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RESOLUTION 2013-01

Lake County Board of Health August 20, 2013

Standard Variance Special Uses of Holding Tanks

A resolution to allow for a standard variance from the Lake County Wastewater Treatment System Regulations that may be administered by staff of the Environmental Health Department when specific criteria are met.

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**WHEREAS,** the Lake County Board of Health has authority under A.R.M. 17.36.922 Local Variances and Lake County Wastewater Treatment System Regulations to grant variances to the state minimum standards for on-site wastewater treatment systems, and

**WHEREAS,** there are certain re-occurring circumstances under which the Lake County Board of Health would grant a variance without the usual hearing being necessary or desirable;

## NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That, effective this date, the Lake County Environmental Health Department may issue permits for holding tank wastewater treatment systems to address special circumstances beyond what is allowed by the state's minimum standards which are adopted in the Lake County Wastewater Treatment System Regulations per the following criteria:

- 1. The holding tank will contain special wastewater that is not appropriate for an on-site wastewater treatment system. Examples of special wastewater include but are not limited to:
  - a. Food processing waste such as brewery or winery mash and/or processing chemicals.
  - b. Automotive shop drainage that would be subject to regulation as a Class V Injection Well, OR
- 2. The holding tank will contain residential waste in special circumstances that include but are not limited to:
  - a. An on-site discharging wastewater treatment system is possible but is not feasible for unique operational reasons such as very limited use.
  - b. An on-site discharging wastewater treatment system is possible but is not feasible for economic reasons relative to use (Level II, system complexity, costly easement, etc.), OR
- 3. The holding tank will serve another special use that the Department determines is consistent with the purpose and intent of the Lake County Wastewater Treatment System Regulations.
- 4. All other holding tank requirements of the Lake County Wastewater Treatment System Regulations and DEQ Circular 4 are met.
- The Lake County Environmental Health Department reserves the right to require any system requiring a variance be heard before the Lake County Board of Health if it deems the site conditions or other circumstances warrant a full Board review.

Ann Brower, Chair Date