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**TOWN OF BETHEL
BETHEL HEALTH DEPARTMENT-BETHEL PUBLIC UTILITIES DEPARTMENT
POLICY FOR SEPTIC SYSTEM PARTS REPLACEMENT IN PUBLIC SEWER AREAS**

Request to Replace or Repair a Septic Tank identified in Defective Condition and/or limited septic system parts repair/replacement/relocation (distribution box or septic system piping) in defective condition or due to location which is Part of a Functioning Septic leaching System Within the SEWER SERVICE AREA.

Any person requesting to replace a defective septic tank, limited parts replacement and/or relocation (distribution box and or piping) in the established sewer service area will be required to provide a notification and permit request to the Bethel Health Department review and acceptance to proceed in filing a septic system permit under this policy and the Connecticut Public Health Code (CT PHC) regulations and the Public Sewer Rules and Regulations and must demonstrate the following:

- a. The existing septic leaching system on the subject property for which the minor septic tank or component replacement permit is requested must:
 1. The property owner must submit their request in writing and describe that in their opinion the existing septic system is functioning properly and there is no sewage nuisance conditions that exist (discharge on top of ground, back up in building, discharge to another unapproved source). Bethel Health Department (BHD) retains the right to request a Licensed Installer septic system investigation report indicating that the existing leaching system is functioning.
 2. The Bethel Health Department (BHD) will review the septic tank or septic component repair and/or replacement request and plan and determine if the request is acceptable to the Policy in place and all parties impacted by this request.
 3. No sewage shall be allowed to discharge or flow into any storm drain, gutter, street, roadway or public place, nor shall such material discharge onto any private property so as to create a nuisance or condition detrimental to health. Whenever it is brought to the attention of the local director of health that such a condition exists on any property, he shall investigate and cause the abatement of this condition.

- b. Failure to grant the request for the septic tank replacement and/or repair on the subject real property would be unreasonable and an undue hardship, subject to the Bethel Health Department technical review and determination that the request appears to meet the CT PHC and appears to meet the health department and public sewer policy of the town. Undue hardship for purposes of this request shall consist of one or more of the following and shall not have been caused by or contributed to by the property owner requestor:
 1. The septic leaching system is functioning properly.
 2. The septic tank repair and/or replacement is due to tank defects and/or location solely and re-connection to the existing functioning septic system is the only work involved or being done.

3. The septic tank or d-box, or piping replacement is the only work being done as part of the existing functioning septic leaching system. All work included and installed must meet the CT Public Health Code on-site sewage disposal regulations and all other applicable regulations and requirements that are applicable.
 4. The property owner understands that they are responsible for the septic tank or the limited defective part replacement work done and all the associated costs. If/when after the request and performance of the septic tank replacement and/or limited septic tank component work has been completed, and the existing leaching system is no longer functioning properly per Code regulations, the property owner must take action to complete the required public sewer connection required work and complete the procedures necessary including receipt of a public sewer permit and to take all the necessary action required to connect to the existing public sewers in the sewer district to properly discharge sewage from their property into the public sewers that exist.
- c. Should the request be granted by the Bethel Health Department, the property owner applicant shall be responsible to comply with all other rules, regulations, fees, permit procedures of the Connecticut Public Health Code and the Town of Bethel Public Sewer Rules and Regulations including the following procedures described below:

In the event the requestor's application is granted, the property owner and/or their representative are responsible for the following:

1. A septic system repair/replacement permit application must be submitted along with a septic tank, d-box or piping replacement plan for the health department review and approval.
2. The property owner/applicant is responsible to pay the health department for all permit fees required for the work to be done involving the existing on-site sewage disposal system which is associated with the health department requirements, procedures and process for septic system septic tank and/or limited septic part replacement and/or repair work done and described in this policy, other health department policy documents and per the Connecticut Public Health Code.
3. A septic tank and/or d-box or piping as-built plan must be submitted and accepted by the health department for sign off of the septic part replacement only
4. All costs and expenses in the repair and/or replacement and of the defective septic system components are the responsibility of the property owner. Septic system component replacement may or may not have an impact on the existing leaching system lifespan and at such time that the system is no longer functioning immediate connection to the public sewer system is required.

This policy is for septic systems in the public sewer areas that have functioning leaching systems and the special limited septic system parts replacement and/or repair work exception requested is for a defective septic tank replacement or repair and/or replacement of a crushed d-box or piping from an event that occurred and/or was identified. This policy does not cover septic leaching systems that are no longer functioning properly and are considered in failure status. If a septic leaching system is identified as a sewage nuisance condition (discharging on top of ground, backing up in a structure, discharging to a water body or other non-approved area for sewage discharge per the Connecticut Public Health Code and/or the septic tank is in "flood" condition due to the fact the leaching system is no longer functioning) then connection to the public sewers in the public sewer area is required and all requirements of the Public Utilities Public Sewer Authority must be complied with.

