
Fw: Concern Regarding Section 13.08.070(C) of the Revised Sewer Ordinance

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Council Members,

Thank you for the revisions that have been made to the sewer ordinance. I appreciate that the current draft appears to exempt existing functioning and approved OSS systems and no longer includes some of the earlier triggers that raised concern.

However, I remain concerned that Section 13.08.070(C) is written so broadly that it appears to require connection to the public sewer whenever an OSS requires repair, replacement, alteration, relocation, resizing, increased capacity, or other work. As written, the provision appears to apply not only to failed systems, but also to systems that may be functioning properly and could otherwise be repaired or maintained in accordance with health department requirements.

I encourage the Council to consider whether property owners should be allowed to repair or replace existing OSS systems when approved by the local health authority, rather than requiring sewer connection for virtually any work performed on an existing system.

I am also concerned that the revised ordinance was added to the Council packet with limited time for residents to review a lengthy and complex document before Council consideration. Significant revisions deserve adequate public review and comment before final action is taken.

Thank you for your consideration. Given the limited time available for public review of the revised ordinance, I respectfully request that this email be included in the Council packet if possible.

Pat Rice