

CITY OF MARION
POLICY REGARDING MAINTENANCE OF SEPTIC TANKS IN AREAS WHERE
SEWER SERVICE IS NOT FEASIBLE WITHIN THE MARION CITY LIMITS

In areas where the installation of sanitary sewer lines is not economically feasible due to the unique topography of the area, the City may provide septic tank maintenance and repair service to properties within the City Limits until such time as sanitary sewer service is provided to the area. For purposes of this policy, septic tank maintenance and repair shall consist of pumping out a septic tank at City expense no more than one (1) time per calendar year and repairs deemed minor (i.e. replacement of manhole lids and repair of broken pipes) by the City, but shall not involve replacement of septic tanks, drain fields or repairs deemed major by the City. The City shall in no way be liable for any violations issued by the local Health Department or any State or Federal agency regarding any septic tank maintained or repaired under this policy.

In exchange for the provision of septic tank maintenance and repair service by the City, the property owner or resident shall pay a monthly charge for City sewer service consistent with other City sewer customers and shall be treated as a City sewer customer. All policies relating to deposits, payments and service disconnection that apply to City sewer customers shall also apply to property owners or residents receiving septic tank maintenance and repair service.

All requests for septic tank maintenance and repair service under this policy must be reviewed by the City Council on a case by case basis and approved prior to the service being provided. In reviewing such requests, the City Council shall determine whether sanitary sewer service is available or can feasibly be extended to the property. If the City Council determines that the installation of sanitary sewer lines is not economically feasible due to the unique topography of the area, the City Council may approve septic tank maintenance and repair service to the property until such time as City sanitary sewer service is provided to the area. Once City sanitary sewer service becomes available to a property receiving septic tank maintenance and repair service, City septic tank maintenance and repair service to the property shall be immediately discontinued. The property owner or resident approved for septic tank maintenance and repair under this policy shall be responsible for the full cost of connecting their sewer system to the City sanitary sewer system. Once the property is connected to the City sanitary sewer system, the City's maintenance responsibility shall end at the street right-of-way at the clean-out.

The property owner or resident approved for septic tank maintenance and repair under this policy shall install the appropriate fats/oil/grease separator or trap required by local, State or Federal requirements. The property owner or resident approved for septic tank maintenance and repair under this policy shall abide by local, State and Federal requirements concerning the operation of the septic system by a certified sub-surface operator.

No property outside the City Limits is eligible to receive septic tank maintenance and repair service, unless a petition for voluntary annexation of the property for which the septic tank maintenance and repair service is requested has been received.

Once a property is approved for septic tank maintenance and repair, the City shall only pump or repair the septic tank upon request from the property owner or a resident paying the sewer bill

and after determination from the City Manager or his designee that such pumping or maintenance by the City is necessary and is consistent with this policy.

Adopted this the 4th day of April, 2006.