



S.C. Department of Health and
Environmental Control

REGULATION 61-55 SEPTIC TANK SITE EVALUATION FEES

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(This Regulation replaces and supersedes any former regulations)

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Regulation History

Statutory Authority: 1976 S.C. Code Sections 44-1-140(11); 44-1-180

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R. 61-55. SEPTIC TANK SITE EVALUATION FEES

SECTION I. PURPOSE

A major factor influencing the health of individuals where public sewer is not available is the proper treatment and disposal of human excreta and other domestic wastes. To this end and to protect the environment from contamination by untreated sewage, the Department of Health and Environmental Control ~~has established and maintained a conscientious program of designing individual sewage treatment and disposal systems~~ assists property owners with selecting onsite wastewater systems and with locating the system on their site based on the suitability of the soils and other factors, evaluating sites for suitability for individual sewage treatment and disposal systems and ~~as well as approving the installations of such systems.~~ This direct service program is conducted primarily by public health professionals working in ~~county health departments~~ regional offices across the state. Funding for the program comes from state appropriations and the fees authorized by this regulation.

SECTION II. DEFINITIONS

The following definitions shall apply in the interpretation and enforcement of this regulation.

A. DEPARTMENT - The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control.

~~B. HEALTH AUTHORITY - An authorized representative of the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control.~~

~~C. INDIVIDUAL SEWAGE TREATMENT AND DISPOSAL SYSTEM - A system designed for the treatment and disposal of sewage by a septic tank and soil absorption trench. The term also includes alternatives to septic tanks and soil absorption trenches when such alternatives are approved by the Health Authority under the provisions of R. 61-56, Individual Sewage Treatment and Disposal Systems.~~

B. ONSITE WASTEWATER SYSTEM - A system, generally consisting of a collection sewer, septic tank(s), and subsurface wastewater infiltration area, designed to treat and dispose of domestic wastewater through a combination of natural processes that ultimately result in effluent being transmitted through the soil, renovated, and ultimately discharged to groundwater.

C. RESIDENTIAL ONSITE WASTEWATER SYSTEM - An onsite wastewater system that serves a dwelling.

D. COMMERCIAL ONSITE WASTEWATER SYSTEM - An onsite wastewater system that serves a facility intended for the engagement of commerce.

E. LARGE ONSITE WASTEWATER SYSTEM - An individual system that treats and disposes of domestic wastewater discharges in excess of fifteen hundred (1500) gallons per day.

~~D.F. PERMIT - A written statement issued by the Health Authority Department permitting authorizing the construction and operation of an individual sewage treatment and disposal onsite wastewater system under the provisions of R. 61-56, Individual Sewage Treatment and Disposal Systems - Onsite Wastewater Systems.~~

G. SITE - The area or plot of land, identified by a plat or deed that is submitted for evaluation by an applicant in an Onsite Wastewater System Application.

H. STANDARD 610 - SPECIALIZED ONSITE WASTEWATER SYSTEM DESIGN - An onsite wastewater system that is certified to function satisfactorily and in accordance with all requirements of R. 61-56 by virtue of it having been designed by a Registered Professional Engineer licensed in the State of South Carolina with technical input from a Professional Soil Classifier licensed in the State of South Carolina. Such systems have limited application, and can only be utilized when the required engineering design, certification, and technical soils documentation have been provided to and accepted by the Department.

SECTION III. FEES

The Department shall charge a fee of \$150.00 \$? to evaluate the site of a proposed ~~individual sewage treatment and disposal system~~ residential onsite wastewater system. This fee shall be paid prior to the evaluation of any site for which an application for a permit has been made. This fee shall not apply to an application submitted for review under Regulation 61-56: Standard 610 – *Specialized Onsite Wastewater System Design*.

The Department shall charge a fee of \$? to evaluate the site of a proposed commercial or large onsite wastewater system. This fee shall be paid prior to the evaluation of any site for which an application for a permit has been made. Fees paid for large onsite wastewater systems shall include the review of the as-built drawings for the Approval to Operate. This fee shall not apply to an application submitted for review under Regulation 61-56: Standard 610 – *Specialized Onsite Wastewater System Design*.

The Department shall charge an expedited fee of \$2500.00 to evaluate the site of a proposed residential onsite wastewater system for those applicants that request service delivery within three (3) business days. This fee shall be paid prior to the evaluation of any site for which an application for a permit has been made. This fee shall not apply to an application submitted for review under Regulation 61-56: Standard 610 – *Specialized Onsite Wastewater System Design*.

The Department shall charge a fee of \$? to conduct final inspection of each permitted onsite wastewater system. This fee shall be paid prior to the final inspection of the system. This fee shall not apply for a system permitted under Regulation 61-56: Standard 610 – *Specialized Onsite Wastewater System Design*.

The Department shall charge a fee of \$? for an application submitted under Regulation 61-56: Standard 610 – *Specialized Onsite Wastewater System Design*. This fee shall include the review of the application and all related documents for the issuance of a Permit to Construct and the review of the as-built drawings for the Approval to Operate.

SECTION IV. OTHER

A. DESIGNATION OF USE

Funds derived from these fees shall be used only for the provision of services and accompanying expenses associated with ~~Environmental Health programs~~ programmatic duties.

B. UNCONSTITUTIONALITY CLAUSE

Should any chapter, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this regulation be declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, the remainder of this regulation shall not be affected thereby.

