

CHAPTER 14
SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS

Article 1. General Requirements.

Sec. 14-101. Residential on-site sewage systems and commercial on-site sewage systems shall be constructed, maintained, and operated in accordance with this chapter and 410 IAC 6.

Sec. 14-102. Whenever the Health Officer determines that a sanitary sewerage system that is located in Marion County and not owned by the municipal utility in Marion County creates a public health hazard, the owner of the sanitary sewerage system shall be required to immediately connect the sanitary sewerage system directly to a sanitary sewerage system owned by the municipal utility in Marion County, and the private sanitary sewerage system shall no longer be used.

Sec. 14-103. A valve or other device which permits the bypassing of sewage to the ground surface, or to a ditch, stream or lake, shall not be allowed.

Article 2. Residential and Commercial On-Site Sewage Systems; Permits, Certifications, and Inspections.

Sec. 14-201. On-site sewage system construction permits shall be posted in a conspicuous place on the premises. A person applying for an on-site construction permit in accordance with 410 IAC 6 must submit:

- (a) A permit application on a form approved by the Health Officer;
- (b) Any plans, specifications, soil reports, and other information that the Health Officer deems necessary;
- (c) Proof of certification by the Indiana Onsite Wastewater Professionals Association as an on-site sewage system installer for the type of on-site sewage system for which a permit is being applied; and
- (d) A permit and inspection fee of \$200 for new construction or replacement permit or \$75 for a repair or change of usage permit.

Sec. 14-202. An on-site sewage system construction permit shall not be issued for the replacement of an on-site sewage system if a public combined or sanitary sewer is available within 100 feet of any property line on which a residential on-site sewage system is located, or within 300 feet of any property line on which a commercial on-site sewage system is located, unless the on-site sewage system replacement meets or exceeds all requirements of 410 IAC 6-8.3 or 410 IAC 6-10.1, as applicable.

Sec. 14-203. A person may not transfer an on-site sewage system construction permit issued for the construction, repair, replacement, or change of usage of an on-site sewage system to another person or another location.

Sec. 14-204. Work conducted under a valid on-site sewage system construction permit must be conducted under the direct supervision of a person with an Indiana Onsite Wastewater Professionals Association on-site sewage system installer certificate for the type of on-site sewage system for which a permit was issued. The permit holder shall be responsible for ensuring compliance with this chapter and 410 IAC 6.

Sec. 14-205. The permit holder shall notify the Health Officer when the work is ready for final inspection, at least 48 hours or 2 working days before any subsurface portions are to be covered. The provisions of the permit for the construction of a sewage disposal system shall not be considered to be fulfilled until the installation is completed to the satisfaction of, and approved by, the Health Officer.

Sec. 14-206. A permit for construction of a residential sewage disposal system shall be void if the construction has not been completed within 1 year from the date of the issuance of the permit.

Sec. 14-207. A person applying for an on-site sewage system operating permit in accordance with 410 IAC 6, must submit:

- (a) A permit application on a form approved by the Health Officer;
- (b) Any plans specifications, soil reports, and other information that the Health Officer deems necessary; and
- (c) A permit and inspection fee of \$135;
- (d) A permit transfer fee of \$85 is required to transfer an operating permit to a subsequent owner of the property for which an operating permit has been issued.

Sec. 14-208. An on-site sewage system operating permit is required when:

- (a) A soil absorption system replacement, permitted in accordance with Sec. 14-201, for a residential or commercial on-site sewage system cannot meet or exceed the minimum provisions of 410 IAC 6, and deviations of those provisions are approved by the Health Officer;
- (b) A residential or commercial on-site sewage system is installed using technology new to Indiana that has been approved by the Indiana Department of Health;
- (c) A commercial on-site sewage system construction permit issued in accordance with 410 IAC 6-10.1; or
- (d) A residential on-site sewage system construction or change of use permit issued for a system the Health Officer determines needs to be monitored.

Sec. 14-209. An operating permit for an on-site sewage system shall be void, if not renewed, within 5 years from the date of the issuance of the permit or if property ownership changes.

Sec. 14-210. The Health Officer, prior to the issuance of any permit, shall be permitted to enter upon all properties at the proper time to inspect the proposed site for an on-site sewage system or existing on-site sewage system. Upon issuance of any permit, the Health Officer shall be permitted to enter upon all properties at the proper time to inspect

the installation, repair, replacement, maintenance, or operation of an on-site sewage system.

Article 3. Additional Requirements.

Sec. 14-301. The minimum septic tank capacity shall be 1,000 gallons for residential and commercial on-site sewage system construction permits.

Sec. 14-302. The minimum design daily flow or “DDF” for residential and commercial construction permits shall be 300 gallons per day.

Article 4. Lift Station Signage and Spill Response Requirements

Sec. 14-401. An owner of sanitary sewerage system shall post a weather-resistant sign displaying emergency contact information on or adjacent to mechanical infrastructure. Emergency contact information shall include the name of the operator, an emergency number which shall be answered 24 hours a day and 7 days a week, and other information that the Health Officer deems necessary.

Sec. 14-402. An owner of sanitary sewerage system shall notify the Health Officer immediately by phone in the event of a sanitary sewer overflow or mechanical infrastructure failure.

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