

Report of Public Hearing Davis County Board of Health Regulation Dr. Ryan Stewart, Hearing Officer

Pursuant to Utah Code Annotated 26A-1-121(1), the Davis County Board of Health held a public hearing on January 11, 2024, to receive public comments concerning proposed changes to the existing *Wastewater Regulation*.

The current *Wastewater Regulation* established minimum standards for the management of onsite wastewater. The proposed changes to the regulation include:

- Renaming the regulation from Wastewater to Onsite Wastewater for a more accurate description of the content.
- Formally adopting Utah Administrative Code Chapters R317-11 and R317-560.
- Removing definitions and sections that were redundant from the Utah Administrative Codes adopted by this regulation.
- Revising the Right of Access section to apply to any permitted or unpermitted onsite wastewater system.
- Clarifying what the requirements were within sections that stated it "shall conform to criteria established by the Department." These requirements include:
 - o Excavating the soil exploration pit in a location approved by the Department;
 - o Submitting plans to the Department prior to construction;
 - o Providing observation ports on all systems; and
 - o Defining conditions when secondary treatment would be required;
- Detailing the process for obtaining an operating permit for an onsite wastewater system when a property changes ownership.
- Extending the validity of a construction permit from one to two years because homes are often under construction for more than one year.
- Standardizing the duration of all operating permits to be valid for one year.
- Protecting drinking water sources by stipulating that if a municipality approved for an onsite wastewater system within their zone two protection area, then the system must include secondary treatment.
- Combining the plan review and construction permit requirements into the "Construction Permit" section as the plans are submitted to obtain the construction permit.
- Updating and simplifying the Fee Schedule. This includes combining the plan review and construction permit fees to be one fee. All fees are comparable to the surrounding jurisdictions.
- Updating the formatting to match current Department branding.

Copies of the proposed changes to the regulation were made available to the public on the Department's website and the Environmental Health Division office located at 22 South State, Clearfield, Utah. Notice of the hearing was published in the Davis Journal on December 29th, 2023 and January 5th, 2024 and the Standard Examiner on December 28th, 2023 and January 4th, 2024, both papers of general circulation. Notice was also given on the Department's website and the State of Utah's public notice website.

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Hearing Summary:

The public hearing was held at 5:00 p.m. on January 11, 2024, in room #2002 of the Davis County Health Department, Clearfield, Utah. Written comments were received by the Department at the Environmental Health Division until 5:00 p.m. January 18, 2024.

No public comments were received at the hearing or in writing.

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## Certification of Hearing:

I, Dr. Ryan Stewart, representing the Davis County Board of Health, presided over the public hearing in regards to the adoption of the proposed changes to the *Wastewater Regulation* and have approved this Hearing Report Summary.

Signed:

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