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SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM WAIVER APPLICATION

Applicant (Owner):

Telephone # / Email:

Mailing Address: Street Town / Village State ZIP

Site Address: Street Town / Village State ZIP

Tax Map I.D.: Section Block Lot

1. This information is submitted in support of the application for a variance/waiver from the Washington County Local Law No. 1 of 1988 as amended March 17, 1989 establishing a County Wide Sanitary Code.

Proposed design cannot meet standards of the Wastewater Treatment Handbook - Individual Household Systems published by the New York State Health Department or Design Standards for Intermediate Sized Wastewater Treatment Systems published by New York Department of Environmental Conservation for the following reasons:

- Separation distance cannot be achieved. Excessive Slope Proposed design and or technology Other

2. Provide a brief description of design criteria which will mitigate noncompliance with the requirements of local law stated above. Include a detailed design, record of soil/site investigation and evaluation and a site plan which depicts conditions of concern existing on parcels abutting the site location including but not limited to location of wells, water bodies and wetland.

3. Signature of Applicant and Professional Engineer/Registered Architect

I (Applicant) acknowledge that this request for waiver is necessary because an on-site wastewater treatment system at this property cannot meet the referenced standards of Wastewater Treatment Handbook - Individual Household Systems published by the NYSDOH or Design Standards for Intermediate Sized Wastewater Treatment Systems published by NYSDEC. I accept the system design as proposed.

I (Professional Engineer/Registered Architect) acknowledge that this request for waiver from standards of Wastewater Treatment Handbook - Individual Household Systems published by the NYSDOH or Design Standards for Intermediate Sized Wastewater Treatment Systems published by NYSDEC is necessary because one or more conditions prevent construction of an on-site wastewater treatment system that is compliant with standards. By my signature, the proposed design will provide a degree of protection equivalent to the intent of the requirements and will not result in an increased risk to public and environmental health.

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Based upon the information provided in this application to waive the referenced standards and in accordance with County of Washington Local Law No. 1 of 1988 as amended March 17, 1989 Establishing a County Wide Sanitary Code: Article VII, Section 1: Variances and Section 2: Waivers, the waiver requested is hereby:

- Approved : Install as proposed
Approved : Install with the following conditions:
Denied : for the following reasons:

Code Enforcement Administrator

Signature

Date



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Completing the Sewage Disposal Waiver Application

Applicability

This Waiver Application form is intended for use by the applicant (property owner) and the applicant's engineer to present information for consideration by Washington County Code Enforcement having jurisdiction to approve an onsite wastewater treatment system (OWTS) that does not comply with one or more standards. A waiver shall be obtained before construction of the onsite wastewater treatment system.

Background

Washington County Code Enforcement may grant a waiver from the required standards only under the following circumstances:

1. Conditions at the particular site make it impractical to comply with these standards or
2. Disapproval will result in a significant hardship.
3. Appropriate protective measures to mitigate noncompliance are applied;
4. The design is not likely to pose a health hazard or create environmental contamination.

A Waiver **IS NOT** intended as a device for routinely approving wastewater treatment systems that do not meet design standards. It is intended to provide administrative flexibility to resolve cases when hardships exist and/or other circumstances that make it impractical to meet design standards. *The issuance of a waiver is discretionary to the Washington County Code Enforcement Administrator.*

The Waiver application shall provide information and background about the site conditions and detail the proposal so that Code Enforcement is able to determine whether to approve or deny the application. The Code Enforcement Representative may ask for additional information to be submitted to make that determination.

General Information

Provide the applicant's current mailing address and contact information. Also provide the address of the property the waiver is being applied for, even if it is the same as the mailing address.

Reasons for Noncompliance

Check the applicable reason(s) for which the waiver is requested. If not already listed, include the specific standard(s) in the space provided and provide a brief explanation. More detailed information can be attached as needed or as appropriate.

Proposed Design Mitigation

Provide a brief description of the site characteristics and OWTS design in the space provided. Detailed information (report) and design plans can be attached to the application.

Supporting Information

The amount and/or detail of the information required by the Code Enforcement representative may depend on the complexity of the site conditions. To obtain a waiver, the applicant must demonstrate that the onsite wastewater treatment system design proposal is acceptable and is not likely to pose a health or environmental hazard.

Detailed Site Plan contents may include some or all of the following: surveyed plat, accurate location of onsite and neighboring (if applicable) drinking water sources and water courses, site topography, drainage features and any pertinent physical features.

Detailed Design shall be submitted by a NYS licensed Professional Engineer or NYS Licensed Architect and clearly identify the OWTS components and locations.

Soil and Site Evaluation shall incorporate the characterization of the existing soils through, at a minimum: percolation tests and test pit evaluation, which identifies soil types and geologic limiting conditions (groundwater, rock or clay).

Neighboring conditions of concern shall include at a minimum, onsite or nearby: drinking water sources, watercourses or wetlands. Other identified possible areas of concern that could be impacted by the OWTS shall also be identified.

Acknowledgement of Risks

The applicant (property owner) is required to sign the Waiver application and acknowledge the risks that may be associated with the OWTS serving their property. A NYS Professional Engineer or NYS Licensed Architect is required to provide his or her name and license number on the form and submit the supporting information and stamped design plans on behalf of the applicant.

Code Enforcement Representative Response

The Washington County Code Enforcement representative will approve; approve with conditions; or deny the waiver application. The determination will be sent to the applicant and a copy of the determination and all information submitted with the application will be retained.

Construction Oversight and Certification

The applicant shall obtain certification from the a NYS Professional Engineer or NYS Licensed Architect that the wastewater system has been installed as authorized by this waiver.