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98.01 WHEN PROHIBITED. Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, it is unlawful to construct or maintain any privy, privy vault, septic tank, cesspool or other facility intended or used for the disposal of sewage.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 364.12[3f])

98.02 WHEN REQUIRED. Where a public sanitary or combined sewer is not available under the provisions of Section 95.05, the building sewer shall be connected to a private or semi-public sewage system complying with the provisions of this chapter.

98.03 COMPLIANCE WITH STATE RULES. The type, capacity, location and layout of a private or semi-public sewage disposal system shall comply with all recommendations of the State Department of Natural Resources.

(IAC, 567-69.3[3])

98.04 MINIMUM LOT AREA - PRIVATE SEWER SYSTEM. No permit shall be issued for any private sewage disposal system employing sub-surface soil absorption facilities where the area of the lot is less than fifteen hundred (1500) square feet.

98.05 DISCHARGE TO NATURAL OUTLETS PROHIBITED. No septic tank or cesspool shall be permitted to discharge to any natural outlet.

(IAC, 567-69.3[3])

98.06 MAINTENANCE OF FACILITIES. The owner of private and semi-public sewage disposal facilities shall operate and maintain the facilities in a sanitary manner at all times and at no expense to the City.

98.07 ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS. No statement contained in this chapter shall be construed to interfere with any additional requirements that may be imposed by any health officer acting in an official capacity.

98.08 PRIVATE SYSTEMS ABANDONED. At such time as a public sewer becomes available to a property served by a private sewage disposal system, as

provided in Section 95.05, a direct connection shall be made to the public sewer in compliance with these Sanitary Sewers chapters and any septic tanks, cesspools and similar private sewage disposal facilities shall be abandoned and filled with suitable material.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 364.12[3f])

98.09 DISPOSAL OF WASTE. It is unlawful for any person to place any effluent or waste from cesspools, septic tanks or privy vaults in any other location in the City except in such location as may be designated by the Superintendent. The rate or charge for receiving such waste shall be determined by resolution of the Council.

98.10 PERMIT REQUIRED. Before commencing the construction of a private sewage disposal system, the owner shall first obtain a written permit signed by the Superintendent. The application for the permit shall be made on a form furnished by the City, which the applicant shall supplement by any plans, specifications and other information as deemed necessary by the Superintendent.

98.11 INSPECTION REQUIRED. A permit for a private sewage disposal system shall not become effective until the installation is completed to the satisfaction of the Superintendent. The Superintendent shall be allowed to inspect the work at any stage of construction and, in any event, the applicant for the permit shall notify the Superintendent when the work is ready for final inspection, which shall be before any underground portions are covered. The inspection shall be made within twenty-four (24) hours of the receipt of notice by the Superintendent.