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RESOLUTION 2019-01
Lake County Board of Health
October 15, 2019
Standard Variance

Setback of Sealed Wastewater System Components to Surface Water and Springs

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 wastewater treatment systems that meet the following criteria:

1. The sealed components (as referenced in ARM 17.36.918) are proposed for a **replacement** wastewater treatment system.
2. No feasible or reasonable alternative exists to install the replacement, sealed wastewater treatment system components that can comply with Lake County regulations.
3. A septic or holding tank may be located less than the required 50 feet from surface water or spring but not less than 25 feet from surface water or spring.
4. A sewer or effluent line may be located less than the required 50 feet from surface water or spring, but not less than 10 feet from the surface water or spring, provided the sewer line or effluent line is fully and completely sleeved to be water-tight by a minimum Schedule 40 PVC or equivalent piping with glued joints to a distance that is a minimum of 50' from surface water or spring.
5. In rocky settings, the sealed components must be bedded in 6" of sand.

6. It must be determined by the department that the reduced separation distance will not adversely impact structures, adjoining properties, public health considerations, or the water or wastewater treatment system installation and maintenance.
7. 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.



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Gale Decker, Commissioner  
Chair



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