

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

Meeting Date: December 12, 2024

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Agenda Item: Consider Ordinance No. 1046 relating to regulations concerning Johnson County sanitary and aquatic health code

Background/Description of Item

In 2004, the City adopted the Johnson County Environmental Code. The City does not regulate, inspect or issue permits for sanitary sewer systems, including on-site sanitary sewer systems (septic tanks), nor does the City regulate or inspect public or semi-public swimming pools. The adoption of the Johnson County Environmental Code gave Johnson County Health and Environment the authority to regulate, inspect, and issue permits for these activities in the City of Westwood.

Johnson County has adopted new Environmental Codes effective January 1, 2025, and in order for the County to continue regulating sanitary sewer systems and public and semi-public swimming pools in the City of Westwood, the City needs to adopt these new codes.

Staff Comments/Recommendation

The most significant change between the 2004 Environmental Code and the 2025 Code is the splitting of the sanitary sewer and pools into separate codes: Johnson County Sanitary Code and Johnson County Aquatic Health Code, respectively. The Aquatic Health Code is based on the "2023 Model Aquatic Health Code, 4th Edition" and regulates public and semi-public pools, not private or residential swimming pools. The Sanitary Code regulates sanitary sewer systems, including on-site sanitary sewer systems (septic tanks). While the City does not permit the installation of septic tanks for new development, the replacement of existing tanks is allowed, provided that the replacement meets Johnson County requirements.

There are no known septic tanks still existing in Westwood. The pools at Woodside are considered semi-public pools for purposes of these regulations; there are no other pools in Westwood subject to this Code.

Budget Impact

None.

Suggested Motion

I move to approve Ordinance No. 1046 relating to regulations concerning Johnson County sanitary and aquatic health code