

NATICK BOARD OF HEALTH REGULATION

CHAPTER 5

STANDARDS for ONSITE WASTEWATER TREATMENT and DISPOSAL SYSTEMS, PUBLIC SEWER CONNECTIONS and WATER SUPPLY

Section 1. Authority

The Natick Board of Health, pursuant to the authority under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 111, Section 31 voted to adopt the “Standards for Onsite Wastewater Treatment and Disposal Systems, Public Sewer Connections and Water Supply” to protect the public health and safety of the community.

Section 2. Purpose

The purpose of this regulation is to enhance The Department of Environmental Protection 310 CMR 15:000: The State Environmental Code Title 5, to provide additional public health protection to the residents of the Town of Natick.

Section 3.

The owner or other person or persons having control of any existing building or buildings hereafter erected or converted into a dwelling to be occupied by one or more families, and where a public sewer is accessible, shall, in a manner and within a period of time satisfactory to the Board of Health, cause such building to be connected with such public sewer.

Section 4.

The owner or other person or persons having control of any existing building or buildings hereafter erected or converted into one or more stores or other places of business, and whenever a public sewer is accessible, shall, in a manner and within a period of time satisfactory to the Board of Health, cause such stores or other places of business to be connected to such public sewer and must provide an employee toilet facility.

Section 5.

No onsite wastewater disposal system, or parts thereof, including additions to existing onsite wastewater disposal systems shall hereafter be constructed or installed in this town until a permit has first been obtained from the Board of Health.

Section 6.

No building permit shall be issued for a dwelling house or building from which sanitary wastes originate on an unsewered street until a permit for a subsurface disposal installation has been obtained from the Board of Health.

Section 7.

All soil absorption system (leaching facilities) hereafter constructed or installed shall be located not less than twenty (20) feet from any dwelling, not less than one hundred (100) feet from any stream, water- course, brook, body of water or wetlands, not less than ten (10) feet from line of any street, court, or passageway, and not less than twenty (20) feet from line of adjoining lot; all measurements being taken from the nearest portion of the sewage disposal works.

Section 8.

The owner or other person or persons having control of any existing building or buildings shall not increase the number of bedrooms. Construction shall not commence until a permit for alteration or approval of the adequacy of the onsite wastewater disposal system has been obtained from the Board of Health. Occupancy of any such construction shall not take place until the Board of Health has issued a Certificate of Compliance.

Section 9.

Every owner, occupant, or agent of premises in which there is any onsite wastewater disposal system, shall keep the same in a sanitary condition and shall have every septic tank and cesspool emptied and cleaned a minimum of once every two years or at such times as ordered by the Board of Health. Septic tanks or cesspools shall be pumped by a pumper licensed in the Town of Natick by the Board of Health and a copy of the pump out record shall be submitted to the Board of Health within 14 days of the recorded service.

Section 10.

Four copies of the proposed onsite wastewater disposal system designed plan, dated and wet stamped by an authorized preparer as outlined in the Department of Environmental Protection Title V: 310 CMR 15.220, shall be submitted to the Board of Health.

Section 11.

Deep hole observations and percolation tests shall not be performed or witnessed during any time the ground is covered with snow.

Test holes shall be filled as soon as all the necessary data has been recorded. In the event additional water table observations shall be required, an acceptable alternative to re-digging the hole shall be the installation of perforated pipe at least 4 inches in diameter, which shall be capped at the top and mounded at the surface level to prevent the introduction of surface water.

Section 12.

The Board of Health does not recommend the installation of a garbage grinder with onsite disposal systems unless the system is specifically designed to accommodate one.

A garbage grinder is not permitted in a nitrogen sensitive area.

Section 13.

The computation of the average daily flow shall be based on water use of 75 gallons per capita per day. The number of people housed shall be based on two persons per bedroom.

Section 14.

Sanitary waste originating from any house, building or structure, which has to be ejected into a public sewer system, shall be accomplished by the proper installation of ejector pumps.

There shall be a total of two (2) ejector pumps: one shall serve as an auxiliary or stand-by in the event the initial pump malfunctions. A house audio/visual alarm system shall also be installed which will go into alarm when a malfunction in the pump system occurs.

Holding tanks for housing the ejector pumps shall have a minimum storage capacity of 200% of the calculated daily flow.

An application and a minimum of three (3) sets of plans shall be submitted to the Board of Health for review and approval.

Section 15.

No well shall be drilled in the Town of Natick without obtaining a permit from the Board of Health.

Section 16.

The Board of Health shall require a suitable source of water supply prior to the start of any construction on a building or buildings intended for human occupancy. Private well for drinking water shall not be allowed where a public water supply is available in sufficient quantity and pressure. If in the opinion of the Board of Health connection to a public water supply is not possible or feasible, a private well may be installed. A sustained pumping rate of three and one-half (3 1/2) gallons per minute for four (4) hours shall be the minimum rate after the well has been pumped to waste, if possible.

Section 17.

A public water supply shall mean any water supply, which has at least fifteen (15) services or serves twenty-five (25) persons or more daily for at least sixty (60) days each year.

Section 18.

Installation of wells for irrigation or industrial purposes must be performed by a Massachusetts registered well driller, after first obtaining a permit from the Board of Health. The fee for this permit shall be as established by the Board of Health.

Section 19.

No pipe or conduit shall transport water from an irrigation well into a building, which is served by the public water system of the Town of Natick. Irrigation well water piping may not be brought through any wall or foundation of any building that is connected to the Natick public water system.

Section 20.

There shall be a separate private well for each house and it shall be a drilled well. A drilled well shall not be used for a public water supply. All wells shall be constructed on the uphill side of subsurface sewage disposal systems.

Section 21. Severability

If any provision of this regulation is declared invalid or unenforceable, the other provisions shall not be affected thereby but shall continue in full force and effect.

Section 22. Non-Criminal Disposition

Whoever violates any provision of this regulation may be penalized by the Non-Criminal method of Disposition as provided in Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 21D or by filing a criminal complaint at the District Court. Each day any violation exists shall be deemed to be a separate offense.

BOARD OF HEALTH Natick, Mass.
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TOWN OF NATICK

The Board of Health of the Town of Natick, acting under authority of Chapter 111 Section 31 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (Ter.Ed.) and every other act thereto enabling, have in the interest of and for the preservation of the public health, hereby prescribes and establishes the following Rules and Regulations relative to Cesspools, Septic Tanks, Privy Vaults, Public Sewers and Water Supply, which shall remain in force until further ordered and which may be amended or added to hereafter from time to time. Notice to all persons deemed interested was made by paid advertisement in the Natick Bulletin October 10, 1979. A public hearing as announced in said notice was held at the office of the Board of Health, Natick, at 8:00 p.m. on October 15, 1979.

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