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Proposed Amendments to
Rockport Sewer and Subdivision Ordinances

Purpose of the Amendments

Town sewers promote the efficient, sanitary and cost-effective disposal of sewage thereby promoting the health, safety and welfare of town residents as well as the economic development of the Town of Rockport while protecting the environment. Amendments are proposed whereby these benefits are enhanced and the cost to individual users of the sewer are reduced by increasing the number of residents and businesses that connect to Rockport's sewers.

Proposed Amendments to Sewer Ordinance

Section 401 of the Rockport Sewer Ordinance is amended as follows with new language underscored and deleted language in (parentheses):

401. Required Use of Public Sewers

The owners of all houses, buildings, or properties used for human occupancy, employment, commerce or recreation, situated within the Town and abutting on any street, alley, or right-of-way in which there is located a public sewer are hereby required, at their own expense, to connect to the public sewer in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance, except that:

1. Any such existing houses, buildings, or properties serviced by a private subsurface wastewater disposal system, shall not be required to connect to the public sewer until 90 days after the date when the subsurface wastewater disposal system fails to (adequately treat the wastewater) function in a satisfactory and sanitary manner in accordance with applicable law or ordinance as determined by the Local Plumbing Inspector;

2. Owners of any such houses, buildings or properties shall not be required to connect to a public sewer at a location more than (100) 200 feet from the property line; and
3. Should an owner believe that such a connection is physically or financially infeasible, such owner may seek a recommendation from the Planning Board that the Commissioners rule favorably on an appeal pursuant to Section 900 of this Rockport Sewer Ordinance.

Proposed Amendments to Subdivision Ordinance

Section 11.6 A (1) and B (1) are amended as follows with new language underscored and deleted language in (parentheses):

A. Public System

1. Any subdivision (~~within the area designated in the comprehensive plan for future sewage disposal service shall be connected to the public system~~) proposed shall have a sewage disposal system which is in conformity with applicable provisions of the Rockport Sewer Ordinance.

B. Private Systems

1. (When a proposed subdivision is not within the area designated for public sewage disposal service in the comprehensive plan, connection to the public system shall not be permitted.) Sewage disposal shall be private subsurface wastewater disposal systems or a private treatment facility with surface discharge.