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Polk County On-Site Sewage Disposal Ordinance (As Amended May 23, 2025)

This ordinance was adopted by the Polk County Commission on the twenty-ninth day of December 1995, revised on July 1, 1998, August 1, 2001, March 1, 2004, February 24, 2006, and May 23, 2025.

Effective May 23, 2025, the Polk County Commission adopts, amends, and revises this ordinance establishing minimum construction standards and procedures for on-site sewage disposal systems as outlined in RSMO (1994) Sections 701.025 – 701.059 and in 19CSR20-3.060 and in 19CSR20-3.080 with the following exceptions:

1. "People of the State of Missouri" shall mean citizens of Polk County.
2. "Department" shall mean Polk County Commission or, as designated, Polk County Health Center.
3. Section 701.049 of RSMO (1994) is not applicable to this ordinance. All money collected under the Polk County On-Site Sewage Disposal Ordinance shall be deposited in the Polk County Health Center account.
4. All non-municipal individual on-site sewage disposal systems in Polk County, regardless of lot size or acreage, shall require a soil morphology test, design approval and permit prior to installation of new septic systems and modification or major repair to existing septic systems.
5. All on-site sewage disposal systems in Polk County shall be constructed by current state certified on-site wastewater installers only. State certified installers constructing on-site systems in Polk County shall register annually with the Polk County Health Center.
6. Use of percolation soil tests shall not be approved in Polk County.
7. Use of steel septic tanks shall not be approved in Polk County.
8. A properly sized septic tank shall be required to precede all wastewater lagoons.
9. Installers shall erect a proper fence around wastewater lagoons they construct, or subcontract the fence erection.
10. Homeowners shall contract, with qualified entities, for scheduled maintenance of all aerated tank units and alternative or engineered wastewater systems for the life of those systems.
11. House plans or blueprints, site layout, soil tests, septic system designs and geological hydrological study (if applicable for subdivisions and developments) shall be submitted for approval



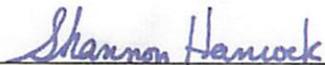
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prior to beginning construction and/or establishing a home on all sites requiring on-site wastewater disposal.

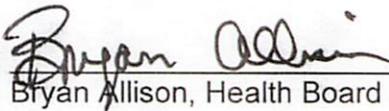
12. The fee structure for on-site sewage disposal and water quality services, registrations, and/or permits shall be affirmed by the Polk County Board of Health and approved by the Polk County Commission.

The Polk County Health Center shall be the administrative agency responsible for the implementation of this ordinance. Fees collected shall be used by the Polk County Health Center for environmental health services in Polk County.

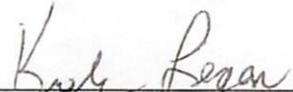
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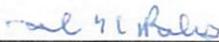
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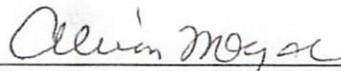
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