

TITLE 18

WATER AND SEWERS

CHAPTER

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18-101. Requirements for proper wastewater disposal. (1) It is an offense for a person to unlawfully dispose of water carrying human waste, household or business waste, or to pipe or transmit raw sewage, wastewater, or the effluent from any septic tank except according to the provisions of this chapter.

(2) Except as herein provided, it shall be unlawful to construct or maintain any privy, privy vault, septic tank, cesspool, straight pipes, or other facility intended or used for the disposal of sewage.

(3) Except as provided in this chapter, the owner of all houses, buildings, or properties used for human occupancy, employment, recreation, or other purposes situated within the service area in which there is now located or may in the future be located a public sanitary sewer, is hereby required at his expense to install suitable toilet facilities therein, and to connect such facilities directly with the proper public sewer in accordance with the provisions of that utility, or to have a proper private system installed according to this chapter.

(4) Where a public sanitary sewer is not available under the provisions of § 18-101(3) above, the building sewer shall be connected to a private sewage disposal system complying with the provisions of this chapter. (as added by Ord. #091108, Oct. 2008)

18-102. Private domestic wastewater disposal. (1) Availability.

(a) Where a public sanitary sewer is not available under the provisions of § 18-101(3) above, the building sewer shall be connected to a private wastewater disposal system complying with the provisions of this section.

(2) Requirements. (a) Before commencement of construction of a private sewage disposal system the owner shall first obtain written permission from the county health department. The owner shall supply

any plans, specifications, and other information as are deemed necessary by the city and the Blount County Health Department.

(b) A private sewage disposal system shall not be placed in operation until the installation is completed to the satisfaction of the city and the Blount County Health Department. They shall be allowed to inspect the work at any stage of construction and the owner shall notify the city and the Blount County Health Department when the work is ready for final inspection, before any underground portions are covered. The inspection shall be made within a reasonable period of time after the receipt of notice by the city and the Blount County Health Department.

(c) The type, capacity, location, and layout of a private sewage disposal system shall comply with all recommendations of the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, the city and the Blount County Health Department. No straight pipe, septic tank or cesspool shall be permitted to discharge to waters of Tennessee, or to flow in manner which shall flow to the waters of Tennessee.

(d) The owner shall operate and maintain the private sewage disposal facilities in a sanitary manner at all times, at no expense to the city.

(e) No statement contained in this chapter shall be construed to interfere with any additional or future requirements that may be imposed by the city and the Blount County Health Department. (as added by Ord. #091108, Oct. 2008)

18-103. Violations. The penalty for violation of the ordinance comprising this chapter shall be fifty dollars (\$50.00) per incident with each day that the violation is allowed to continue constituting a separate offense. (as added by Ord. #091108, Oct. 2008)