

Chapter 13A.20

PRIVATE SEWER

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**13A.20.010 Permit requirements.**

- A. No person shall construct nor commence the construction of a private sewer system or private sewage disposal without first obtaining a written permit from the City Clerk and having the permit approved by the Superintendent. Approval shall be based on the following conditions:
  - 1. There must be no public sewer within two hundred (200) feet of the property;
  - 2. A fee established by the current City Fee Schedule Resolution, shall be paid in advance for the inspection; and
  - 3. Any public sewer system within two hundred (200) feet of said property shall not have the capacity to handle said property's sewage; provided, that any decision by the Superintendent that there is not sufficient capacity must be concurred in by the majority of the Council and the concurrence must be recorded in the minutes.
- B. The issuance of such a permit shall not be deemed to be a waiver of any requirement for private sewer systems required by the Benton-Franklin Health District or the Washington State Department of Health. (Ord. 667, 1998; Ord. 405 S1 (part), 1981.)

**13A.20.020 Inspection and approval.** The type, capacity, location, and layout of a private sewage system shall require inspection and approval by the Superintendent and shall comply with all recommendations and regulations of the Department of Public Health of the State. No septic tank or cesspool shall be permitted to discharge to any public sewer, natural outlet, or to ground surface. (Ord. 667, 1998; Ord. 405 S1 (part), 1981.)

**13A.20.030 Sanitary operation.** The property owner shall operate and maintain the private sewage disposal facilities in a sanitary manner at all times, at no expense, and/or with no responsibility to the City. The application and investigation fee is established by the current City Fee Schedule Resolution.

The permit and assessment fees shall not be imposed on private sewage systems and the application approved by the Superintendent with Council approval shall serve as a permit to install a private sewage system so long as the system is installed pursuant to the rules, regulations, and requirements of Benton County or the State of Washington. (Ord. 667, 1998; Ord. 405 S1 (part), 1981.)

**13A.20.040** **Connection to public sewer.** Whenever a public sewer becomes available to a lot or parcel served by a private sewage disposal system, as provided in this chapter, a direct connection shall be made to the public sewer in compliance with this chapter, and any septic tanks, cesspools, and similar private sewage disposal facilities shall be removed or abandoned and filled with suitable materials in accordance with the regulations established with the Department. (Ord. 667, 1998; Ord. 405 S1 (part), 1981.)