

CHAPTER 14  
SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS

Article 1. General Requirements.

Sec. 14-101. Residential on-site sewage systems and commercial on-site sewage systems shall be constructed, maintained, and operated in accordance with this chapter and 410 IAC 6.

Sec. 14-102. Wherever a public combined or sanitary sewer becomes available within 100 feet of any property line on which a residential on-site sewage system is located or within 300 feet of any property line on which a commercial on-site sewage system is located, and the property is located in Marion County, the owner of the property shall:

- (a) Establish a direct connection for the property to the sanitary sewerage system within 180 days, unless granted an extension under sections 105 and 106 of this chapter;
- (b) Abandon the on-site sewage system in accordance with 410 IAC 6 and
- (c) Report the abandonment of the on-site sewage system to the Health Officer within 2 business days of completion.

Sec. 14-103. Whenever a new residential building is being built and a sanitary sewerage system is available within 100 feet of any property line of the property, the owner of the property shall connect the new residential building to the sanitary sewerage system.

Sec. 14-104. Whenever a new commercial building is being built and a sanitary sewerage system is available within 300 feet of any property line of the property, the owner of the property shall connect the new commercial building to the sanitary sewerage system.

Sec. 14-105. A property owner applying for an extension of the requirement to connect to the sanitary sewerage system in Sec. 14-102 must submit:

- (a) Documentation that the property owner's on-site sewage system was approved in writing by the Health Officer at the time of installation or written determination from a person certified as an on-site sewage system installer or inspector by the Indiana Onsite Wastewater Professionals Association that the system was installed in accordance with the applicable state and local standards at the time of installation;
- (b) Written determination from a person certified as an on-site sewage system installer or inspector by the Indiana Onsite Wastewater Professionals Association that the on-site sewage disposal system is not in failure, and that the on-site sewage system consists of a septic tank and soil absorption system;
- (c) Any plans, specifications, soil reports, and other information that the Health Officer deems necessary;
- (d) Documentation that the on-site sewage system is not within the regulatory flood elevation; and
- (e) An application for an operating permit in accordance with Sec. 14-207 of this chapter.

Sec. 14-106.

(a) The Health Officer shall provide the property owner with a written determination no longer than 60 days after the receipt of the property owner's request for an extension under Sec. 14-105 and all information required under that section. If the extension is granted, a property owner shall not be required to connect to a public combined or sanitary sewer for a period of 5 years from the date the Health Officer approved the extension.

(b) An extension granted under Sec. 14-105 shall be void if the on-site sewage system is found to be in failure.

(c) If ownership of a property that has been granted an extension is transferred during a valid extension period, the exemption applies to the subsequent owner of the property for the remainder of the extension period if the property owner applies for and receives an operating permit as under Sec. 14-207.

(d) A property owner may reapply for additional extensions when an operating permit expires.

Sec. 14-107. Whenever the Health Officer determines that a sanitary sewerage system that is located in Marion County and not owned by the municipal utility in Marion County creates a public health hazard, the owner of the sanitary sewerage system shall be required to immediately connect the sanitary sewerage system directly to a sanitary sewerage system owned by the municipal utility in Marion County, and the private sanitary sewerage system shall no longer be used.

Sec. 14-108. A valve or other device which permits the bypassing of sewage to the ground surface, or to a ditch, stream or lake, shall not be allowed.

Article 2. Residential and Commercial On-Site Sewage Systems; Permits, Certifications, and Inspections.

Sec. 14-201. On-site sewage system construction permits shall be posted in a conspicuous place on the premises. A person applying for an on-site construction permit in accordance with 410 IAC 6 must submit:

(a) A permit application on a form approved by the Health Officer;

(b) Any plans, specifications, soil reports, and other information that the Health Officer deems necessary;

(c) Proof of certification by the Indiana Onsite Wastewater Professionals Association as an on-site sewage system installer for the type of on-site sewage system for which a permit is being applied; and

(d) A permit and inspection fee of \$200 for new construction or replacement permit or \$75 for a repair or change of usage permit.

Sec. 14-202. An on-site sewage system construction permit shall not be issued for the replacement of an on-site sewage system if a public combined or sanitary sewer is available within 100 feet of any property line on which a residential on-site sewage system is located, or within 300 feet of any property line on which a commercial on-site sewage system is located, unless the on-site sewage system replacement meets or exceeds all requirements of 410 IAC 6-8.3 or 410 IAC 6-10.1, as applicable.

Sec. 14-203. A person may not transfer an on-site sewage system construction permit issued for the construction, repair, replacement, or change of usage of an on-site sewage system to another person or another location.

Sec. 14-204. Work conducted under a valid on-site sewage system construction permit must be conducted under the direct supervision of a person certified by the Indiana Onsite Wastewater Professionals Association as an on-site sewage system installer for the type of on-site sewage system for which a permit was issued. The permit holder shall be responsible for ensuring compliance with this chapter and 410 IAC 6.

Sec. 14-205. The permit holder shall notify the Health Officer when the work is ready for final inspection, at least 48 hours or 2 working days before any subsurface portions are to be covered. The provisions of the permit for the construction of a sewage disposal system shall not be considered to be fulfilled until the installation is completed to the satisfaction of, and approved by, the Health Officer.

Sec. 14-206. A permit for construction of a residential sewage disposal system shall be void if the construction has not been completed within 1 year from the date of the issuance of the permit.

Sec. 14-207. A person applying for an on-site sewage system operating permit in accordance with 410 IAC 6, must submit:

- (a) A permit application on a form approved by the Health Officer;
- (b) Any plans specifications, soil reports, and other information that the Health Officer deems necessary; and
- (c) A permit and inspection fee of \$135;
- (d) A permit transfer fee of \$85 is required to transfer an operating permit to a subsequent owner of the property for which an operating permit has been issued.

Sec. 14-208. An on-site sewage system operating permit is required when:

- (a) A property owner is applying for an extension under Sec. 14-105;
- (b) A soil absorption system replacement, permitted in accordance with Sec. 14-201, for a residential or commercial on-site sewage system cannot meet or exceed the minimum provisions of 410 IAC 6, and deviations of those provisions are approved by the Health Officer; or
- (c) A residential or commercial on-site sewage system is installed using technology new to Indiana that has been approved by the Indiana State Department of Health

Sec. 14-209. An operating permit for an on-site sewage system shall be void, if not renewed, within 5 years from the date of the issuance of the permit.

Sec. 14-210. The Health Officer, prior to the issuance of any permit, shall be permitted to enter upon all properties at the proper time to inspect the proposed site for an on-site sewage system or existing on-site sewage system. Upon issuance of any permit, the Health Officer shall be permitted to enter upon all properties at the proper time to inspect the installation, repair, replacement, maintenance, or operation of an on-site sewage system.

#### Article 3. Additional Requirements.

Sec. 14-301. The minimum septic tank capacity shall be 1,000 gallons for residential and commercial on-site sewage system construction permits.

Sec. 14-302. The minimum design daily flow or “DDF” for residential and commercial construction permits shall be 300 gallons per day.

#### Article 4. Lift Station Signage and Spill Response Requirements

Sec. 14-401. An owner of sanitary sewerage system shall post a weather-resistant sign displaying emergency contact information on or adjacent to mechanical infrastructure. Emergency contact information shall include the name of the operator, an emergency number which shall be answered 24 hours a day and 7 days a week, and other information that the Health Officer deems necessary.

Sec. 14-402. An owner of sanitary sewerage system shall notify the Health Officer immediately by phone in the event of a sanitary sewer overflow or mechanical infrastructure failure.

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