

CHAPTER 2

POLK COUNTY PRIVATE SEWAGE SYSTEM ORDINANCE

8-2-1 **Purpose:** The underlying principles of this chapter are basic goals in environment, health and safety accomplished by proper siting, design, installation and maintenance of private sewage systems.

8-2-2 Private Sewage Systems

(a) Sewage System Construction and Maintenance Standards

- (1) Private sewage system location, construction, materials and maintenance shall be as specified in ILHR 81 through 87, Wisconsin Administrative Code, authorized in Chapter 145 and 59.065 Wisconsin Statutes hereby incorporated by reference and which shall apply until amended and then shall apply as amended.
- (2) The Zoning Administrator or designee shall act as the Polk County issuing agent of the statutes and is hereby assigned the duties of administering the Private Sewage System Program.

(b) Wisconsin Fund Maintenance Program

- (1) The applicant for a sanitary permit shall be provided written notice of the maintenance program at the time the sanitary permit is issued. The records of this notification shall be maintained by the issuing agent. Upon sale of the property, the owner shall provide written notification of the maintenance program to the buyer.
- (2) Every three years after the installation of a private sewage disposal system, the owner shall be provided a certification form by the issuing agent, at least 30 days prior to its due date. The certification form must be co-signed by the owner and be completed by either:
 - a. A licensed master or master restricted sewer plumber.
 - b. A licensed septic tank pumper.
 - c. County or state personnel licensed to inspect septic systems.
- (3) The certification form will state that:
 - a. The private sewage disposal system is in proper operating condition.
 - b. The septic tank was recently pumped by a licensed septic tank pumper or it was inspected and is less than one-third full of sludge and scum.
- (4) Circumstances such as inclement weather, road weight restrictions and site limitations may necessitate a delay in septic tank maintenance until conditions permit.