

TITLE 17

SEWERS

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17.10.005. Sewer powers authorized, service area transition.

(a) The Ketchikan Gateway Borough has all powers necessary or incidental to providing the following services within the area of the borough outside cities:

- (1) The planning, design, construction and operation of sewer collection systems and treatment facilities;
- (2) The planning, design, construction of septic waste collection treatment and disposal systems;
- (3) The provision of sewer and septic waste collection and disposal services; and
- (4) Inspection and maintenance of all sewerage systems providing for the disposal of sewerage effluent on-site or to a marine outfall.

(b) The powers and duties of the borough in subsection (a) of this section shall be exercised by the borough as an enterprise activity. The manager shall establish a sewer enterprise fund for this function. The assembly shall approve such rates and requirements as it deems appropriate for provision of sewer and septic waste collection and disposal services.

(Ord. No. 1204, §1, 3-4-02)

17.10.110. Definitions. (Reserved.)

Editor's note—Ord. No. 1206, §2, adopted Feb. 4, 2002, repealed §17.10.110, which pertained to definitions. See the Code Comparative Table.

17.10.115. Inspection and maintenance deposit. (Reserved.)

Editor's note—Ord. No. 1206, §2, adopted Feb. 4, 2002, repealed §17.10.115, which pertained to inspection and maintenance deposit. See the Code Comparative Table.

17.10.120. Inspection and maintenance of on-site sewerage systems.

(a) Prior to the issuance of a zoning permit, required pursuant to section 60.10.105(B) of this Code, the owner of property seeking a zoning permit shall provide to the borough a copy of the department of environmental conservation approved on-site sewerage system plan to be installed, along with all inspection and maintenance requirements for that particular system. At a minimum, the inspection and maintenance requirements shall state the following:

- (1) Frequency of inspections;
- (2) Items to inspect;

- (3) If applicable, frequency of taking effluent grab samples to be tested for fecal coliform by a certified lab, and the acceptable range of fecal coliform count;
- (4) If applicable, frequency of pumping the system;
- (5) List of system component parts with the manufacturer's name, address and phone number; and
- (6) If applicable, list of system consumables, such as chlorine tablets, along with name and address of suppliers for replacements.

(b) The borough shall be responsible for ensuring that inspection and maintenance of the mechanical and electrical systems of all new sewerage systems installed per section 17.10.005 complies with the following methods:

- (1) Per the inspection schedule provided in section 17.10.120(a), the property owner shall submit to the borough a signed inspection and maintenance report by a professional licensed engineer or other person certified by ADEC for on-site sewage system inspections, indicating that the system has been inspected and is operating within the design parameters.
- (2) In the event an approved and installed system is not inspected and maintained per section 17.10.120(b)(1), the borough shall have the authority to have the inspection and maintenance done and/or supervised by the borough, professional engineer, certified plumber or electrician, as appropriate, or any firm approved of by the borough to perform the services required.

(c) The borough shall not be responsible for the electrical systems, including wiring, mechanical systems, including piping prior to the sewerage system itself, system vessels and tanks, drain fields, or any other system or component not directly a part of the sewerage system. In the event a failure of the sewerage system occurs which is not associated with normal inspection and maintenance of the system, the department of environmental conservation will be notified for enforcement action.

(Ord. No. 1204, §1, 3-4-02)

17.10.125. Maintenance agreement. (Reserved)

(Ord. No. 1204, §1, 3-4-02)

17.10.130. On-site sewer system pumping, sludge removal and treatment.

(a) All owners of on-site sewage treatment systems have the responsibility to maintain their respective on-site sewer treatment systems.

(b) The borough will monitor and inspect on-site sewage systems.

(c) The borough will provide for regular pumping of the systems once every three years.

(d) The borough will advise the owners of on-site sewage system failures, and enforce maintenance obligations.

(e) The borough will construct a facility at Ward Cove Mill site that will store and compost the sludge from on-site sewage systems, as well as, nonareawide common sewage systems. The sludge

treatment facility will be designed so that the final product will meet Class A biosolids standards as defined by the EPA, result in a composted product that is pathogen defined by the EPA, and result in a composted product that is pathogen free and unrestricted in its use and disposal. This facility will also accept sludge from the City of Saxman or within the City of Ketchikan on a fee basis.

(Ord. No. 1206, §1, 2-4-02)

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