

CHAPTER 14  
SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS

Article 1. General Requirements.

Sec. 14-101. Residential sewage disposal systems and commercial on-site wastewater disposal facilities shall be constructed and operated in accordance with this chapter and the Indiana Administrative Rules for Onsite Sewage Systems.

*[Gen.Ord. 7-2003) Passed 1/12/04 Effective Date 1/1/04]*

Sec. 14-102. Wherever a public combined or sanitary sewer becomes available within 100 feet of any property line of the property on which a residential sewage disposal system is located or within 300 feet of any property line on which a commercial on-site wastewater disposal facility is located, and the residential sewage disposal system or commercial on-site wastewater disposal facility is located in Marion County, the owner of the property shall:

- (a) Establish a direct connection for the property to the sanitary sewerage system as soon as practicable;
- (b) Abandon and fill in the residential sewage disposal system or commercial on-site wastewater disposal facility, as applicable, in a safe and sanitary manner as soon as practicable; and
- (c) Report the abandonment of the residential sewage disposal system or commercial on-site wastewater disposal facility, as applicable, to the Health Officer within two business days.

*[Gen.Ord. 17-1996(A)Passed 11/20/96 Effective Date 11/1/96]*

Sec. 14-103. Whenever a new residential building is being built and a sanitary sewerage system is available within 100 feet of any property line of the property, the owner of the property shall connect the new residential building to the sanitary sewerage system.

*[Gen.Ord. 1-1996(A) Passed 4/17/96 Effective Date 5/1/96]*

Sec. 14-104. Whenever the Health Officer determines that a sanitary sewerage system that is located in Marion County and not owned by the City of Indianapolis creates a public health hazard, the owner of the sanitary sewerage system shall be required to connect the sanitary sewerage system directly to a sanitary sewerage system owned by the City of Indianapolis, and the private sanitary sewerage system shall no longer be used. *[Gen.Ord. 1-1996(A) Passed 4/17/96 Effective Date 5/1/96]*

Sec. 14-105. No valve or other device which permits the bypassing of sewage to the ground surface, or to a ditch, stream or lake, shall be allowed.

*[Gen.Ord. 1-1996(A) Passed 4/17/96 Effective Date 5/1/96]*

Article 2. Residential Sewage Disposal Systems; Permits and Inspection.

Sec. 14-201. Onsite construction permits shall be posted in a conspicuous place on the premises. A person may obtain an onsite construction permit by submitting a permit

application, a permit and inspection fee of two-hundred dollars (\$200.00) and any plans, specifications and other information that the Health Officer deems necessary. The Health Officer, prior to issuance of any permit, shall be permitted to enter upon all properties at the proper time to inspect the proposed construction site or existing residential sewage disposal system, as applicable. Any person who intends to apply for a permit shall fulfill all pre-application / pre-construction checklist requirements prior to submitting a permit application. An additional fee of seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) shall be imposed for a repair permit. *[Gen.Ord. 7-2003 Passed 1/12/04 Effective Date 1/1/04]*

Sec. 14-202. The permit holder shall notify the Health Officer when the work is ready for final inspection, no later than 9:00 A.M. the day of the requested inspection, and before any underground portions are covered. The provisions of the permit for the construction of a sewage disposal system shall not be considered to be fulfilled until the installation is completed to the satisfaction of, and approved by, the Health Officer.  
*[Gen.Ord. 1-1996(A) Passed 4/17/96 Effective Date 5/1/96]*

Sec. 14-203. A permit for construction of a residential sewage disposal system shall be void if the construction has not been completed within one (1) year from the date of the issuance of the permit. *[Gen.Ord. 1-1996(A) Passed 4/17/96 Effective Date 5/1/96]*

### Article 3. Additional Requirements.

Sec. 14-301. All subsurface absorption fields shall be located in accordance with the distances shown in Technical Specification for Onsite Sewage Systems, except that the minimum distance between subsurface absorption fields and “Front, side, or rear lot lines” shall be ten (10) feet. In soils underlain by fissured or creviced rock formations or by sand or gravel, the Health Officer may determine that greater separation distances are necessary to minimize the possibility of water contamination.  
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Sec. 14-302. Subsurface absorption fields shall not be constructed in areas where the land surface gradient is greater than 12 percent.  
*[Gen.Ord. 1-1996(A) Passed 4/17/96 Effective Date 5/1/96]*

Sec. 14-303. There shall be a minimum separation of 10 feet, on center, between absorption field trenches.  
*[Gen.Ord. 1-1996(A) Passed 4/17/96 Effective Date 5/1/96]*

Sec. 14-304. If the Health Officer determines in his sole discretion that either one of the minimum distance requirements of sections 14-301 or 14-303 cannot be met due to site constraints, he may waive the minimum distance requirements of the applicable section and apply the state minimum distance requirements.  
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