

**FACT SHEET**  
**ORDINANCE 139 TO AMEND THE WEST COCALICO TOWNSHIP CODE,**  
**CHAPTER 18, SEWERS AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL**

**“West Cocalico Township On-Lot Sewage Disposal Ordinance.”**

- All individual or community OLDS, are subject to issuance of a permit by the SEO pursuant.
- All individual sewage system components must be located on the same lot, tract, or parcel as the structure they will serve.
- No part or component of any OLDS shall be altered, extended, augmented, modified or repaired without the issuance of a repair permit by the SEO.
- The Township is divided into three maintenance districts for individual OLDS.
- Every individual OLDS in a respective District shall be inspected and pumped in accordance with the provisions of this Part at least one time prior to the following dates:
  - District 1      June 30, 2019
  - District 2      June 30, 2020
  - District 3      June 30, 2021
- If an Owner within District 1 had his/her OLDS pumped within one (1) year immediately prior to the date of adoption of this Part, and acceptable written proof of such pumping is submitted to the Township on or before the date initial OLDS inspection and pumping of that OLDS is otherwise required pursuant to the provisions of this Part.
- It is the responsibility of the Owner to insure that the OLDS is inspected and septage is removed from the tank of the OLDS in accordance with the requirements of this Section. No person other than a septage hauler shall be permitted to remove septage from the tank of an OLDS.
- The Owner shall obtain an inspection of the OLDS each time the OLDS is maintained, each time that a malfunction of the OLDS is reported to the Township, and as may otherwise be necessary to insure proper function on the OLDS. The person performing the inspection shall complete a manifest and shall provide a copy of the manifest to the Township and to the Owner of the property on which the OLDS is located.
- After the initial inspection and pumping, all tanks in all OLDS shall be inspected at a minimum regular interval of once every three (3) years from the year of either the initial inspection and pumping or a subsequent inspection or pumping.
- Owners may choose to have their OLDS inspected and tanks pumped out more frequently than required by this Part.
- In the event the Township shall not have received a copy of the required manifest for any property by the expiration of the inspection/pumping period applicable to that property, shall constitute a violation of this Part.
- Any malfunctions of an OLDS shall be reported to the Township no case later than three (3) days after discovery of the malfunction.
- If the SEO upon inspection, determines that a repair or replacement is necessary to the OLDS, the Owner, developer or occupier shall apply for a permit to repair or replace the failing or malfunctioning system, and upon issuance shall complete the required repair or replacement.
- All permits for the installation of an OLDS shall be conditioned upon the inclusion of language in easement document accompanying the sewage permit application establishing a grant of right of entry to the Township for the limited purpose of inspecting, maintaining, sampling, testing, evaluating, or repairing the on-lot system described in the application and permit.
- All applicants who desire to install a holding tank shall meet the following requirements.
  - Proof of Maintenance – Each time that a holding tank is pumped out or emptied, a signed receipt shall be provided to authorized officials of the Township.
  - Inspections – Annually, the owner shall permit the SEO to enter upon the improved property to conduct the required inspection.