

RULE AND REGULATION NO. 01-2013
Division of Sewerage and Drainage
Department of Public Utilities

SUBJECT: SEPTIC TANK ELIMINATION PROGRAM

Pursuant to the authority granted under Columbus City Code Section 1147.23, the Director of the Department of Public Utilities hereby adopts, establishes, and publishes this rule and regulation to be effective at the earliest date allowed by law. This rule and regulation is in addition to any established requirements that have not been superseded or rescinded by this or any previous act.

APPLICATION:

This regulation specifies the requirements and provisions of the septic tank elimination program of the City of Columbus.

DEFINITIONS

Applicant: the owner of record of an eligible property who applies for participation in this program.

Eligible Property: existing single family or duplex residential structure in the City of Columbus that is not connected to the City sanitary sewer system, and that has an appraised value of less than \$250,000 as determined by the pertinent County Auditor's Office.

GENERAL REGULATION:

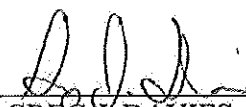
- 1.) If the City builds a main line sewer using capital improvement funds, the owner of any eligible property that is going to connect to the sewer may apply to participate in this program.
- 2.) To be eligible to participate in the program, the Applicant must sign a promissory note with the City of Columbus which will be secured through a recorded mortgage against the property. The amount of the promissory note will be the total amount of the deferred charges and/or the private plumbing loan (See 4 and 5 below)
- 3.) An application fee of \$2,000 shall be charged to the property owner upon approval of the application to participate in this deferral program. This fee will in part cover the costs of the deferred loan program. The fee must be paid before a sewer tap permit will be issued.

- 4.) If the application is approved by the City, the Applicant may defer payment of the following charges to connect to the City of Columbus sewer system until the property is sold, transferred, or is no longer a private residence:
 - a) front footage fee as specified in Columbus City Code 1137.01; and
 - b) system capacity charge as specified in Columbus City Code Section 1147.17.
- 5.) The Applicant may also enter into a three-party contract with a licensed sewer contractor of the applicant's choice and the City of Columbus. Pursuant to this contract, the City will provide a no-interest loan of up to \$5,000 to help defray the cost of the installation of the service lateral, abandonment of the Home Sewage Treatment System (HSTS), and other work necessary as part of the lateral installation. The loan will be due when the property is sold, transferred, or is no longer used as a private residence.
- 6.) Any Applicant who documents eligibility for the low income discount for commodity charges as specified in Columbus City Code 1105.21 may have the application fee waived.

APPROVED: _____


DAX BLAKE, P.E.
ADMINISTRATOR
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APPROVED: _____


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