

COG SEWAGE ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE  
RULES AND REGULATIONS  
FOR RETAINING TANK

HOLDING TANKS

1. To ensure the proper maintenance of a holding tank an escrow agreement and escrow account is to be set up.
2. All tanks must be inspected annually and a report must be on file with the Committee by the S.E.O.
3. The Committee will keep all pumping records and reports on the operation and maintenance of holding tank.
4. The Committee may enter into contracts with pumpers if the owner does not maintain the tanks in accordance with the law and these regulations, and use the escrow account to pay the same.
5. A copy of these Rules and Regulations must be included with each permit issued and a receipt therefor.
6. The Committee shall establish an annual fee and the amount of the escrow to be included in their adopted fee schedule.
7. The owner of the holding tank must sign a contract with a pumper approved by the Committee to be included with the permit application. The contract must include but not limited to the following:
  - A. Property owner's name, phone number, address, parcel number.
  - B. Pumper's name, phone number, address, owner (if different from pumper).
  - C. Statement from pumper as to final disposal site of septage.
  - D. Agreement that the pumper will send to the Committee pumping information such as: the number of gallons pumped, the condition of the tank, the actual site of disposal with receipt for disposal, the date of pumping, and any violation that may be existing at the site of the tank.
8. Permits are for one (1) year and are renewed annually at the time of the annual inspection with a new application, new pumping contract, and replacement of any escrow account monies used.
9. Permits shall only be used where the PA D.E.R. finds and give written notice to the Committee that the

requirements of Chapters 71 (relating to the administration of sewage facilities planning program) have been met.

10. When the reason for the installation of a holding tank is necessary to abate a nuisance or public health hazard, the Committee may amend these Rules and Regulations to suit the conditions.

#### PRIVY

A privy must have a permit and can be used where there is no water under pressure or piped water at the site.

1. An escrow Agreement and Escrow Account is to be set up to insure the removal of the privy when piped water or water under pressure becomes available to the lot.

2. Must have a suitable site, tested and approved for an on-lot sewage system.

3. The property owner is to agree to allow the S.E.O. to make periodic inspections.

#### EXCEPTIONS TO THE ABOVE PRIVY REGULATIONS

The above restrictions on privies do not apply if the privy is proposed for use on an isolated lot which is one acre or larger, not served now and is not intended to be served in the future, by water under pressure or piped water.

The property owner will still be required to have a permit and must agree to comply with the rules and regulations regarding privies if the lot should ever be served with water under pressure or piped water.

#### CHEMICAL, COMPOSTING, INCINERATING TOILETS

1. All sites that are used for occupancy, whether occasionally or overnight, must have a means of sewage disposal. The exception to this is if a road-ready recreational vehicle is used.

2. Chemical, composting, or incineration toilets may be used at recreational sites and must have a permit.

3. All chemical, composting, and incineration toilets must be used and installed in accordance with the manufacturer's directions.