

## **Alternative Wastewater System Concept**

1. Developments that receive approval for an alternative wastewater system are exempt from the moratorium because they are not making a "new connection to the City sanitary sewer system" or "increas[ing] flow through an existing connection."
2. A developer or business owner desiring to use an alternative wastewater system would pay a specified fee and apply for an alternative wastewater system permit through a land use process as follows:
  - a. Applications will be reviewed by Planning and Public Works and their comments and recommendations will be included in a staff report.
  - b. Planning Commission will hold a hearing and make a recommendation to Council. Council will hold a hearing and make a final decision. (A Type IV process.)
3. Streamlined approval criteria for porta-potties and/or greywater systems as follows:
  - a. Allowed for industrial, commercial, and community service (schools, churches, community centers, fire stations, libraries, parks and playgrounds, cemeteries, and government buildings) uses only.
  - b. If industrial or commercial, use is of a type where the public generally is not received.
  - c. Proposed alternative wastewater system will have no impact on the City's wastewater system and will adequately protect from environmental contamination.
  - d. Waste disposal will occur outside the City of Sandy's public wastewater system.
  - e. Proposed system, including proposal regarding operation and maintenance, is adequate for the wastewater volumes for the proposed use.
  - f. Proposed system will be fully screened from view from the right-of-way and neighboring properties.
  - g. ADA accessibility requirements and any other applicable County, State, or federal requirements will be met.
4. Approval criteria for all other types of systems would include the above, plus:
  - a. The proposal is not materially detrimental or injurious to the public welfare or the surrounding area.
  - b. The proposal is for a use identified as a target industry in the City's Economic Development Plan or otherwise advances the goals of the Economic Development Plan.
5. Other requirements would include:
  - a. Developer or business owner will be required to install all internal fixtures and all infrastructure necessary for future connection to the City's sanitary sewer system, up to the point of connection within the right-of-way, but cannot actually connect until authorized by the City.
  - b. For porta-potties, developer or business owner is required to remove all porta-potties and connect to the City's sanitary sewer system within 90 days after official written notification from the City.
  - c. For grey water systems, these may remain in place for the useful life of the system.

- d. For other types of systems, City Council may determine whether an approach like (b) or (c) is appropriate based on the nature of the system, including its cost.
- e. SDCs are due at the time of connection.
- f. Failure to connect when required or to maintain and operate the system as proposed can result in fines and a lien on the property under SMC Chapter 17.06. If connection is not made within the time specified in 5(b) above, the City may perform the work required to make the connection, invoice the property owner for the cost of the work, and if unpaid after 30 days, lien the property.
- g. Deed restriction approved by the City must be recorded to notify future purchasers of obligation to connect and pay SDCs in the future.