

CITY OF VINELAND

ORDINANCE NO. 2019- 53

ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2006-57, AS AMENDED, CHAPTER 350, ARTICLE II OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF VINELAND ENTITLED WATER AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS

WHEREAS, City Council adopted Ordinance 2006-57, as amended, Chapter 350 Article II, Section 350-2 setting forth the standards for individual subsurface sewerage disposal systems in the City of Vineland by adopting N.J.A.C. 7:9A by reference therein; and

WHEREAS, City Council further set forth as Section 350-8 of the Code, fees to be charged for plan review and inspections of septic systems; and

WHEREAS, the Director of the Department of Health and Health Officer have requested certain amendments to Ordinance 2006-57, Section 350-2 to assure the health, safety and welfare of the City's residents are protected, recognizing the dangers of faulty individual subsurface sewerage disposal systems and further to amend the fee schedule to recognize minor repairs or alterations to existing systems; and

Whereas, City Council finds it to be in the best interest of the City to amend Chapter 350, Article II of the Code of the City of Vineland in accordance with the recommendations of the Director and Health Officer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Vineland that Chapter 350, Article II be amended as follows:

1. Section 350-2 shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced as follows:

**350-2 Standards adopted by reference**

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:9A, a certain document, on file in the office of the Clerk of the City of Vineland, being marked and designated as the "Standards for Individual Subsurface Sewerage Disposal Systems," be and the same is hereby adopted as herein provided, and each and all provisions of the Standards for Individual Subsurface Sewerage Disposal Systems are hereby adopted and made a part hereof as if fully set forth herein as currently enacted and as may be amended.

- A. The Standards for Individual Subsurface Sewage Disposal Systems previously adopted above are hereby amended to include the following definitions:

**1) Repair (major)** – a repair as defined in N.J.A.C. 7:9A that requires the certification of a NJ Licensed Professional Engineer prior to the administrative authority's issuance of an approval to construct or altar

**2) Repair (minor)** – a repair as defined in N.J.A.C. 7:9A that does not require the certification a NJ Licensed Professional Engineer prior to the administrative authority's issuance of an approval to construct or altar

**3) Alteration (major)** – an alteration as defined in N.J.A.C. 7:9A that requires the certification of a NJ Licensed Professional Engineer prior to the administrative authority's issuance of an approval to construct or altar

**4) Alteration (minor)** – an alteration as defined in N.J.A.C. 7:9A that does not require the certification of a NJ Licensed Professional Engineer prior to the administrative authority's issuance of an approval to construct or altar

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**B.** The Standards for Individual Subsurface Sewage Disposal Systems previously adopted above are hereby amended to include the following;

- 1) The only filter material approved for use in individual subsurface sewage disposal systems, including seepage pits, is Jersey washed stone meeting the requirements of NJAC 7:9a-10.3(e)
- 2) All new seepage pits installed after the effective date of this ordinance shall have watertight, locked or bolted cast iron lids elevated to final grade by the use of watertight concrete risers.
- 3) Existing concrete seepage pits associated with existing structures shall be retrofitted with watertight, locked or bolted cast iron lids elevated to existing grade using watertight concrete risers whenever the seepage pit or any component thereof is repaired, replaced, altered or is no longer compliant with the conditions upon which it was approved; or when lack of maintenance results in an unsafe condition as determined by the Health Department.
- 4) All seepage pits installed in Vineland must have a minimum of two (2) feet of filter material installed around the perimeter of pit.
- 5) All concrete septic tanks installed in Vineland after the effective date of this ordinance must have watertight, locked or bolted cast iron lids, elevated to final grade by the use of watertight concrete risers.
- 6) An existing concrete septic tanks shall be retrofitted with a watertight, locked or bolted cast iron lid, elevated to existing grade using watertight concrete risers, whenever the lid and/or risers on the existing septic tank must be repaired or replaced; whenever the existing septic tank is a component of a system that requires repairs or alterations to the extent that the services of a NJ Licensed professional Engineer are required; or whenever lack of maintenance results in an unsafe condition as determined by the Health Department.
- 7) All inspection ports of individual subsurface sewage disposal systems must have threaded caps
- 8) All effluent filters installed in individual subsurface sewage disposal systems must have gas deflectors.
- 9) Effluent filters for all new septic tanks shall be a minimum of 6 inches in diameter.

2. Section 350-8 shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced as follows:

Section 350-8 Plan Review and Inspection of Septic System

- A. The fee for plan review and inspection of replacement systems, major repairs or major alterations of existing systems shall be \$500.00.
- B. The fee for minor repair or minor alterations shall be as follows:
  - (1) Minor repairs/alterations: \$150
  - (2) On site system inspection report review: \$100.00

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BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that any Ordinance or portion thereof that is inconsistent herewith shall be void to the extent of such inconsistencies.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the balance of Chapter 350 not amended hereby shall remain in full force and effect.

Passed first reading:

Passed final reading:

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President of Council

Approved by the Mayor:

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk