

CHAPTER 103

PRIVATE SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS

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103.01 PRIVATE SYSTEM REQUIRED. All houses, building or properties which are required by these Sanitary Sewer chapters or by other authority to have sanitary or industrial wastewater facilities and are located where the POTW is not available shall be equipped at the owner's expense, with suitable wastewater facilities connected to a private wastewater disposal system which complies with the provisions of the County Health Department and all applicable requirements of the Code of the State of Iowa. This section shall not apply to any private system which discharges to the POTW or which discharges directly to a natural outlet by authority of a separate NPDES permit and in compliance with applicable state and federal laws. Whenever the POTW extends service to an area whereby it is available within 200 feet of the property line, the private system shall be properly abandoned and the facilities shall be connected to the POTW in accordance with these Sanitary Sewer chapters.

103.02 SANITARY OPERATION REQUIRED. The owner shall operate and maintain private wastewater disposal facilities in a sanitary manner at all times in accordance with applicable laws and regulations and at no expense to the City. The facilities shall be subject to inspection by the City at reasonable times should the City deem it necessary.

103.03 INSPECTIONS. The City may inspect the privates systems when the Director of Public Works deems it necessary. The inspector shall have the authority to require the owner of the private system to make necessary repairs to the system and/or properly maintain the system, including cleaning. Should the owner fail to make the necessary repairs or perform the required maintenance in a timely manner, the City may authorize the work and assess the owner. All outside water closets, privy vaults, and septic tanks within the sanitary district shall be abandoned and removed on order of the inspector, where there is sanitary sewerage and water within two hundred (200) feet of the nearest point or property line which said water closets, privy or privy vaults or septic tanks are located. Whenever an outside water closet or a privy is ordered removed by the inspector, it may be also ordered that a sanitary toilet or toilet facilities be installed and be connected with the sanitary sewer and the costs thereof collected as provided by statute.

103.04 WASTE HAULERS - WASTE HAULING PERMIT. No person shall engage in the business of cleaning privy vaults, cesspools and septic tanks without first obtaining from the Clerk a permit therefore good for one (1) year, which shall be issued upon a showing by the applicant that said applicant is equipped to comply with the terms of this chapter and the applicant's equipment has been inspected at the time of the application for the permit. Any permit may be revoked upon the violation of the terms of this chapter by a permittee, and no permit shall be issued to any person who has violated the terms of the chapter. The fee for the permit shall be \$25.00 annually.

103.05 WASTE HAULERS - REGULATIONS. All waste haulers engaged in the collection of refuse matter and the removal of the contents of septic tanks, vaults and cesspools shall observe and conform to the following rules and regulations:

1. Night soil and the contents of cesspools shall be transported in airtight and watertight tanks or vessels only, which must be so constructed and used as to avoid all offensive sights and odors and to prevent any spillage of the contents.

2. When work on any vault or cesspool is commenced, it shall be prosecuted without interruption or delay until the work is completed, the vault or cesspool thoroughly emptied and cleaned with the premises restored to as good condition as before the work was undertaken.
3. Diligence and care shall be exercised in all cases to avoid all offensive sights and odors and the vehicles shall not be driven through the business district of the City between 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m., except upon permission in writing from the Director of Public Works.
4. Waste haulers shall deposit night soil at the water pollution control plant at 500 gallons per vehicle load; a \$20.00 load fee shall be billed to the waste hauler by the water pollution control plant and the waste hauler shall pay said amount as billed to the City Clerk.
5. No wastes or wastewater shall be discharged by any user or person into the POTW from a vehicle which transported the waste or wastewater to the point of discharge, unless the discharge is approved by the Director of Public Works in writing prior to the discharge. The Director of Public Works may specify the location to be used for the discharge and any other terms and conditions for the discharges, including a requirement for a permit where applicable.