

SUMMER VILLAGE OF GRANDVIEW

POLICY #27-2011

SUBJECT: Private Sewage Disposal System Bylaw Enforcement

DEPARTMENT: Administration

ADOPTED AND APPROVED BY COUNCIL: August 27, 2011

PURPOSE OF THIS POLICY

This policy sets out the procedures to be followed for the documentation, review, and enforcement of Bylaws 272 and 276 Private Sewage Disposal System. This policy is not to be used or interpreted separately from the Bylaw.

SUMMARY

The Private Sewage Disposal System Bylaw #272 was passed by Council on March 17, 2011. It was amended under Bylaw #276 on August 27, 2011. In summary, this Bylaw requires that:

- treatment fields other than in Grandview Heights must be properly abandoned and replaced with holding tanks by October 31, 2011
- holding tanks and Grandview Heights treatment fields must be inspected and a formal inspection report submitted to the Summer Village Office by October 31, 2011
- all privies must be equipped with approved water tight holding tanks or abandoned by October 31, 2011
- all new developments must install a two compartment holding tank.

In the event of non-compliance of a treatment field, it must be abandoned and replaced with a holding tank within 60 days of the inspection. In the event of non-compliance of a holding tank, it must be abandoned and replaced within 60 days of the inspection report unless such non-compliance is deemed not to compromise public safety by the Safety Codes Officer, in which case the Safety Codes Officer may allow for repair to the tank; such repair to be completed and re-certified within 60 days.

Please refer to the Bylaw for details and further clarification.

GENERAL PROCESS

REPORTING:

Under the requirements of Bylaw 272 and 276:

- ratepayers with holding tanks must have their tank inspected and provide the inspection report to the Summer Village Office by October 31, 2011 (A sample of a self inspection report is attached as Appendix A).
- ratepayers with a treatment field other than those in Grandview Heights must properly abandon the treatment field, modify their existing septic tank by sealing the outlet and converting it into a holding tank or install a two compartment holding tank, and have the new installation inspected by a Safety Codes Officer in accordance with the Uniform Quality Management Plan by October 31, 2011. The inspection report must be submitted to the Summer Village Office within 30 days of the new installation.
- Ratepayers in Grandview Heights with treatment fields must have those systems inspected by a Certified Maintenance Inspector and submit the inspection report to the Summer Village Office prior to October 31, 2011.

NON-COMPLIANCE:

Any non-compliant private sewage disposal system must be abandoned and replaced, or if so indicated by the Safety Codes Inspector, repaired within 60 days of the inspection. The new or repaired installation must be re-inspected and such inspection report must be received by the Summer Villages Office within 90 days of the original inspection. Non-compliant treatment fields in Grandview Heights must be replaced with holding tanks.

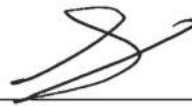
ENFORCEMENT AND FINES

- The Summer Village shall maintain a database of Summer Village properties showing the address, owner name(s), type of private sewage disposal system, development permit application if received, inspection reports received, compliance status, and any follow up required.
- The Summer Village shall monitor tank emptying records and may at any time inspect any system within the Summer Village to ensure compliance.
- A Safety Codes Officer, Certified Maintenance Inspector or Designated Officer of the Summer Village who identifies any failure to comply with the Standard of Practice or with this Bylaw may issue a violation ticket in an amount of up to \$1000 per offence.
- Following the issuance of the violation ticket, ratepayers will have 60 days to bring their system into compliance. Systems with recurring offences may be issued additional violation tickets in the amount of \$1000.
- In the event that the Summer Village Office has reason to believe that a system may be non-compliant, the Summer Village Office may, at its discretion, have a Safety Codes Inspector or Certified Maintenance Inspector inspect the system. If the system proves to be non-compliant, a fine will be levied, and the system must be brought into compliance within 60 days of the inspection.
- In the event that the ratepayer requests an extension to the requirement of abandoning a treatment field, any such extension given will include the requirement that the septic tank must be pumped out at a specified frequency during the extension period.

In the event that the Summer Village does not receive the required reports or development permit applications by October 31, 2011, the Summer Village will order the inspections and apply a fine to the affected ratepayers of at least the cost of the inspections plus an associated administration fee as per the Fees and Charges Bylaw.



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