

WHEN IS A HEALTH DEPARTMENT REVIEW REQUIRED?

The septic and well review form is an internal form developed for use between the construction departments and the county health department.

Section 4 of the application form asks the applicant to choose one of the following reasons for review:

- Accessory structure – garage, shed, pool, other (deck, patio, driveway, pole barn)
- Addition – renovations
- Addition – adding bedrooms

Unregulated and not enforceable with septic and well code, and do not require a review:

- Temporary or mobile items – such as generator pads, AC units, propane tanks, these do not have a setback requirement.
- Retaining walls less than 4 ft high do not have a setback requirement.
- Properties served by public water and sewer are not under our enforcement for proposed projects.

The application for the proposed construction should include drawings showing the distances from the proposed construction to the septic components and well on the property.

Health department review should be required when:

- Increase the number of bedrooms.
- Increase living space (not a pantry or a closet) IF the septic is older than 10 yrs, a septic evaluation and repairs may be required.
- Enclosing a porch.
- Grey water re-route.
- Ejector pump.
- Demo permit.
- Reconstruction permit
- Rehabilitation.
- Interceptor/curtain drains.
- Retaining walls greater than 4 ft high within 20 ft of a septic field or 30 ft to seepage pits require engineering.
- Pools – above ground and in-ground
- Decks
- Patios
- Change in footprint of the home
- Sheds/carport/green house/ large chicken coop.
- Fence with footings located near septic components.
- Nothing can be proposed to cover any septic components or the well.**
- **2nd story decks require a minimum of 6ft clearance between ground surface and bottom of deck structure.

➤ Food establishment changes require a review for compliance with food safety, septic and well regulations.

- Equipment changes/installation (exhaust hood installation, grease trap installation, ice machine plumbing).
- Change in ownership
- Expansion
- Change in number of seats

➤ All commercial change in use when connected to a septic and/or well.

➤ All new pump equipment installations for public swimming pools.