REGULATIONS CONCERNING SUBSURFACE SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS

CHESPROCOTT HEALTH DISTRICT

Effective July 1, 2015

I. Statement of Purpose

In order to protect the Public Health within the District by control of the testing, design, installation, and use of subsurface sewage disposal systems, this regulation is adopted by the Board of Directors in accordance with Sec. 19a-242 of the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut.

II. Soil testing and design and installation of subsurface sewage disposal systems shall, in general, conform to Sec. 19-13-103a to 19-13-103f, inclusive and the Technical Standards referred to therein, of the Public Health Code of the State of Connecticut.

III. Section II notwithstanding, specific additional requirements are as follows:

   a. Soil Testing for subdivisions and new systems may be conducted throughout the entire calendar year with the exception that all testing conducted during the months of June through October shall be witnessed by a certified soil scientist employed by the Health District. The additional testing fee for the soil scientist shall be borne by the applicant. When there is an indication of a high ground water level, further testing may be required between February 1 and May 31 prior to approval of lot suitability.

   b. Soil testing to assist in repair of existing septic systems may be performed throughout the year, without the additional soil scientist review.

   c. All soil tests shall be conducted or witnessed by a member of the Health District staff.

IV. Soil tests shall be conducted in accordance with Technical Standards published by the Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH). A minimum required soil test shall consist of at least one deep pit and one percolation test in the area of the proposed leaching system area to be installed, and one deep pit and one percolation test in the proposed reserve system area. Additional deep pits and percolation tests may be required at the option of the District staff member conducting or witnessing the tests.

V. The applicant (for testing) shall be responsible for the digging and backfilling of all the holes, provision of water for percolation testing and all other necessary arrangements.

VI. Septic system design shall be in conformance with requirements of the DPH and the Chesprocott Health District.
VII. No septic system shall be installed, altered, or repaired by any person or persons until a permit has been issued by the Director of Health or his authorized agent on approved Health District forms.

VIII. A. With the exception of VIII B, below, no person shall install, alter, or repair a septic system or any of its components unless he or she is the holder of a current license as a subsurface sewage disposal installer issued by DPH.

B. The owner of an existing single family residence may be issued a permit to install, alter, or repair his own septic system without being required to hold a subsurface sewage disposal system installer’s license. Except for the operation of heavy equipment, the permittee shall perform all work and shall be responsible for the installation, alteration, or repair.

IX. No installation, alteration, or repair of a septic system shall be covered backfilled, or closed until the Director of Health or an authorized agent shall have performed all necessary inspections and given permission to cover, backfill, or close.

X. The Director of Health or his authorized agent may, as conditions of issuance of either installation permits or permits to discharge sewage (usage permits), attach requirements for further testing, proof of maintenance, or other proofs to ensure proper installation or operation of septic systems.

XI. The Director of Health or his authorized agent may require submission of an as-built drawing of an installation, alteration, or repair to septic system by a professional engineer, land surveyor, or other person acceptable to him or her, prior to issuance of a permit to discharge sewage (usage permit).

XII. The Board of Directors of the Health District shall determine fees to be collected for service of the Health District, and may change the schedule of fees.

XIII. The regulations shall replace Health District subsurface regulations previously in effect, and shall take effect April 1, 1989.

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