CHAPTER 10 - PRIVATE SEWER DISPOSAL

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10.01 PUBLIC SANITARY SEWER NOT AVAILABLE. A public sanitary sewer may be considered as unavailable when such public sanitary sewer is located more than 150 feet from the property line. Final determination of availability shall be made by the District.

10.02 BEFORE COMMENCEMENT OF CONSTRUCTION. Before commencement of construction of a private sewage disposal system the owner shall first obtain a written permit signed by the Dickinson County Board of Health Officer. The application for such permit shall be made on a form furnished by the Dickinson County Board of Health, which the applicant shall supplement by any plans, specifications, and other information as are deemed necessary by the Dickinson County Health Officer.

10.03 WHEN PERMIT EFFECTIVE. A permit for private sewage disposal system shall not become effective until the installation is completed and inspected to the satisfaction of the County Health Officer. He/she shall be allowed to inspect the work at any stage of construction. The applicant for the permit shall notify the County Health Officer when the work is ready for final inspection, and before any underground portions are covered.

10.04 COMPLIANCE WITH RECOMMENDATIONS. The type, location and layout of a private sewage disposal system shall comply with all recommendations of the Dickinson County Board of Health and the Iowa Department of Natural Resources.

10.05 WHEN PUBLIC SEWER BECOMES AVAILABLE. At such time as a public sewer becomes available to a property served by a private sewage disposal system a direct connection shall be made to the public sewer in compliance with this ordinance, and any septic tanks, cesspools and similar private sewage disposal facilities shall be abandoned and filled with suitable materials. Public sewer is considered available when capacity exists, and the property meets provisions of this ordinance or pursuant to Iowa Administrative Code Section 567-69.1(3). All work shall be completed within ninety (90) days of official notice that connection to the public sewer is required. Such notice shall be provided by personal service or by ordinary mail. The District Superintendent may, at his/her sole discretion,

extend this timeline by no more than sixty (60) days due to inclement weather. Failure to comply with these provisions shall result in a penalty as listed in Chapter 19 of this Code of Ordinances.

10.06 OWNER SHALL OPERATE AND MAINTAIN. At all times, the owner shall operate and maintain the private sewage disposal facilities in a sanitary manner and at no expense to the Sanitary District.

10.07 ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS OF DICKINSON COUNTY. No statement contained in this Article shall be construed to interfere with any requirements that may be imposed by the Dickinson County Public Health Officer and/or Iowa Administrative Code Chapter 567-69.

10.08 EXISTING PRIVATE SEWERS WITH PUBLIC SEWER AVAILABLE. The owner of a property that has a partially or fully functioning private sewer system and meets the requirements of Section 9.05 of this ordinance shall follow Section 10.05 of this ordinance, even if they have paid sewer rental fees in the past. At no time shall a partially or fully functioning residential private sewer system be connected to the public sewer system.