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Expiration and Renewal of Sewage System Applications and Permits

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This policy describes when sewage system applications and permits, other than those associated with a Conditional Site Approval (CSA), can be extended or renewed. For this policy, an On-site Sewage System Application (OSSA) includes a Building Site Application (BSA) and a Preliminary Building Site Application (PBSA).

- 1. Any OSSA can be extended for a single one year period without charge if requested by the applicant (see Art. IV, 9.3.3.1).
  - 1a. The total validity period of any OSSA which remains unapproved shall not exceed 2 years from the date of application. Further vesting of the OSSA occurs only if the applicant obtains an On-site Sewage System Permit (OSSP) within the initial 2 years.
- 2. An OSSA approved prior to January 1, 1995 is valid for five years from the date of approval or until January 1, 1996, which ever is most lenient (see Art. IV, 4,4).
- 3. An expired OSSA cannot be renewed or extended. Terms and conditions associated with an application lose vesting once it expires.
  - A new application and currently applicable fees will be required if no extension is requested by the applicant within 1 year of the expiration date of the OSSA, as in #1a.
- 4. An OSSP (excluding repairs) is valid for three years from the date of design approval. This condition applies even to an OSSP issued under previous versions of Article IV.
  - 4a. Except: An OSSP approved prior to January 1, 1995 shall remain valid for five years from the date of approval or until January 1, 1996, which ever is most

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lenient. (See Article IV, Section 4.4)

- 4b. Except; an OSSP remains valid for the life of an associated building permit, if the building permit was purchased prior to the expiration of the OSSP.
- 5. An OSSP can be renewed for three years. In order for the OSSP renewal to be approved by Environmental Health, the applicant must:
  - 5a. Sumbit a new OSSA and pay the fees specified in Appendix A of Article I; and
  - 5b. Demonstrate the site conditions and development proposal have not changed subsequent to, or in conflict with, the original approval; and,
  - 5c. Show the previous approval fully complies with the onsite regulations in effect at the time of renewal.
- 6. For repairs, the OSSP and OSSA expire one year after the date of application. A one year time extension may be granted if there are extenuating circumstances.
  - 6a. The health officer is not obligated to extend the permit validity if site or permit conditions change or if the applicant has not acted in good faith to complete the repair prior to the original expiration date.

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