

**Hendricks County Health Department  
Financial Impact Statement for Hendricks County OSS Ordinance**

**Date: June 25, 2024**

| Ordinance Requirement <sup>1</sup>  | Ord. Section | Types of Systems Affected <sup>2</sup> | Increased Cost/System <sup>3</sup>            | Comments   |
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| Registered Installer  | B.2          | All                                    | \$375 every 3 years for 1 installer           | Requires the installer to register with the county and be certified by Indiana Onsite Wastewater Professionals Association (IOWPA) or other entity recognized by the Health Officer  |
| Require connection to sewer when it is within 300 hundred feet of sewer from the property line for a failed system.   | B.3 & 4      | Those in failure                       | Possibly up to 50% more than an onsite system | Connection to sewer is the most permanent option; however, it doesn't make sense in all options. Topography, size, and location can make it cost prohibitive; therefore, this also includes a limit on cost of no more than 150% of the cost of a septic system. |
| Requires that any lot subdivided after the adoption of this Ordinance, being served by an onsite wastewater disposal system, and requiring approval utilizing the Hendricks County Subdivision Control Ordinance be at least one and one half (1.5) acres to match the Hendricks County Zoning Ordinance that was approved 2008. It also requires a septic field location with 3 soil profile analysis from a certified soil scientist as well as proof of adequate drainage. | B.5          | All associated with newly created lots | Average \$5000-10,000                         | This is designed to match the requirements in the Subdivision Control Ordinance that are currently not valid due to HB 1402.   |

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| Defines the procedures for utilizing a Sewage Holding Tank. IC 16-41-25-9 now allows for permanent occupancy utilizing a holding tank. It also sets a minimum tank size that has been recommended by Indiana Department of Health (IDOH). | B.6 | Sewage Holding Tanks | \$400-\$500   | Not currently addressed in 410 IAC 6-8.3  |
| System is designed by an engineer, land surveyor, or architect  | C   | All                  | \$1000-\$2000 | Engineered plot plans are already required by our Planning and Building Department. It provides more accuracy of property boundaries, easements, and other obstacles. |

Overall anticipated price increase for residential OSS:

Minimum **\$6,400**

Maximum **\$12,500**

\*Does not include cost to connect to sewer if there is a failure.

\* Includes an estimate for the cost of 0.5 acres of ground.

- <sup>1</sup> Briefly describe ordinance requirement.
- <sup>2</sup> Describe what type(s) of systems that would be affected by this requirement. If it would apply to all systems, indicate ALL OSS.
- <sup>3</sup> Increased cost is per system.