



# City of Grand Island

Tuesday, December 23, 2003

Council Session

## Item F4

### **#8882 - Consideration of Amending Chapter 26-5 of the Grand Island City Code Relative to Permits for the Installation of Private Sewage Disposal Systems**

*The proposed ordinance will amend City Code section 26-5 by deleting the requirement to obtain a permit from the City when repairing, replacing, or installing private on-site wastewater disposal systems. The State of Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality has implemented new State regulations which require individuals who construct, repair, alter, modify, or inspect on-site wastewater systems to be certified by the State. Additionally the regulations require that all systems repaired, modified, or constructed be registered with the NDEQ along with a \$50 fee.*

*The City has twice in the past attempted to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the State to allow the City to inspect and enforce regulations for on-site disposal systems, eliminating the need for State involvement on individual systems, both have been unsuccessful.*

*As the new State regulation come into effect it does not appear appropriate for the consumer or the installer to require both City and State involvement in the regulation of on-site wastewater treatment systems. We appear unable to influence State regulations which allows the City to intercede in the enforcement of regulations. Local knowledge and local control appears to be the most responsive but at this time unattainable.*

*For the reason stated above I would recommend that the City of Grand Island amend it's local Code to eliminate the requirement to obtain a local permit for the installation and inspection of an on-site wastewater treatment system.*

Staff Contact: Craig Lewis

ORDINANCE NO. 8882

An ordinance to amend Chapter 26 of the Grand Island City Code; to amend Section 26-5 to no longer require a permit to repair, replace or install a private disposal system; to repeal Section 26-5 as now existing, and any ordinance or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith; and to provide for publication and the effective date of this ordinance.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA:

SECTION 1. Section 26-5 of the Grand Island City Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

**§26-5. UPC - Amendment of Subsection 103.1.1**

Subsection 103.1.1 of the Uniform Plumbing Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

103.1.1. Permits Required.

It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to make any installation, alteration or repair any plumbing system regulated by this Code except as permitted in Subsections 103.1.2 of this section, or cause the same to be done without first obtaining a permit to do such work from the Grand Island Building Department.

(A) A permit is required for the installation or replacement of all fuel burning and other water heaters, heating potable water, together with all chimneys, vents and their connectors.

(B) A permit is required for the installation, repair, or alteration of all fuel gas piping in or in connection with any building or structure or within the property lines of any premises, other than service pipe.

A permit is required for the installation or replacement of all warm-air furnaces and heating systems including all chimneys, vents, and their connectors.

(C) No device shall be installed for the prevention of backflow or back-siphonage, or be removed from use, or relocated, or other device substituted without a permit.

A permit is required for lawn irrigation systems.

(D) No water treating or conditioning equipment shall be installed without a permit.

(E) A permit and inspection are required when repairing, replacing, or installing a sewer lateral, sewer tap, or sewer cap within five (5) feet of the City main, and when repairing or replacing fifty (50) percent or more of the sewer lateral.

Any repair, replacement, or installation of a new sewer tap shall be done in compliance with the Grand Island City Code, Chapter 30, Articles IV and V.

~~A permit is required for the repair, replacement, or installation of a private disposal system.~~

(F) A permit is required for the repair, replacement, or installation of a water service. A Plumbing Inspection Fee will be assessed on all water meter installations and replacements.

(G) A separate permit shall be obtained for each building or structure.

No person shall allow any other person to do or cause to be done any work under a permit secured by a permittee except persons in his or her employ.

SECTION 2. Section 26-5 as now existing, and any ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith be, and hereby are, repealed.

ORDINANCE NO. 8882 (Cont.)

SECTION 3. That this ordinance shall be in force and take effect from and after its passage and publication, within fifteen days in one issue of the Grand Island Independent as provided by law.

Enacted: December 23, 2003.

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Jay Vavricek, Mayor

Attest:

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RaNae Edwards, City Clerk