

Reasons for restrictions, prohibition, or variance requested

- 1.) Contractor Registration: Installers are registered so that a list of registered on-site sewage system (OSS) installers can be provided to the public as requested. The \$25 fee covers the administrative cost of the registration.
- 2.) Connection to public sewer if available and accessible within 300' of the property and cost not to exceed 150% of the cost of an OSS is required to eliminate the public health hazard caused by a failing OSS: Used in conjunction with IC 13-26-5-2.5 allowing reasons for exemption to connection.
- 3.) Minimum number of acceptable soil borings required: By ensuring 3 acceptable soil borings in one continuous SAF or at least 2 acceptable soil borings in the SAF on each side of a segment drain are provided, minimum requirements will reflect the best option and suitability for the OSS.
- 4.) Scaled drawing: Demonstrates the ability to accommodate the OSS size and type on the parcel as well as the ability to meet separation distances. Aids property owner in the location of the OSS as they look to expand the use of the property (add swimming pools and outbuildings) in the future.
- 5.) Floor plan submittal with application for OSS: Allows for verification of the number of bedrooms in the home. No additional cost to homeowner as house plans are returned to the applicant upon issuance of the septic permit.
- 6.) Inspection using IOWPA form for reconnection to existing OSS: Provides a safeguard to others and the environment by ensuring a properly sized and functioning OSS is available for reconnection.
- 7.) Pre-Installation meeting: Used as site conditions or situation requires. For example: the area where the OSS has been permitted is the only place to install the OSS due to size restrictions, topography, or unique parcel characteristics. As the installer should be laying out the OSS prior to installation, no additional cost is incurred. This practice can potentially save the homeowner money by identifying installation problems before they occur.
- 8.) Holding Tank Requirements: A 2000 gallon holding capacity or at least 3 times the DDF is listed to provide the homeowner sufficient capacity between pumping. Following the septic tank specifications and separation distances provides consistency with the state rule. The requirement for the tank to be capped, prevents the discharge of sewage to the ground surface or to a waterway, providing protection to public health and to the environment. Recording to the parcel allows prospective buyers to be aware of the need to have the tank pumped routinely in the future. Application and permits were allowed in legislation. These standards have been put into ordinance.