

AN ORDINANCE EMPOWERING THE CITY OF LAKESIDE TO BUY STEP OR STEF PRIVATE SEWER COLLECTIONS SYSTEMS FROM CITIZENS WITHIN THE CITY OF LAKESIDE.

RECITALS

The City has a sewer collection system to which all property owners within the City's boundaries must connect their own private collection systems, if their property is within 200 feet of the City's system.

The usual private system which has been purchased and installed by the property owners has been a gravity-flow type of system, which can be installed for approximately \$100 to \$200, plus the City's \$700 connection fee.

These gravity-flow systems cannot operate on hillside property, but can operate only on relatively level ground. Some property sites within the City are on hillside locations where a gravity-flow system will not work.

For these hillside locations, only a STEP or STEF system will work. Purchase and installation costs for these systems are more than \$3,000 and \$2,000, respectively, which costs have proved to be too high for many of the property owners within the City's boundaries.

The City has determined that it is in the interests of the general health and welfare of the citizens of the City of Lakeside to have all inhabited and inhabitable properties connected to the City's sewer collection system, as opposed

to allowing private septic systems to exist. Connecting all citizens to the City's sewer collection system cannot be accomplished where STEF or STEP systems must be installed and the citizen cannot afford the extraordinarily high cost of installation.

In order to encourage and assist owners to install these systems, the City has decided to offer to reimburse the City's \$700 connection fee to each owner who installs a STEP or STEF system, in exchange for the owner conveying ownership of the owner's system to the City, along with an easement by which the City may enter upon the owner's property to repair and to maintain the system located on the owners' property.

The City has determined that it should not make such a reimbursement until and unless the City is satisfied that the appropriate system, whether it is the STEF or STEP system, has been installed and that it has been installed properly.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City of Lakeside ordains as follows:

1. All properties within the boundaries of the City of Lakeside which have been developed as habitable properties, must install on that property an appropriate sewer disposal system which must be connected to the City's sewer collection system, whenever the private property is within 200 feet of the City's sewer collection system.

2. The system installed on the private property must be an appropriate system which can efficiently and adequately dispose of sewerage from the private property to the City's

sewer collection system. This means that where a gravity-flow system will not adequately function, due to an uneven or hillside terrain, then the appropriate STEP or STEF system must be installed.

3. Upon installation of an appropriate STEP or STEF system, and after the City has determined to its own satisfaction that the system has been appropriately and satisfactorily installed, then the City shall, upon application by the property owner, purchase the system from the property owner for the amount of the City's connection fee, which is currently \$700.00, if property owner is willing to convey ownership of his/her/its private system to the City, as well as an accompanying easement by which the City can come on the owners' property to repair, maintain and inspect the system.

4. This ordinance is in addition to the City's other sewerage ordinances and if a conflict exists between these ordinances, then the City's other sewerage ordinances shall prevail.

5. There is a health emergency and this ordinance is effective immediately. This ordinance was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Lakeside on the 21st day of May, 1987 and this ordinance takes effect on the 21st day of May, 1987.

The vote was: Ayes: 7 Nayes 0 Absent 0

ATTEST:

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City Recorder/Administrator  
City of Lakeside

Pat Bernier  
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Mayor  
City of Lakeside

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