

BEFORE THE PACIFIC COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH  
RESOLUTION NO. 2010 - 12

A RESOLUTION CLARIFYING THE INTENT AND APPLICATION OF A REPAIR PERMIT  
DURING THE PERMITTING OF AN ON-SITE SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM

WHEREAS, the Pacific County Board of Health adopted Ordinance No. 3E governing on-site sewage treatment and disposal; and

WHEREAS, BOH Ordinance No. 3E establishes a review and permitting process for new systems, and a review and permitting process for repairing existing systems; and

WHEREAS, the review and permitting process for repairing existing systems, whether failed or not, requires additional clarification; and

WHEREAS, BOH Ordinance No. 3E defines a "repair" as the restoration or replacement of a failed on-site sewage system; and

WHEREAS, the Pacific County Board of Health adopted Resolution No. 2004-002 which clarified the interpretation of grandfathered status of septic systems installed more than six (6) years prior to a building permit application; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 3E allows the use of septic systems six (6) years or older provided they meet current requirements of the Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, there has been some confusion in determining the appropriate level of review and permitting process for older septic systems six (6) years or older not connected to an existing structure and proposed for use with a new structure; and

WHEREAS, there has been some confusion in defining whether recreational vehicle use of an existing septic system on vacant property somehow modifies the concept of an abandoned system; now therefore

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Pacific County Board of Health deems the following:

1. The repair permitting process for septic systems is only applicable to those systems meeting the definition of "Failure" according to Section 25 of BOH Ordinance No. 3E **and** connected to an existing structure. The exceptions to this policy statement is that a repair permit process may be used for the replacement of septic tanks pursuant to Section 26 of BOH Ordinance No. 3E, and for the minor repair of septic tanks, treatment components and/or disposal components to correct for minor physical damage.
2. Existing septic systems, regardless of the age of the system, and connected to an existing structure that is destroyed by fire, explosion, other casualty, or act of God, may be re-connected to the replacement structure without additional permitting requirements provided a building

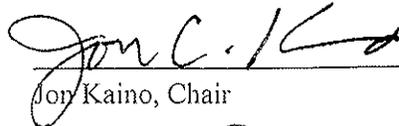
permit authorizing the reconstruction is secured within one (1) year after destruction, and provided the system did not meet the definition of a failure as defined in Board of Health Ordinance No. 3E prior to the destruction of the building. Any proposed modifications to the septic system will be reviewed & permitted through the evaluation and installation permitting processes.

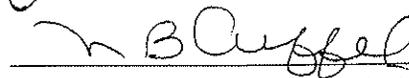
3. Existing septic systems less than six (6) years old may be connected to a proposed structure without any additional permitting requirements provided the capacity/size of the septic system is adequate to serve the proposed structure/use. Any modifications to the original septic system **will** be reviewed & permitted through the evaluation and installation permitting processes.
4. Existing septic systems equal to or greater than six (6) years old that are not connected to a building are deemed to constitute an abandoned system regardless of any existing or historical Recreational Vehicle use. A system is considered "abandoned" only as it relates to the connection of the existing system to a proposed structure and does not preclude any existing or future temporary Recreational Vehicle usage. An "abandoned" system **may** be utilized, upgraded or modified for use with a new structure/building through the evaluation and installation permitting processes.
5. Existing septic systems, regardless of the age of the system, connected to an existing building that is proposed for replacement or expansion and that will increase the septic load (i.e., replacing a 2 bedroom home with a 3 bedroom home), **may** be modified for use with the proposed building provided the existing septic system, and any proposed modifications to the system, are able to meet current standards and is evaluated through the evaluation and installation permitting processes.

PASSED by the Pacific County Board of Health in regular session at South Bend, Washington, by the following vote, then signed by its membership and attested by its Clerk in authorization of such passage the 26<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2010:

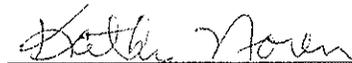
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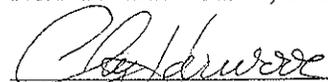
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PACIFIC COUNTY, WASHINGTON

  
Joy Kaino, Chair

  
Norman "Bud" Cuffel, Commissioner

Attest:

  
Kathy Noren, Clerk of the Board

  
Clay Harwood, Commissioner