

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of Amending the)
On-Site Sewage Program Fees)

ORDER NO. 67-2003
)

WHEREAS, pursuant to ORS 454.725, Columbia County and the Department of Environmental Quality of the State of Oregon entered into an agreement dated June 26, 1981 for local evaluation, inspection, and regulation of on-site sewage disposal systems; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to ORS 454.745, OAR 340-71-140(3), and the 1981 agreement, Columbia County must adopt fee schedules for the services provided in connection with the on-site systems which do not exceed the maximum fees established by the Environmental Quality Commission or exceed actual costs for efficiently conducted services; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Quality Commission has already amended fees charged by the State of Oregon for on-site system based on a detailed accounting of actual costs for those services; and

WHEREAS, Columbia County has not adjusted on-site program fees to reflect increased costs for services since 1995.

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

1. The fee schedule which is attached hereto, labeled Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein by this reference, is adopted by Columbia County as its fee schedule for services related to on-site sewage disposal systems and shall be effective November 1, 2003. The State surcharge on local fees of \$40.00 shall be collected in addition to the County's fees as provided in Exhibit "A".
2. Order No. 321-94 is repealed.

DATED at St. Helens, Oregon this 8th day of October, 2003.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: Joe Corsiglia
Joe Corsiglia, Chair

By: Rita Bernhard
Rita Bernhard, Commissioner

Approved as to form

By: Joanna K. Hyde
Office of County Counsel

By: Anthony Hyde
Anthony Hyde, Commissioner

Exhibit A

Columbia County On-Site Program
Fee Schedule

Effective November 1, 2003

(1) Except as provided in section (1)(i) of this rule, the following non-refundable fees are required to accompany applications for site evaluations, permits, and services provided by the county. Fees are listed as a maximum:

(a) New Site Evaluation:

(A) Single family dwelling:

(i) First lot - \$425;

(ii) Each additional lot evaluated during initial visit - \$425.

(B) Commercial facility system:

(i) For first 1000 gallons projected sewage flow - \$425;

(ii) For systems with projected sewage flows greater than 1000 gallons but not more than 2500 gallons, the site evaluation application fee shall be \$425 plus an additional \$110 for each 500 gallons or part thereof above 1000 gallons.

(C) Separate fees shall be required if site inspections are to determine site suitability for more than one system on a single parcel of land.

(b) Construction-Installation Permit:

(A) For the first 1000 gallons projected daily sewage flow:

(i) Standard on-site system - \$630;

(ii) Alternative system:

(I) Alternative Treatment Technologies - \$950;

(II) Capping Fill - \$950;

(III) Disposal Trenches in Saporlite - \$630;

(IV) Gray Water Disposal Sump - \$280;

- (V) Holding Tanks - \$280;
- (VI) Pressure Distribution - \$950;
- (VII) Recirculating Gravel Filter - \$950;
- (VIII) Redundant - \$630;
- (IX) Sand Filter - \$950;
- (X) Seepage Pit - \$630;
- (XI) Seepage Trench - \$630;
- (XII) Steep Slope - \$630;
- (XIII) Tile Dewatering - \$950.

(iii) At the discretion of the Agent, the permittee may be assessed a reinspection fee of \$235, when a pre-cover inspection correction notice requires correction of improper construction and, at a subsequent inspection, the Agent finds system construction deficiencies have not been corrected. The Agent may elect not to make further pre-cover inspections until the re-inspection fee is paid;

(iv) With the exceptions of a Sand Filter and Pressure Distribution systems, a \$40 fee may be added to all permits that specify the use of a pump or dosing siphon.

(B) For systems with projected daily sewage flows greater than 1000 gallons, the Construction-Installation permit fee shall be equal to the fee required in paragraph (1)(b)(A) of this rule plus \$60 for each 500 gallons or part thereof above 1000 gallons, to a maximum sewage flow limit of 2500 gallons per day.

(C) Commercial facility system, plan review:

(i) For a system with a projected daily sewage flow of less than 600 gallons, the cost of plan review is included in the permit application fee;

(ii) For a system with a projected daily sewage flow of 600 gallons, but not more than 1000 gallons projected daily sewage flow - \$230;

(iii) For a system with a projected daily sewage flow greater than 1000 gallons, the plan review fee is \$250, plus an additional \$40 for each 500 gallons or part thereof above 1000 gallons, to a maximum sewage flow limit of 2500 gallons per day.

(D) Permit transfer, reinstatement or renewal:

(i) If field visit required - \$325;

(ii) No field visit required - \$95.

(E) Alteration permit:

(i) Major - \$345;

(ii) Minor - \$165.

(F) Repair permit:

(i) Single family dwelling:

(I) Major - \$345;

(II) Minor - \$165.

(ii) Commercial facility:

(I) Major - \$630, in addition to the fees applicable under paragraph (1)(b)(A), (B), (C) of this rule;

(II) Minor - \$290.

(c) Authorization Notice:

(A) If field visit required - \$ 390;

(B) No field visit required - \$100.

(d) Annual Evaluation of Alternative System (where require):

(A) Holding tanks - \$240;

(B) Other alternative systems - \$330.

(e) Annual Report Evaluation Fee:

(A) Holding tanks - \$25;

(B) Other alternative systems - *\$To be set by DEQ*

(f) Evaluation of Temporary Hardship Mobile Home - \$330.

(g) Sewage Disposal Services:

(A) Pumper truck inspection, first vehicle:

(i) Each inspection - \$100;

(ii) Each additional vehicle from the same company during the initial inspection - \$50.

(h) Existing System Evaluation Report - \$400.

(i) Refunds: The county may refund a fee accompanying an application if the applicant withdraws the application before the Agent has done any field work or other substantial review of the application.

Note: Surcharge. In order to offset a portion of the administrative and program oversight costs of the statewide on-site sewage disposal program, a surcharge of \$40 for each site evaluation, for each construction-installation permit and all other activities for which an application is submitted, shall be levied by the Department of Environmental Quality and collected by the Agreement County. Proceeds from surcharges collected by the Agreement County shall be accounted for separately. Each Agreement County shall forward the proceeds to the Department as negotiated in the memorandum of agreement (contract) between the county and the Department. No surcharge will be collected for (1)(b)(A)(iii, iv), (1)(b)(B, (1)(e)(A, B), or (1)(g)(A)(i, ii).