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Section 1005.01 Private Sewage System Required

Where a public sanitary sewer is not available, the building sewer shall be connected to a private sewage disposal system complying with the requirements of the appropriate public authority.

Section 1005.02 Maintenance Of Private System

The owner shall, at his own expense, operate and maintain the private sewage disposal facilities in a sanitary manner at all times to the satisfaction of the appropriate public authority.

Section 1005.03 Connection To Public Sewers Prohibited

It shall be unlawful for any residential sewage disposal facility to be connected to any public sanitary or storm sewer.

Section 1005.04 Connection To Available Public Sewers Required

At such time as a public sanitary sewer becomes available to a property served by a private sewage disposal system, a direct connection shall be made thereto, by and at the expense of the owner, within 150 days of official notice to connect, in compliance with these Rules and Regulations. A variance may be requested within those same 150 days in accordance with Section 1005.05. Any septic tanks, cesspools and similar private sewage disposal facility shall be abandoned to the satisfaction of the appropriate public authority.

Additionally, the Board may order the owner of any premises located in a sewer district in the County to connect to the sanitary sewer as provided in Section 6117.51, Ohio Revised Code.

A sewer shall be considered available even though a connection charge (Section 1008.11) is required and even though a pump (Section 1008.06) is required.

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Section 1005.05 Sanitary Sewer Connection Order Variance

The Board may grant a variance from the requirements of Section 1005.04 of these Rules and Regulations, as will not be contrary to the public interest, where a person shows that because of practical difficulties or other special conditions their strict application will cause unusual and unnecessary hardship.

However, no variance will be granted that will defeat the spirit and general intent of said rules, or be otherwise contrary to the public interest. Moreover, no variance shall be granted for any of the following properties:

- a) Any property that is the subject of a court order to connect to an available sewerage system; or
- b) Any property that is the subject of an Order issued by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency pursuant to R.C. Chapter 6111 requiring a property to connect to an available and accessible sewer system; or
- Any property that is the subject of an order issued by the Portage County Combined General Health District requiring the property owner to connect to an available and accessible sewer system; or
- d) Any property found to have a failed or failing private sewage disposal system.

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