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**SNOHOMISH HEALTH DISTRICT
RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH**

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RESOLUTION NUMBER: 89 - 20

RESOLUTION SUBJECT: SUPPLEMENTAL ONSITE SEWAGE DISPOSAL
POLICIES AND PROCEDURES/COMMUNITY
SYSTEM

WHEREAS the Board of Health of Snohomish Health District, by Resolution #84 - 23, adopted WAC 248-96 as the Rules and Regulations Governing Onsite Sewage Disposal to be followed and enforced by the Snohomish Health District, and

WHEREAS WAC 248-96-025 Local Regulation, section (8) states, "Nothing in these regulations shall prohibit the adoption and enforcement of more stringent regulations by local health departments where such regulations are needed to protect the public health," and

WHEREAS, the Board of Health recognizes that public health practice should emphasize prevention rather than after the fact correction, and

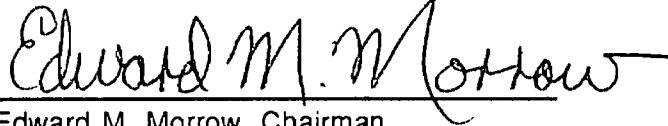
WHEREAS, WAC 248-96 requires that when public sewers are not available an onsite sewage disposal system must be under the control of the user to assure proper maintenance and long term management of the system, and

WHEREAS, WAC 248-96 does not adequately address design standards or management requirements for onsite sewage disposal systems serving more than one service where the anticipated flow is less than 3500 gallons per day (community onsite sewage disposal systems), and

WHEREAS, the Board of Health recognizes that a community onsite sewage disposal system requires special siting, design and management requirements in order to prevent adverse impacts to public health,

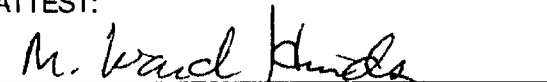
NOW THEREFORE the Board of Health adopts the attached document, titled: "Supplemental Onsite Sewage Disposal Policies and Procedures/Community System ", to protect the public health.

Adopted this 11th day of April, 1989.



Edward M. Morrow, Chairman
Board of Health

ATTEST:



M. Ward Hinds, M.D., M.P.H.
Health Officer

April 11, 1989
RSD: mg

Section 1 - Title These administrative policies and procedures shall be known as the "Supplemental onsite sewage disposal Polices and Procedures/Community System" and are established pursuant to authority vested in the Snohomish Health District Board of Health by R.C.W./ 70.05.060 and WAC 248-96-025(8). These policies and procedures are adopted for the protection of public health through the mechanism of establishing design guidelines together with ongoing operation and management requirements for community onsite sewage disposal systems as further defined hereinafter.

Section 2 - Purpose and Policy Declared These policies and procedures are enacted as an exercise of the powers and duties of the Snohomish Health District Board of Health to preserve, promote and improve the public health. The provisions herein shall be liberally construed for the accomplishment of these purposes.

Section 3 - Applicability

(A) These policies and procedures shall apply to all lots, parcels and tracts not served by public sewer without regard to whether such lots, parcels or tracts may have been in existence prior to the effective date of these policies and procedures.

(B) Deviations from these policies and procedures may be granted only for repair of existing, failing, onsite sewage disposal systems which cannot meet current regulations and these policies and procedures because of site limitations.

(C) All existing buildings or structures served by a community onsite sewage disposal system to which additions, alterations, or improvements are proposed shall comply with Snohomish Health District Board of Health Resolution Number 87-35 and these policies and procedures.

(D) Non-expanding, existing/approved community onsite sewage disposal systems are exempt from these policies and procedures.

Section 4 - Definitions

(A) "COMMUNITY ONSITE SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM." Any onsite sewage disposal system having more than one (1) service with an anticipated flow of less than 3,500 gallons per day and where services are located on more than one parcel of land.

(B) "SERVICE." A connection to an onsite sewage disposal system designed to serve a single family residence, commercial structure, dwelling unit, or equivalent use.

Section 5 - Community Onsite Sewage Disposal Systems

(A) Design: Design of these systems shall comply with Guidelines for Larger On-Site Sewage Systems, 1987, Washington State Department of Social and Health Services and Department of Ecology.

(B) Prior to construction, plans and specifications for community onsite sewage disposal systems shall be submitted to and approved by the Health Officer or delegated representative.

1. Submission of plans and specifications:

a. Before installing or entering into a contract for installing a community system, an onsite sewage disposal system application with complete plans and specifications shall be submitted to the Snohomish Health District fully describing such community onsite sewage disposal system, and upon receipt of written approval by the health officer or delegated representative the plans and specifications shall be adhered to unless deviations are first submitted to and receive written approval of the health officer or delegated representative.

b. A detailed operation and maintenance manual, fully describing the treatment and disposal systems and outlining routine maintenance procedures for proper operation of the system, shall be submitted prior to final approval of the system.

2. All applications, plans and specifications for new community onsite sewage disposal systems, extensions or alterations, shall be prepared by a sewage disposal designer certified with the Snohomish Health District or a Washington State registered, professional engineer.

3. Management and maintenance of community onsite sewage disposal systems shall be provided by a public agency as defined in 39.34.020 R.C.W. acting as the management authority or acting as third party trust if management is performed by a private entity. The management system shall comply with the Guidelines for the Formation and Operation of On-Site Waste Management Systems, dated November 1976 as published by the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services.

a. The fee for review of the proposed waste management document shall be one-hundred dollars (\$100.00) or as may be subsequently set by the Board of Health of the Snohomish Health District.

b. The application shall be accompanied by an opinion letter from an attorney licensed to practice law in the State of Washington representing that the management agreement complies with all applicable laws and regulations, and is a valid and binding obligation of all parties thereto. The opinion letter shall be in such form as the health officer or delegated representative may require.

c. The management authority shall prepare a user's manual which describes the responsibilities and duties of the user along with precautionary information as may be necessary to preclude inadvertent abuse to the sewage system. A copy of such manual shall be provided to each user at the time of purchase.

(C) After approval of the application and design by the Snohomish Health District, an onsite sewage disposal system installation permit shall be obtained prior to installing the community system. When applicable, onsite sewage disposal system installation permits shall be obtained for each structure prior to the septic tank, pump or dosing tank and connecting line to the community system, being installed.

Section 6 - Severability Should any part of these policies and procedures be declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such declaration shall not affect the validity of the remainder.

Section 7 - Effective Date These policies and procedures, pursuant to WAC 248-96-25, shall be submitted to the Department of Social and Health Services of the State of Washington for review and approval. The effective date for these policy procedures shall be the date of approval by the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services or as otherwise determined to be the effective date pursuant to WAC 248-96-025.



Richard J. Thompson
Acting Secretary

STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES

Olympia, Washington 98504-0095

May 12, 1989

Robert Pekich, M.P.A.
Director of Environmental Health
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Everett, Washington 98201

Dear Mr. Pekich:

In accordance with the procedure established in WAC 248-96-025, the following documents have been reviewed:

1. Resolution No. 89-20 (Supplemental Onsite Sewage Disposal Policies and Procedures/Community Systems) approved by the Snohomish Health District Board of Health on April 11, 1989, and
2. Resolution No. 89-25 (Regulations Governing Onsite Wastewater Disposal, Section 8.20.150, APPEALS) approved by the Snohomish Health District Board of Health on May 9, 1989.

The adopted policies and regulations are consistent with the intent of WAC 248-96 and are hereby approved.

Sincerely,

CAROLE J. WASHBURN
Acting Director
Division of Health, ET-21