

**Putnam County Health Department**

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SEWAGE TREATMENT SYSTEM RULES***

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## **Section 1 – Definitions**

Definitions reflect those set forth and identified in 3701-29-01 of the Ohio Administrative Code.

## **Section 2 – General Authority**

The Board of Health of the Putnam County Health Department is granted authority under section 3709.21 of the Ohio Revised Code to make such orders and regulations as are necessary for the public health, the prevention or restriction of disease, and the prevention, abatement, or suppression of nuisances.

## **Section 3 – Penalties**

This regulation shall be enforced in accordance with Chapter 3709 of the Ohio Revised Code. A violation of this regulation is punishable in accordance with section 3709.99 of the Ohio Revised Code.

## **Section 4 - Registration of installers, service providers, and septage haulers**

- (A) In reference to 3701-29-03 (G) of the Ohio Administrative Code, when the registered service provider performs the duties of a service provider on only the registrant's personal residence, the service provider shall be exempt from paragraphs (C)(4), and (C)(6) of the rule. Whereas the board of health has the authority to waive (C)(1) and (C)(5) of the rule, the board of health does hereby waive these sections.
- (B) In reference to 3701-29-03 (H) of the Ohio Administrative Code, when the registered installer performs the duties of an installer on only the registrant's personal residence, the board of health may waive (C)(1), (C)(4), and (C)(6) of the rule. The board of health does hereby determine that it shall waive the requirements paragraphs (C)(1), (C)(4), and (C)(6) of the rule.

## **Section 5 – General soil absorption standards**

- (A) In reference to 3701-29-15 (G) of the Ohio Administrative Code, whereas the board of health may establish a vertical separation distance no less than six inches and no greater than eighteen inches, with a required minimum thickness of in situ soil within the infiltrative distance of no less than six inches, the board of health does hereby establish a vertical separation distance of six (6) inches, with a required minimum thickness of in situ soil of six (6) inches.
- (B) In reference to 3701-29-15 (H) of the Ohio Administrative Code, whereas the board of health may establish the required minimum vertical separation distance of greater than zero inches and less than six inches, and the required minimum in situ soil thickness within the vertical separation distance of greater than zero inches and less than six inches where the seasonal water table is present and the sewage effluent is pretreated to less than one thousand fecal coliform CFU per one hundred milliliters, the board of health shall recognize these requirements, and allow a Sewage Treatment System or Gray Water Recycling System to be permitted in these conditions.

## **Section 6 - STS operation and management, and owner education**

- (A) In reference to 3701-29-19 (E)(1) of the Ohio Administrative Code, whereas the board of health may permit a registered service provider to collect effluent samples for National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System, the board of health does hereby allow that the sampling described be collected by a registered service provider in accordance with protocols established by the department or Ohio EPA.

## **Section 7 - Septage and sewage management**

- (A) In reference to 3701-29-20 (A) of the Ohio Administrative Code, whereas the board of health may adopt rules prohibiting, restricting or limiting the land application of septage within its jurisdiction, the board of health does hereby prohibit the land application of septage within its jurisdiction.

## **Section 8 - STS abandonment**

- (A) In reference to 3701-29-21(E) of the Ohio Administrative Code, whereas the board of health may require a permit for abandonment of a Sewage Treatment System and establish a permit fee in accordance with paragraph (D)(12) of rule 3701-29-05 of the Administrative Code, the board of health does hereby determine that an abandonment permit and fee shall be required.
- (1) No person shall abandon a sewage treatment system without an approved and valid abandonment permit issued by the board of health.
  - (2) All terms, conditions, and procedures for abandonment specified in section 3701-29-21 of the Ohio Administrative Code shall be enforced.
  - (3) An approved abandonment permit issued by the board of health shall be valid for one year from the date of issuance or until the abandonment is completed and approved by the board of health within the one year period.

## **Section 9 - Assumption of Regulatory Authority of Small Flow On-Site Treatment Systems (SFOSTS)**

- (A) In reference to 3701-29-02(H) of the Ohio Administrative Code, A board of health may regulate the siting, design, installation, operation, monitoring, maintenance and/or abandonment of SFOSTS in accordance with section 3718.021 of the Revised Code. When the rules specifically address SFOSTS, the provisions apply to those SFOSTS that are under the jurisdiction of a board of health having met the following requirements:
- (1) The board of health has determined that all applicable provisions of the rules related to SFOSTS can be fully implemented under its authority.
  - (2) The board of health has sent a letter of notification to the director of health and the director of the Ohio environmental protection agency at least sixty days prior to the date when the board of health will assume authority for SFOSTS. The letter of notification shall include the intended date for transfer of jurisdiction and shall indicate compliance with paragraph (H)(1) of this rule.