



BOARD OF HEALTH

The Thurston County Board of Health has responsibility and authority for public health in both incorporated and unincorporated areas of the County.

Public Hearing Minutes of December 10, 2013

Public Hearing to receive testimony on proposed amendments to Article I; Article I, Appendix A (the Environmental Health Fee Schedule) and Article III of the Rules and Regulations of the Thurston County Board of Health.

CALL PUBLIC HEARING TO ORDER

Attendance: Karen Valenzuela, Chair; Cathy Wolfe, Vice Chair; Cliff Moore, County Manager; Don Sloma, Public Health & Social Services Department Director; Art Starry, Environmental Health Division Director and Lydia Hodgkinson, Clerk of the Board of Health

Chair Valenzuela called the public hearing to order at 5:35 P.M. at the Thurston County Courthouse.

Art Starry, Environmental Health Division Director of the Public Health & Social Services Department, provided a summary of the request to adopt an Ordinance amending the Sanitary Code for Thurston County Article I, sections 12.3, 12.4, 18.2, 19.1, and 19.5, Article I, Appendix A, and Article III.

The recently amended Chapter 246-291 WAC - Group B water systems goes into effect January 1, 2014. Group B public systems serve small subdivisions (2-14 homes), home-based businesses, campgrounds, community facilities or churches. Thurston County has a Group B public water system program. With the assistance of stakeholders, Environmental Health Division staff drafted amendments to the County water supply regulations, Article III, that are consistent with the new state law and maintain the annual permit and monitoring program for Group B water systems.

The proposed rules are as follows:

- Adopt Chapters 246-290 and 246-291 WAC by reference, which will substantially reduce the length of Article III, eliminate redundancy, and help assure consistency with state law
- Amend the process for obtaining approval for a new source in an area where water service is already available to require approval from the jurisdictional hearing officer
- Exempt two party residential wells from design and annual permit requirements of the code while preserving basic water quality and source protection requirements (as needed to comply with the certificate of water availability process)
- Require all water system designs for new or expanding public water systems to comply with state law and be prepared by a professional engineer

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- Establish a provisionally adequate category for water systems in existence before May 1, 1994 providing they meet water quality and basic sanitation requirements
- Retain the water quality monitoring and annual permit requirements that are currently required in Thurston County
- Eliminate bonding of water supplies in lieu of completion for water supplies involved in land use projects
- Amend enforcement provisions to allow for the use of civil infractions and civil penalties

Proposed amendments to Article I and Appendix A (Environmental Health fee schedule) will fully implement Article III. These changes are as follows:

- Recognize and authorize the civil infraction and civil penalty provisions in Article III
- Delete fees for activities and services that will be eliminated with the amendments to Article III
- Change the Consumer Price Index date used to establish fee adjustments from June to April to be consistent with other county processes and mesh better with the county budget process

Mr. Starry noted the proposed ordinance and draft rules have been posted on-line and have been available at the Permit Assistance Center since November 15, 2013. Hearing notices were published in the *Daily Olympian* on November 17, 2013 and December 1, 2013, in the *Nisqually Valley News* on November 22, 2013 and December 6, 2013, and in the *Tenino Independent* on November 20, 2013. The proposed rule changes were the topic of a community meeting held on September 19, 2013. To date, all stakeholders and meeting participants have supported the proposed amendments.

Chair Valenzuela thanked all staff, and acknowledged Sara Brallier and Erik Iverson, for their hard work.

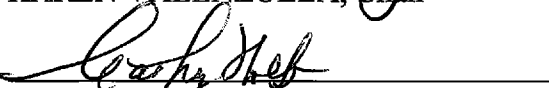
No testimony was received. The Public Hearing was closed.

Vice-Chair Wolfe moved to adopt the Ordinance amending the Sanitary Code for Thurston County Article I, sections 12.3, 12.4, 18.2, 19.1, and 19.5, Article I, Appendix A, and Article III. Chair Valenzuela seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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KAREN VALENZUELA, Chair


CATHY WOLFE, Vice Chair

Excused absence
SANDRA ROMERO, Commissioner

ATTEST:


Lydia Hodgkinson, Clerk of the Board of Health

Date: March 11, 2014