

Policy On Limited Review of Plats and Maps

Williamson County Board of Health

Currently, when the Department of Sewage Disposal Management reviews a Plat of Subdivision or a Subsurface Sewage Disposal System Location Map for compliance with the Regulations, the policy is that Department requires submittal of information related to and review of all of the structures/systems on the property at issue, not just the structure/system that is subject to the application. The Department then requires any system located on that lot or parcel that does not meet current standards or Regulations be brought into compliance, even if that system is not in failure and is not the subject of the application pending before the Department. While this policy was originally to ensure that the Department was not approving a plat or map that contained out of compliance structures or systems, the result is that this policy can cause significant delay of approval of the pending application and create additional costs for the applicant/property owner. The current policy may even deter some property owners from seeking to build a structure on their property or upgrade an existing structure, where there are other older or existing structures or systems already present on the property.

For this reason, it is the new policy of the Board of Health to approve the use of the Note below to be affixed to any plat of subdivision or subsurface sewage disposal system location map approved following adoption of this policy, so that the Department may limit its review to only the structure and/or system requested and ensure that there is no misunderstanding that said approval is not also offering a guarantee or warranty of any existing structures or systems that may be located that plat or map.

Note to be affixed to Plat of Subdivision or Subsurface Sewage Disposal System Location Map:

The signature(s) hereon from authorized representative(s) of the Williamson County Department of Sewage Disposal Management granting approval of the subsurface sewage disposal system, area(s), map, plan or plat is an approval only pertaining to the specific request depicted here, and/or as described in the Purpose Statement. This approval does not apply to any other subsurface sewage disposal system that may exist on the property that is not related to the specific request as described above. Additionally, the Department offers no opinion, warranty or guarantee of the regulatory compliance or performance of said other system, structures or other matters that may be shown on the plat or map.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2023

Rogers C. Anderson, County Mayor and Chair
Williamson County Board of Health

Approved as to form and legality:

Board Attorney