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**ORDINANCE NO. 341**

**AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NOS. 227 AND 235 AND AMENDING WALLA WALLA COUNTY CODE, CHAPTER 8.16, AND PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE WASHINGTON STATE BOARD OF HEALTH ONSITE SEWAGE RULES CONTAINED IN CHAPTER 246-272A OF THE WASHINGTON ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, WITH CERTAIN ADDITIONS, AMENDMENTS AND DELETIONS, AND PROVIDING FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF.**

**BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Board of Walla Walla County Commissioners, acting as the Board of Health of Walla Walla County, State of Washington:

1. Ordinance No. 227, enacted January 31, 1995, and Ordinance No. 235, enacted April 23, 1996, as codified at sections 8.16.010 through 8.16.130 of the Walla Walla County Code, are repealed.
2. Section 8.16.010 of the Walla Walla County Code is repealed.
3. New Section 8.16.010 of the Walla Walla County Code is added to read as follows:

8.16.010 Applicability. This chapter shall apply to the location, design, installation, operation, maintenance, and monitoring of all on-site sewage disposal systems within the territorial boundary of Walla Walla County.

4. Section 8.16.020 of the Walla Walla County Code is repealed.
5. New Section 8.16.020 of the Walla Walla County Code is added to read as follows:

8.16.020 Adoption. The Rules and Regulations of the Washington State Board of Health for Onsite Sewage Disposal, Chapter 246-272A of the Washington Administrative Code (WAC), are hereby adopted by reference as the onsite sewage disposal ordinance of Walla Walla County, together with additions and amendments thereto and deletions thereof, as hereinafter set forth.

6. Section 8.16.030 of the Walla Walla County Code is repealed.
7. New Section 8.16.030 of the Walla Walla County Code is added to read as follows:

8.16.030 Additions, amendments, and deletions – Generally. Sections 246-272A-0001 through 246-272A-0450 of the Washington Administrative Code are hereby adopted, except as set forth in Sections 8.16.040 through 8.16.110 of this chapter.

8. Section 8.16.040 of the Walla Walla County Code is repealed.



9. New Section 8.16.040 of the Walla Walla County Code is added to read as follows:

8.16.040 Amends WAC 246-272A-0200 – Permit requirements. Subsections (3) and (4)(e) of WAC 246-272A-0200 shall read as follows:

(3) The Health Officer may develop the required information specified in subsection (1) of this section.

(4)(e) Specify the expiration date on the permit, which shall be one year from the date of issuance;

10. Section 8.16.050 of the Walla Walla County Code is repealed.

11. New Section 8.16.050 of the Walla Walla County Code is added to read as follows:

8.16.050 Amends WAC 246-272A-210 – Location. Subsection (5)(a) of WAC 246-272A-210 shall read as follows:

(5)(a) The slope is less than fifteen percent (Eight degrees);

12. Section 8.16.060 of the Walla Walla County Code is repealed.

13. New Section 8.16.060 of the Walla Walla County Code is added to read as follows:

8.16.060 Amends WAC 246-272A-0232 – Design requirements – Septic tank sizing. Subsection (2)(a) of WAC 246-272A-0232 shall read as follows:

(2)(a) For a single family residence use Table VII, Required Minimum Liquid Volumes of Septic Tanks:

**Table VII**

**Required Minimum Liquid Volumes of Septic Tanks**

<b>Number of Bedrooms</b>	<b>Required Minimum Liquid Tank Volume in Gallons</b>
<b>≤ 3</b>	<b>1000</b>
<b>Each additional bedroom</b>	<b>250</b>

14. Section 8.16.070 of the Walla Walla County Code is repealed.

15. New Section 8.16.070 of the Walla Walla County Code is added to read as follows:



8.16.070 Amends WAC 246-272A-0234 – Design requirements – Soil dispersal components. Subsections (1)(d)(ii), (2)(d)(ii), and (4)(a) of WAC 246-272A-0234 shall read as follows:

(1)(d)(ii) Only be located on slopes of less than fifteen percent (Eight degrees);

(2)(d)(ii) Only be located on slopes of less than fifteen percent (Eight degrees).

(4)(a) A minimum of two inches of washed drainrock, ½ to 2½ inches in diameter, above the distribution pipe. Use of crushed drainrock is prohibited.  
The following shall be added:

(9) The following additional standards apply to standard gravity SSAS:

- (a) A distribution box, "T" or "Y" and a minimum of two lines are required. The SSAS configuration shall result in equal distribution as much as possible.
- (b) The minimum distance between original SSAS lines shall be 20 feet, center to center. This configuration may be changed by the Health Officer on a case-by case basis, but shall not be closer than ten feet center to center.
- (c) Standards for the sewer line between the structure and the septic tank are as follows:

Material - Three or four inch cast iron, schedule 40 or 3034 plastic pipe. Plastic pipe shall be sleeved within another pipe when driven over. Other pipe sizes and materials may be approved by the Health Officer. A cleanout must be extended to finish grade and must be located within two feet of the structure.

Slope – 1/8 to ¼ inch per foot or 45 degrees to vertical.

Bends – Bends of 90 degrees are not permitted unless a "sweeping 90" or two 45's are used.

