

Farmington Township Health Ordinance

A regular meeting of the Township Board of Farmington Township, Oakland County, Michigan, acting as the Board of Health of Farmington Township.

The following resolution was introduced by Harry Shaffer and supported by Clayton Goers, and carried by the following vote: Ayes, 5; Nays, None.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township Board of Health of Farmington Township, under the provisions of Section 6475 to 6532 inclusive and 6541, et seq., of the 1929 Compiled Laws, being M. S. A. 14.61, et seq., hereby provide for the public health of the Township of Farmington as follows:

The Township Board has hereby appointed Dr. Joseph J. Gadhaw, M. D., and Dr. Theodore W. Ling, M.D., as Health Officers for Farmington Township to act as sanitation advisors and as executive officers of the Board.

The Township Clerk is hereby directed to report to the Secretary of the State Board of Health the full name and post office address of such Health Officer and whether or not he is a physician.

III.

Special meetings of this Board of Health may be called by the order of the President, namely: the Township Supervisor, or any two members of the Board.

IV.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the following REGULATIONS AND BY-LAWS respecting nuisances, source of filth, and cause of sickness, are necessary, and are enacted, for the public health and the same are hereby approved, confirmed and adopted.

V.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Township Clerk give notice of these REGULATIONS AND BY-LAWS for public health by publishing the same in the Farmington Enterprise, a newspaper circulated in said township (and by posting the same in five (5) public and conspicuous places in said township). Such notices shall be deemed legal notices to all persons.

REGULATION AND BY-LAWS

The Township Board of Farmington, Oakland County, Michigan, acting as the Board of Health of Farmington Township, do hereby approve, confirm and adopt for the purpose of preventing and abating public health nuisances, and removing and preventing source of filth, and causes of sickness, and for the purpose of protecting the public health.

Section 1. The Board of Health of Farmington Township does hereby determine that the following regulations and by-laws are necessary for the public health of Farmington Township, and are hereby approved, confirmed and adopted for the purpose of preventing and abating public health nuisances, and removing and preventing source of filth, and causes of sickness, and for the purpose of protecting the public health.

Section 2. Whenever any health nuisance source, including cause of sickness, shall be found in or near to any property, the owner of this Board of Health, acting through its Health Officer, shall order the owner or occupant thereof, in his own expense to remove the same within twenty-four (24) hours; and if the owner or occupant shall neglect so to do he shall forfeit a fine of one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

Section 3. If the owner or occupant shall not comply, with such order of the Board of Health, or its Health Officer, such Board or the Health Officer thereof may cause the said health nuisance, source of filth, or cause of sickness, to be removed, and the expenses incurred thereby, together with the penalty as determined by the Township Board in accordance with the preceding section, shall be paid by said owner or occupant of said premises. If the owner or occupant of said premises shall refuse to demand to pay the sum, the same may be recovered in a civil action, against the property, and shall be collected and treated in the same manner as taxes are assessed under the general laws of the state.

If the occupant, or any other person, shall have caused or permitted said nuisance to exist he shall be liable to the owner of the property, or to the person to whom it may be sold or assessed against, said property, which amount shall be recoverable in an action at law.

Section 4. In addition to the provisions for abating health nuisances hereinbefore set forth, the Township Board of Health or its Health Officer, may in its discretion secure relief in the appropriate court of chancery.

Section 5. Whenever the Board of Health or its Health Officer, shall think it necessary, for the preservation of lives or the health of the inhabitants to enter any building for the purpose of examining into and destroying, removing or preventing, any health nuisance, source of filth, or cause of sickness, which shall have been introduced, such right of entry, any member of the Board of Health or the Health Officer may make complaint to that effect, under oath, to any Justice of the Peace of the County, stating the facts, and such Justice of the Peace may issue a warrant, and a warrant shall be issued by the Sheriff, and a Peacemaker of the County, demanding his aid if said affidavit, and to be accompanied by any two or more members of said Board of

made water-tight with cement mortar or other equally good material.

Design

The capacity of a septic tank shall be never less than thirty (30) gallons, or four (4) cubic feet for each person served, provided, however, that in no case shall a septic tank be constructed or maintained of a capacity less than one hundred twenty (120) gallons, or two hundred (200) cubic feet. The depth shall be computed from the lowest point in the overflow to the bottom, and shall be at least twice the width. The walls and floor must be at least four (4) inches in thickness, and the top covered with metal, stone, or concrete slabs with a covered opening not less than twelve (12) inches in diameter, making the interior accessible for the inspection or cleaning. The inlet and the outlet shall be at the same level, and by means of elbows directed downward.

Permit

Before proceeding with the construction of any septic tank, the owner or his agent shall make application to the Township Clerk for a permit for such construction or installation, which shall be issued upon the payment of a fee of two (\$2.00) dollars, which permit shall be substantially as follows:

Permit for Construction of Septic Tank

Date

Permit is hereby given to to construct or install a

on the premises described below, subject to the inspection and approval of the Township Board.

Signed:

Township Clerk
Septic Tank

Subdivision on
Lot No. Street. Is there

a sewer or drain near?

Owner's Name:

Post Office Address:

Who will do the work?

His Address

Approved:

Township Clerk

1. Water from roofs, surface drainage and footing drains shall not pass into any part of the system.

(2) Septic tank effluent shall not be permitted to be discharged into any open ditch, stream, lake, storm water drain, or upon the surface of the ground, except that connection may be permitted to any county drain with it and if approved by the County Drain Commissioner.

(3) No vegetables such as carrots, onions, or radishes, which can be eaten raw, shall be grown in the immediate vicinity of the septic tank field.

(4) The disposal field for such septic tank shall consist of lines of drain tile in prepared seeing trenches, the tile to be laid with open joints so that the potential for tank infiltration is at a minimum. The tile shall be surrounded with gravel to insure a larger seepage area, and the trenches shall be back-filled with earth.

(5) No septic tank shall be located under a house or close to the wall thereof, and in no case shall the foundation wall be used as one wall of the septic tank.

(6) No septic tank or disposal field shall be located within fifty (50) feet of any well or suction pipe from the well or pump.

(7) No pipe through which sewage may back up may be within ten (10) feet of any well.

(8) There shall be at least one hundred and forty (140) feet of line for the disposal field, when the field is sandy and gravelly; two hundred and fifty (300) feet for loam soil; and three hundred and twenty-five (325) feet for light soil.

(9) Trenches for the seepage disposal field shall be at least two (2) feet deep.

(10) The septic tank shall be constructed deep enough so that the lines in the disposal field shall be not less than twelve (12) inches deep and the sewer line from the house to the tank shall have a uniform fall of at least one (1) inch per eight (8) feet.

(11) Septic tanks shall be cleaned at least every two years to determine whether or not cleaning is necessary, and if necessary such tanks shall be cleaned of sludge and sludge.

(12) Any person failing to comply with the orders of the Township Board of Health or its Health Officer or violating any of the provisions of these Regulations and By-Laws shall on conviction thereof be punished by a fine not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100.00) or by imprisonment in the County Jail for not to exceed thirty (30) days or by both fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the Trial Court.

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