

Application for Health Department Review from Building Official



Request for Health Department Review

Building/Zoning Department Use Only:

The _____ (County/City) Building and/or Zoning Department hereby requests that the Virginia Department of Health evaluate the onsite sewage system and/or water supply on the property described below to determine whether:

The existing onsite sewage disposal system is safe, adequate and proper (SAP) for the proposed use (see §32.1-165 of the *Code of Virginia*). Note: This block can only be marked if the structure is designed for human occupancy.

The proposed use will encroach upon the existing onsite sewage disposal system and/or water supply.

Other or Comments:

Attachments (sketch, building plans, plat)

Building/Zoning Official Signature: _____

Date: _____

Request for Health Department Review To Be Completed By Property Owner Or Agent:



Owner Name: _____ Home Telephone: _____
Mailing Address: _____ Office Telephone: _____
e-mail address: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Agent Name: _____ Home Telephone: _____
Mailing Address: _____ Office Telephone: _____
e-mail address: _____ Cell Phone: _____



Property Location (provide directions from local health department):

Tax Map: _____ PIN # _____
Subdivision Name (if applicable): _____ Lot # _____

Current Use (include # of Bedrooms): _____
Proposed Use (include # of Bedrooms): _____

Please attach any recent records of onsite system (Pump-outs, or Operation and Maintenance Reports).

Has property been occupied during previous 30 day period: Y or N

The septic tank and distribution box are uncovered for inspection: Y or N Components will be uncovered by _____ (date).
(To prevent potential damage to the system VDH recommends homeowners first contact Miss Utility for marking any underground utilities. The septic tank and distribution box should be carefully excavated by hand.)

Uncovering the septic tank and distribution box would cause an undue hardship: Y or N If Y reasons for hardship:

(Examples of hardship: system is relatively new, recently pumped, accurate records exist, or excavation would likely damage components.)

Related Building Permit #: _____ Health Department I.D.#: _____

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY:

This report is only intended to address the above referenced request and does not address evaluation procedures for sewage systems being sold through real estate transfers, or systems and water supplies being re-used as part of a subdivision process. This document specifically addresses VDH's implementation of § 32.1-165 of the Code of Virginia and is not to be used for any unauthorized use.

The property boundaries and building locations are clearly marked or identified at the property. I give permission to the Virginia Department of Health to enter the property described, if necessary, for the purpose of processing this application. An accurate sketch of the property, existing structures, wells, sewage disposal systems, and proposed structure(s) is attached.

Owner/Agent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Rappahannock Rapidan Health District



Findings: **Review pursuant to Va. Code § 32.1-165**

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Subdivision: (If Applicable) _____ Section: _____ Lot: _____

Physical Address: _____

Is the existing onsite sewage system safe, adequate and proper or approvable as nonconforming for the proposed use?

(YES) Comments: _____

(NO) Comments: _____

Other Comments:

Please note that each evaluation is based on a case by case basis and may or may not include a Department site visit. There is no guarantee given or implied that this sewage disposal system will continue to function properly in the future. In the event of a sewage disposal malfunction, the owner will be responsible for any repairs or other actions deemed necessary by the Department to correct the situation.

Site Sketch:

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

An owner may challenge a denial by requesting an Informal Fact-Finding Conference (IFFC) within 30 days of receipt of a decision. All requests for an IFFC must be sent in writing to the District Health Director and cite the reason or reasons for the request.

Findings and Worksheet for a Courtesy Review of Building Plans not designed for Human Occupancy



Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Subdivision: (If Applicable) _____ Section: _____ Lot: _____

Physical Address: _____

Section 1 Courtesy Review:

For pools, decks, garages, pole barns, sidewalk installations, and other structures not designed for human occupancy, the local building official may ask VDH to consider whether proposed construction could impact the existing sewage system's function. For these situations, VDH lacks authority to determine whether the sewage system is safe, adequate, and proper as contemplated by the Code. However, as a courtesy to the building official, and by request (see attachments 2a and 2b), VDH may process the request.

Comments: _____

There is no guarantee given or implied that the proposed construction will not interfere with any components of the sewage disposal system and/or water supply. The Department is simply performing a courtesy review for the locality to try and identify any potential conflicts based on information available. In the event of damage to a sewage disposal system or well during construction, the owner will be responsible for any repairs or other actions deemed necessary by the Department to correct the situation.

Site Sketch:

Health Department Official Signature:

NAME: _____ SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____



Copy of Va. Code § 32.1-165

“§ 32.1-165. Prior approval required before issuance of building permit; approved sewage system or nonconforming system.

- A. No county, city, town, or employee thereof shall issue a permit for a building designed for human occupancy without the prior written authorization of the Commissioner or his agent. The Commissioner or his agent shall authorize the issuance of such permit upon finding that safe, adequate, and proper sewage treatment is or will be made available to such building, or upon finding that the issuance of such permit has been approved by the Review Board. "Safe, adequate, and proper" means a treatment works that complies with applicable regulations of the Board of Health that are in effect at the time of application.
- B. The Commissioner shall develop an application and procedure for evaluating an installed treatment works and to determine whether to authorize issuance of a permit for a building designed for human occupancy.
- C. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent the Commissioner or his agent from approving the use of a nonconforming treatment works, provided the treatment works was installed in accordance with the Board of Health's applicable regulations in effect at the time of its installation, is not failing, and is designed and constructed for the sewage flow and strength expected from the building.
- D. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent an owner of real property from receiving a voluntary upgrade pursuant to § 32.1-164.1:3, or other permit, as a condition of approval as a nonconforming treatment works.
- E. The Board, Commissioner, and Department may accept a certified evaluation from (i) a professional engineer licensed pursuant to Chapter 4 of Title 54.1; (ii) an onsite soil evaluator, onsite sewage system operator, or onsite sewage system installer licensed pursuant to Chapter 23 of Title 54.1; (iii) or other individual with an appropriate certification from the National Sanitation Foundation, or equivalent. The Department may perform an inspection of the certified evaluation but shall not be required to perform a field check prior to the issuance of the written authorization in subsection A.”