

ARTICLE IV - PRIVATE SEWAGE DISPOSAL

Section 1. Use of Public Sewers, If Available

The disposal of sewage by means other than the use of the available sanitary sewage system shall be in accordance with local, county and state law. The disposal of sewage by private disposal systems shall be permissible only in those instances where service from the available sanitary sewage system is not available. Where a public sanitary sewer is not available, the building sewer shall be connected to a private wastewater disposal system complying with the provisions of the Authority and the Georgia Department of Human Resources.

Section 2. Septic Tanks

- a) Septic tanks shall be constructed, repaired, altered, enlarged and maintained in accordance with plans and specifications approved by the local health department. Septic tanks shall be maintained in sanitary working order.
- b) No person shall construct, repair, alter, or enlarge any septic tank unless he shall hold a valid permit for such work issued by the local health department. The health department may withhold the issuance of such a permit pending inspection and approval of the site and location of the proposed work. Before any septic tank or any part thereof may be covered after it has been constructed, repaired, altered, or enlarged, it shall be inspected and approved by the health department.
- c) The type, capacities, location, and layout of a private wastewater disposal system shall comply with all recommendations of the Department of Human Resources of the State of Georgia. No septic tank or cesspool shall be permitted to discharge to any natural outlet.
- d) No septic tank or other subsurface disposal facility shall be installed where a public sewer is accessible to the premises involved, nor in any place where the health officer deems the use of same to be a menace to human health or well being.

Section 3. Responsibilities of Private Sewer Owners

- a) At such time as a public sewer becomes available to a property served by a private wastewater disposal system, a direct connection shall be made to the public sewer within ninety (90) days after notice. Any septic tanks, cesspools, and similar private wastewater disposal facilities shall then be cleaned of sludge and filled with suitable material.

- b) The owner(s) shall operate and maintain the private wastewater disposal facilities in a sanitary manner at all times, at no expense to the Authority or Peachtree City.
- c) No subsurface disposal facilities shall be installed in any place where the health officer deems the use of such facilities to be a menace to human health or well being.
- d) Every flush toilet shall be connected to a public sewer where available or to a septic tank. Flush toilets shall be provided at all times with sufficient running water under pressure to flush the toilet clean after each use.

Section 4. Discharge of Septic Tanks into Sewer System

- a) It shall be unlawful to empty, dump, throw or otherwise discharge into any manhole, catch basin or other opening into the Peachtree City sewer system, or any system connected with and discharging into the sewer system, the contents of any septic tank, sludge, sewage, or other similar matter or material, except as provided in Subsection "b" hereof.
- b) The Authority is hereby authorized to grant permits to discharge the contents of septic tanks at locations specified by the Authority. Such permits may be revoked at any time if, in the opinion of the Authority, continued dumping of such matter into the sewers will be injurious to the sewer system or treatment processes.
- c) A charge shall be made for the privilege of dumping the contents of septic tanks, as provided in separate rules. A record shall be kept of such dumpings and statements rendered at the first of each month, the amount of such statements shall be payable within ten days after rendition. Failure to pay the amounts due within the ten day period shall be cause for revoking the permit.

Section 5. Additional Requirements

- a) Any premise that has a septic tank, privy, or any other sewage, industrial waste, or liquid waste disposal system, located thereon that does not function in a sanitary manner shall be corrected within thirty days from the receipt of written notification from the health department to repair the system.
- b) Premises with private water systems shall not be connected with the public sewerage system.

- c) No statement contained in this article shall be construed to interfere with any additional requirements that may be imposed by the appropriate state or county regulatory agencies having jurisdiction over such matters.