]

A future sanitary sewer is planned in Centre Street that would allow them to gravity discharge into that sewer main. The Eagles Club is requesting they be allowed to build a new drain field in the adjacent vacant lot (owned by them), with the condition their onsite system would be reconstructed in accordance with State requirements, including sizing the tank and drain field for the appropriate level of use, and constructing the drain field such that the bottom of the drain field is at least 4 feet above groundwater or bedrock conditions. The Eagles Lodge would also sign a "Waiver of Right to Protest" the future assessed project for the Centre Street sanitary sewer construction.