Policy #5: Sewage System Installation Permits – Criteria for Rejection and Application of Rejection/Re-Inspection Fee

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Purpose: The purpose of this policy is to define situations when the Health Officer may reject an installation of an onsite sewage system, or select portions thereof, and when a rejection/re-inspection fee should be charged.

The Onsite Sewage Program receives revenues to cover program costs to administer the program through application fees; the fees assigned to applications are an average calculated expense to cover the cost of Health District time, resources, and travel to process the application. When violations or situations result in the Health Officer expending more time & resources than what the application fee is calculated to cover, the Health Officer may charge the applicant to cover cost overruns associated with their application.

Policy: The Health Officer may reject a Sewage System Installation Permit inspection for the following types of situations:

1. The installation has not been made in accordance with the accepted Building Site Application, plan, or applicable regulations;
2. The installation, or changes in site conditions with respect to the installation or the accepted plan, have resulted in violations of local onsite sewage system or water supply regulations;
3. A non-approved system component or technology has been installed; or
4. The installation or reserve area has been compromised, damaged, or cannot function as intended.

Provided that the/a designer has inspected, acknowledged, and addressed installation variations from the accepted plan, the Health District was informed of variations prior to the request for a pre-cover inspection, and no violations of local onsite sewage system or water supply regulations has resulted from the variation(s), rejection of the installation by the Health Officer should not be required.