

MILLIS BOARD OF HEALTH

SEWER CONNECTION REQUIREMENTS

Under authority of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 111, Section 31; Chapter 83, Section 11; Chapter 40, Section 21D (Non-Criminal Disposition) and 310 CMR 15.02 (1) and (12), the Millis Board of Health hereby adopts the following regulations:

The owner or occupant of any building upon land abutting on a public or private way in which there is a common sewer shall, within six (6) months, connect the same therewith by a sufficient drain. A variance from this requirement may be granted by the Board of Health on the following conditions:

A) That the on-site subsurface sewage disposal facility is installed which meets the requirements of the Millis Board of Health; said variance to be only so long as said on-site subsurface sewage disposal facility continues to meet those requirements as they may be amended or revised.

Criteria: The minimum requirements for on-site subsurface sewage disposal facilities, as required by the Millis Board of Health testing procedures, are as follows:

- 1) The septic tank liquid level is to be below the outlet invert.
- 2) The distribution box liquid level is below the outlet invert.
- 3) There shall be no evidence of sewage overflow or odors of sewage overflow from the on-site subsurface sewage disposal facility.
- 4) The on-site sewage disposal facility does not require pumping more than three times every year.
- 5) The septic tank shall not be made of metal.
- 6) A leaching pit or cesspool has a liquid depth of less than 4 feet or 2/3 of the total depth from the invert to the bottom.
- 7) A leaching facility/cesspool shall be 4 feet or greater

from the maximum groundwater.

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- 8) A leaching facility/cesspool shall be more than 100 feet from a pond, lake, stream, river or well.
- 9) A leaching facility/cesspool shall be more than 20 feet from a cellar wall.
- 10) Any other tests or procedures as required by the Millis Board of Health.

The above testing and procedure criteria shall be conducted by a professional civil engineer, registered sanitarian, licensed septage hauler and any person deemed competent by the Millis Board of Health.

Enforcement: Any owner who fails or refuses to comply with this regulation shall be fined in accordance with the Non-Criminal Disposition Act as adopted by the Millis Board of Health as of November 29, 1989, in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Sections 21D.

Severability: If any provision of these regulations is declared invalid, the other provisions thereof shall not be affected thereby but shall continue in full force and effect.

Hearing Procedures: Any person(s) aggrieved by these regulations may petition the Millis Board of Health for a hearing.

Effective Date: These regulations shall take effect June 1, 1991. As required by the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 111, Section 31, an attested copy has been filed with the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection and has been filed with the Town Clerk.

Amended: August 14, 1996