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MEMORANDUM

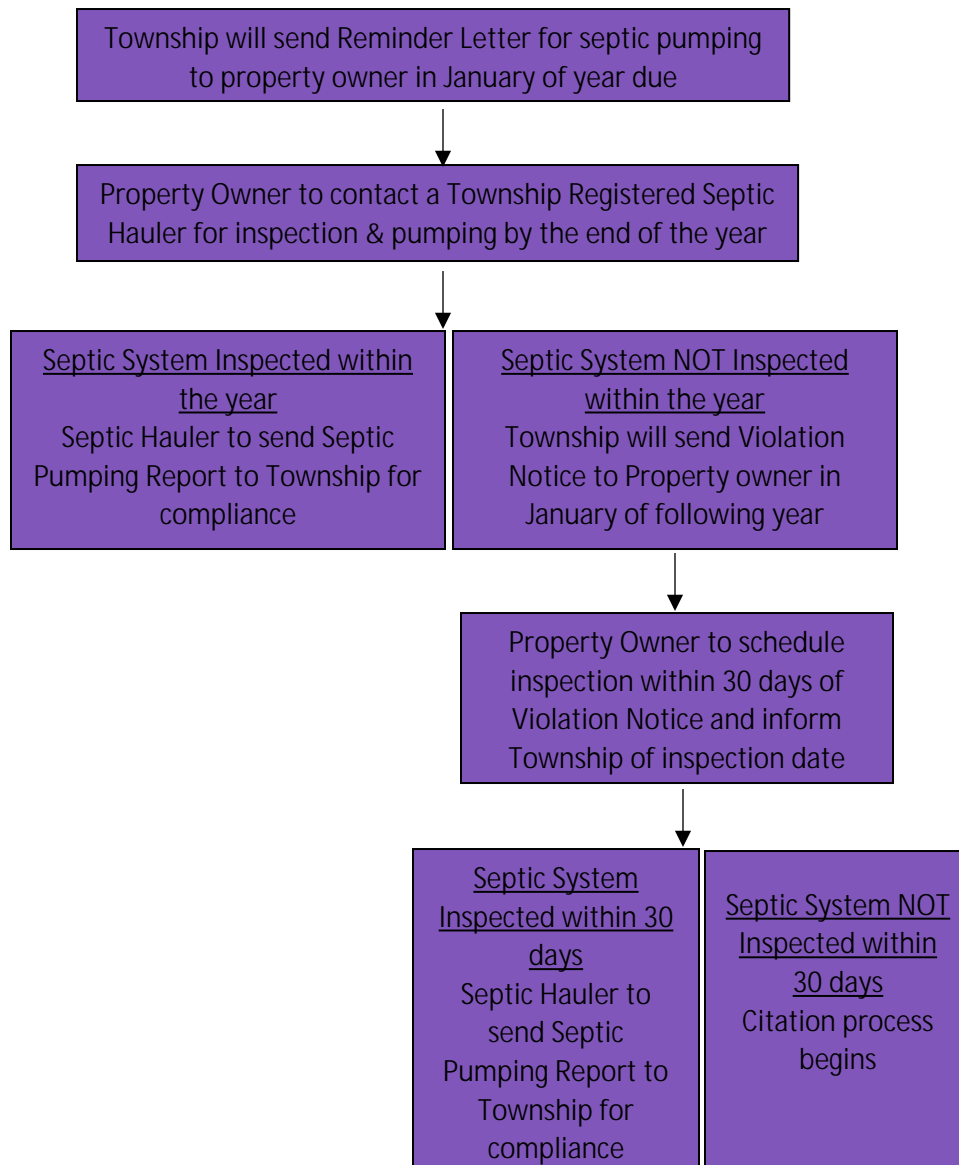
DATE: July 11, 2024

TO: Residents/Contractors

FROM: South Middleton Township Community Development Department

SUBJECT: On Lot Sewage Disposal System Policy

This policy facilitates the procedure for proper maintenance and inspection of on lot septic systems, in accordance with Ordinance #00-02.



Registered Septic Haulers

Each septic hauler who performs maintenance upon an on-lot disposal system (OLDS) or community sewage system within the Township shall register with the Township. No person other than a septic hauler who has registered with the Township for the calendar year shall be permitted to remove septage from or maintenance any OLDS or community sewage system within the Township. The registered septic haulers list can be found on the website or by contacting the Township.

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Pumping Frequency

Any person owning a building served by an on-lot sewage disposal system that contains a septic tank shall arrange for the removal of septage or other solids from the septic tank once every 3 years or whenever an inspection program reveals the septic tank is filled with solids in excess of 1/3 the liquid depth of the tank or with scum in excess of 1/3 the liquid depth of the tank. A pumping report from the pumper/hauler shall be submitted to the municipality to verify compliance.

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Vacant Properties

If a property containing an on-lot septic system is due for pumping maintenance, but has been vacant since the last inspection date, the property owner may request a waiver, via email or letter, from the policy for the current pumping period. The waiver request will be acted upon by the Board of Supervisors. If granted, the waiver is only valid for the pumping period of three (3) years and will not transfer to future owners or occupants. After the three (3) year pumping period, the Township will send a maintenance reminder letter to the property owner. If the property still remains vacant after the waived pumping period, the property owner may request a time extension determined by the Community Development Department.

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Violations & Citations

If a property owner fails to maintain their septic system, or documentation of pumping is not submitted to the Township, within the notified pumping period, the owner will receive a violation notice in January of the following year. The responsible individual will then have thirty (30) days from receipt of notice to schedule an inspection with a registered septic hauler and inform the Township of such date or submit proper maintenance documentation to the Township. If the proper maintenance report is not submitted within the thirty (30) days, the Township will issue a citation to the property owner. It is the property owner's responsibility to contact the District Justice office for guidance on the citation process. The property owner is still responsible for ensuring the septic tank is pumped and inspected after a citation is issued. Each day of continuance of a violation of Ordinance #00-02 shall constitute a separate offense and shall be punishable as such.

On Lot Septic System Policy approved this ____ day of _____, 20____.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SOUTH MIDDLETON TOWNSHIP

Secretary

Chairperson

Date