
 <p>THURSTON COUNTY <i>Washington</i> Est. 1852</p> <p>Public Health & Social Services</p> <p>POLICY</p>	Policy Title Adult Family Homes	
	Number ONST.21.POL.857	Effective Date 03/23/2021
	Latest Approval Date 03/23/2021	Approved By Art Starry
	Next Review Date 03/23/2027	
POLICY INTENT		
Purpose	This policy provides minimum requirements for use and sizing of an on-site sewage system to serve an adult family home.	
Scope	PHSS – Environmental Health Division – Onsite Septic System Program <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Internal Only <input type="checkbox"/> Direct Impact to Citizens	
Are Office/Department Documents on this subject permitted?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes, the policy clarifies regulations used only by the Environmental Health Division (Article IV and WAC 246-272A).	<input type="checkbox"/> No
POLICY STATEMENT		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. An adult care facility is considered by the department similar to a single-family residence per Table VII, Section 21 of Article IV for density calculations with up to 600 gallons per day maximum. <u>Except:</u> Increased density may be allowed if a higher flow is desired by submitting technical justification that addresses assimilative capacity with a Method II Analysis or a hydrogeological report. 2. A maximum of six resident clients is allowed according to Washington State Department of Social and Health Services requirements. 3. The residence must be connected to an approved public water supply. 4. Pre-treatment with a Category II Proprietary Onsite Treatment Product is required to bring waste strength within residential parameters for new construction or change of use of an existing on-site sewage system with the following additional requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A maintenance contract with a Certified Monitoring Specialist is required. • Annual waste strength sampling is required. 5. Typical drainfield sizing for each resident is 60 gallons per day, an employee 15 gallons per day and 90 gallons per day for each resident client per the EPA Design Manual. Annual water use figures from three like establishments may be substituted. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Existing sewage system components will be reviewed for use on a case by case basis with the criteria noted above, regardless of age, method of distribution or geological location to determine their adequacy for the change of use. 		
DEFINITIONS AND ACRONYMS		
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency	
RELEVANT LAWS AND OTHER SUPPORTING INFORMATION		
County Code State Law State Rule	Article IV WAC 246-272A	

Other Sources		
Superseded Documents	N/A	
Supporting Documents	N/A	
Related Documents	ONST.20.POL.605 ONST.17.POL.606	
Communication and Implementation Strategy	<p>The Policy Owner will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinate the review of the Office/Department Documents to ensure consistency • Send signed updated policy to OSS Professionals and Staff through Constant Contact e-mail • Post signed updated policy to Division's OSS Professionals Webpage 	
POLICY ADMINISTRATION		
Policy Owner	Steve Petersen, Program Manager EH Division	
Contact Person (if different from above)	Same as above	
Roles and Responsibilities	Kathy Patton	Policy Administrator
REVISION HISTORY		
Effective Date	Approved By	Modifications
03/23/2021	Art Starry, EH Director Name/Title	Policy Created
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Reviewers of the New Policy	Brad Sangston, R.S. /EHS II _____ Name/Title	
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FURTHER INFORMATION	
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