

Rome Shoreland Zoning Ordinance Changes

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Section 15(K)

(changes underlined)

K. Septic Waste Disposal

- (1) All subsurface sewage disposal systems shall be installed in conformance with the State of Maine Subsurface Wastewater Disposal Rules, and the following:
 - a) clearing or removal of woody vegetation necessary to site a new system and any associated fill extensions, shall not extend closer than seventy-five (75) feet, horizontal distance, from the normal high-water line of a water body or the upland edge of a wetland and
 - b) a holding tank is not allowed for a first-time residential use in the shoreland zone.
- (2) A person purchasing or transferring ownership of a shoreline property utilizing a subsurface wastewater disposal system shall, prior to purchase or transfer, have the system inspected by a person certified by the Maine Department of health and Human Services (DHHS) Wastewater program, except that if weather conditions prohibit the inspection of the system prior to the purchase, the inspection must be performed within 9 months after transfer of the property.
 - a. A copy of the inspection report shall be provided to the Rome Code Enforcement Officer within 30 days of being completed.
 - i. If a property contains a holding tank, all pumping records from the prior 12 months shall also be submitted with the septic report.
 - b. If the Inspection finds that the system is malfunctioning, the following actions shall be taken:
 - i. The Town of Rome Plumbing Inspector shall be notified within 30 days of the inspection date by the system owner.
 - ii. The system shall be remediated or replaced and brought into compliance with the State of Maine Subsurface wastewater disposal rules within 60 days of the initial inspection, and then re-inspected by a certified septic inspector.
 1. If the second inspection continues to find the system to not be in compliance, all use of the system shall cease immediately until the system is found to be in compliance, as determined in writing by a certified septic inspector.
 - iii. A copy of the final inspection report shall be provided to the Town Code Enforcement Officer within 30 days of receipt.
 - c. Any property containing a legally existing septic system which was installed within the previous three (3) years from the date of transfer shall be exempt from the above inspection requirement.