

Article C: Permits and Applications

Sec. 15-1-11 Sanitary Permits.

- (a) A County Sanitary Permit shall be obtained prior to constructing or installing a non-plumbing sanitation system and for reconnections as outlined in Section 15-1-13. A privy installation agreement shall be recorded with Register of Deeds prior to the issuance of a Sanitary Permit for a privy or portable restroom placed for more than 10 consecutive days (unless permitted by temporary land use permit).

A State Sanitary Permit shall be obtained prior to the starting of construction of a POWTS (through the County Zoning Department, with state approval if required).

Sec. 15-1-12 Revisions.

- (a) Revisions of POWTS plans or installations shall be submitted as provided in Comm 83.22(4)(a), Wisconsin Administrative Code.
- (b) Fee(s) will be set by Zoning Committee for all revisions.

Sec. 15-1-13 Reconnection.

- (a) A County Sanitary Permit for a reconnection shall be obtained prior to:
- (1) Construction of a structure to be connected to an existing private sewage system.
 - (2) Disconnection of a structure from an existing private sewage system and connection of another structure to the system, except as permitted in Section 15-1-13(4).
 - (3) Rebuilding a structure that is connected to a private sewage system.
 - (4) Construction affecting a modification in wastewater flow or contaminant load.
- (b) Prior to issuing a County Sanitary Permit for a reconnection, the existing private sewage system shall be examined to:
- (1) Determine whether it is functioning properly or is a failing system.
 - (2) Determine if it will be capable of handling the proposed wastewater flow and contaminant load from the building to be served.

- (3) Determine that all minimum setback requirements of Comm 83, Wisconsin Administrative Code, will be complied with.
- (c) Application for a County Sanitary Permit for a reconnection or an addition to a structure as provided in this section shall include the following:
- (1) For all systems that utilize in situ soil for treatment or disposal, a Soil and Site Evaluation report verifying that the vertical separation distance between the infiltrating surface of the existing treatment or dispersal component and estimated high groundwater elevation and bedrock complies with Comm 83, Wisconsin Administrative Code, unless a valid report meeting these criteria is on file with the County.
 - (2) A report provided by a licensed plumber, certified septage servicing operator or a POWTS inspector relative to the condition, capacities, baffles and manhole covers for any existing treatment or holding tanks.
 - (3) A report provided by a licensed plumber or POWTS inspector relative to the condition and capacities of all other system components and verifying that the system is not a failing system.
 - (4) A plot plan and complete plans for any system components which will be modified or replaced.
 - (5) Reconnection to existing holding tanks may require a new servicing contract and an updated holding tank agreement which meets the requirements of this ordinance.
 - (6) Reconnection to an existing system other than a holding tank may require a new maintenance agreement or contract.
 - (7) When reconnection to an undersized system is permitted by Comm 83 and 84, Wisconsin Administrative Code, an affidavit for the use of the undersized system must be recorded in the Register of Deeds office.
- (d) **The County may require the excavation of a pit next to the existing tank to verify the tank's structural integrity.**
- (e) Systems may be inspected at the time of reconnection, prior to backfilling, at the discretion of the County to insure that proper materials and methods are being used.

Sec. 15-1-14 Privies and Portable Restrooms.

- (a) Privies and portable restrooms shall be constructed and maintained in a clean condition so that insects and rodents cannot enter the vault.
- (b) Privies * and portable restrooms shall be located at a minimum horizontal distance of:
- 15 feet from a dwelling(s)
 - 5 feet from lot lines, except that where jurisdiction of the Bayfield County Zoning Ordinance is in effect, the setback shall be according to that of an accessory building as expressed in **Section 13-1-60** of that Ordinance
 - 50 feet from the water supply wells
 - 75 ** feet from a stream, lake or other water course
 - 20 feet from the edge of a 20% slope
- * **composting and incinerating toilets located within the dwelling served are not required to meet these setbacks.**
- ** **setback shall be 100 feet from Class I, II, or III Trout Streams as indicated in the Department of Natural Resources publication "Wisconsin Trout Streams."**
- (c) Applicants wishing to construct a privy shall submit an affidavit stating that their building will be served by a privy. Indoor plumbing; including water closets, sinks, bathtubs or showers, facilities, or any other fixture or receptacle receiving domestic waste; shall not be installed until a sanitary permit for a private sewage system is issued.
- (d) Privies shall be kept clean and sanitary.
- (e) Portable Privies
- (1) Portable privies may not be used for habitable buildings; unless they have a 200 gallon capacity tank.
 - (2) Portable privies may be used at construction sites, but must be removed upon completion of construction. A County Sanitary Permit is not required for construction sites.
 - (3) Portable privies located on property intended to be used by the public in locations that the public has access to (i.e. boat landings, parks, campgrounds, beaches, resorts, golf courses, road waysides, scenic overlooks, etc.) may be placed for an unlimited period with no affidavit required.

- (4) Portable Privies should meet all required setbacks where feasible. The Bayfield County Planning and Zoning Department will make the final setback location determinations based upon the site limitations.
- (5) A County Sanitary Permit and Fee will be required to place these units.
- (6) Portable Privies must be pumped or inspected on a yearly basis and are required to be reported to the County within 30 calendar days.

Sec. 15-1-15 Permit Fees.

Permit fees shall be set and amended from time to time by the Planning and Zoning Committee.