- (d) Standards for the sewer line between the septic tank and SSAS are as follows:

Material - Same as for building sewer above.

Slope – Minimum of 1/8 inch per foot to a maximum of vertical.

16. Section 8.16.080 of the Walla Walla County Code is repealed.

17. New Section 8.16.080 of the Walla Walla County Code is added to read as follows:

8.16.080 Amends WAC 246-272A-0250 – Installation. Subsection (2) of WAC 246-272A-0250 shall read as follows:



(2) The Health Officer may allow the resident owner of a single family residence to install the OSS only if it is a standard gravity system. Enhanced treatment OSS shall be installed by an installer certified by the Health Officer.

18. Section 8.16.090 of the Walla Walla County Code is repealed.

19. New Section 8.16.090 of the Walla Walla County Code is added to read as follows:

8.16.090 Amends WAC 246-272A-0320 – Developments, subdivisions, and minimum land area requirements. The following shall be added:

(2)(d) Residential parcels, tracts or lots in existence prior to June 30, 1984 shall be at least 12,500 sq. ft. with public water and at least one acre if a private well is used. For any residential development approved between July 1, 1984 and June 30, 2007, the lot sizes in effect at the time of approval shall apply.

For any development approved after June 30, 2007, including but not limited to subdivisions, short plats, mobile home parks, multi-family housing, and industrial and commercial developments, where onsite sewage disposal is proposed, the following table shall be used for determining lot, tract or parcel size. The minimum lot, tract or parcel size is required for each single family residence or for each unit volume of 450 gallons per day.

Method II shall not be used.

### MINIMUM LAND AREA REQUIREMENT SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE OR UNIT VOLUME

		Soil Type defined by WAC 246-272A-0220				
Type of Water System	6	1	2	3	4	5
Public	0.5 acre	0.5 acre	0.5 acre	0.5 acre	0.5 acre	0.5
	2.5 acre <sup>1</sup>					
Individual, on each lot	1.0 acre	1.0 acre	1.0 acre	1.0 acre	1.0 acre	2.0
	2.5 acre <sup>1</sup>					



<sup>1</sup>See WAC 246-272A-0234 (6)

20. Section 8.16.100 of the Walla Walla County Code is repealed.

21. New Section 8.16.100 of the Walla Walla County Code is added to read as follows:

8.16.100 Amends WAC 246-272A-0340 – Certification of installers, pumpers, and maintenance service providers. The following shall be added:

(1) OSS installers and pumpers shall obtain approval from the local health officer prior to providing services within a local health jurisdiction: PROVIDED, that any person engaged in the business of installing or repairing onsite sewage disposal systems in Walla Walla County shall be certified by the County Health Officer. Certification shall be renewed annually, and may be suspended or revoked for noncompliance with these regulations or with accepted standards of practice. The health officer may require that all applicants take a written examination to become or remain certified.

22. Section 8.16.110 of the Walla Walla County Code is repealed.

23. New Section 8.16.110 of the Walla Walla County Code is added to read as follows:

8.16.110 Amends WAC 246-272A-0440 – Notice of decision – Adjudicative proceeding. The following shall be added:

(1)(c) To resolve procedural and technical conflicts arising from the administration of these regulations, a written application for an adjudicative proceeding shall be filed with the Public Health Administrator of the County Health Department within twenty (20) days of the date of the action or decision of the Health Officer. After a hearing, further administrative review of an initial order is available if written application is filed with the County Board of Health within thirty (30) days of the date of the order. The adjudicative proceedings shall be conducted in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act, Chapter 34.05, RCW.

24. Section 8.16.120 of the Walla Walla County Code is repealed.

25. New Section 8.16.120 of the Walla Walla County Code is added to read as follows:


8.16.120 Violation and penalty. Any person convicted of violating or failing to comply with the provisions of this chapter shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be subject to a fine of not more than three hundred dollars (\$300.00) or to imprisonment of not more than ninety (90) days, or by both such fine and imprisonment. Each day a violation of this chapter continues shall constitute a separate offense.

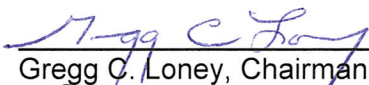


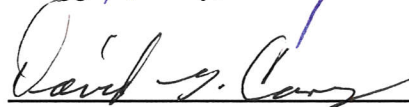
26. Section 8.16.130 of the Walla Walla County Code is repealed.
27. New Section 8.16.130 of the Walla Walla County Code is added to read as follows:
- 8.16.130 Severability. Should any part of this chapter be declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such declaration or decision shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this chapter.
28. Ordinance Nos. 227 and 235, which are repealed by this ordinance, shall remain in force and effect until the effective date of this ordinance.
29. This ordinance shall have an effective date of July 1, 2007.

**PASSED** by the Board of Walla Walla County Commissioners at Walla Walla, Washington, then signed by its membership and attested to by its Clerk in authorization of its passage this 30th day of April, 2007.

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WALLA WALLA COUNTY, WASHINGTON

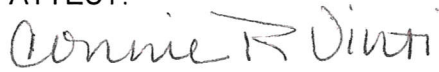


  
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