

1 * * * Wastewater Connection Permits * * *

2 Sec. 13a. 10 V.S.A. § 1972 is amended to read:

3 § 1972. DEFINITIONS

4 For the purposes of As used in this chapter:

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6 (11) “Change in use” means converting to a different type of use, such
7 as from a residence to a restaurant or office space or from a restaurant to a
8 residence; change from seasonal to year-round use; or scaling up a use, such as
9 increasing the number of employees or adding bedrooms. “Change of use”
10 does not include the addition of a home occupation to a living unit.

11 (12) “Municipality” means a city, town, fire district, school district,
12 consolidated water district, incorporated village, or unorganized town or gore.

13 (13) “Sanitary sewer service line” means piping and associated
14 components that conveys wastewater from a building or structure or
15 campground to a wastewater treatment facility, to an indirect discharge system,
16 or to the leachfield of a soil-based wastewater system of less than 6,500
17 gallons per day. Sanitary sewer service lines also include piping that conveys
18 wastewater from a building or structure or campground to a sanitary sewer
19 collection line.

20 (14) “Water main” means water piping, such as a transmission main or
21 distribution main, that is part of a public water system as defined in the Agency

1 of Natural Resources’ Water Supply Rule. A water main includes piping
2 leading to fire hydrants.

3 (15) “Water service line” means the piping that is not a water main and
4 extends from the water main to a building or structure or campground.

5 Sec. 14. 10 V.S.A. § 1974(9) is added to read:

6 § 1974. EXEMPTIONS

7 Notwithstanding any other requirements of this chapter, the following
8 projects and actions are exempt:

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10 (9) A person who receives an authorization from a municipality that
11 administers a program registered with the Secretary pursuant to section 1983 of
12 this title.

13 Sec. 15. 10 V.S.A. § 1983 is added to read:

14 § 1983. REGISTRATION FOR MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER SYSTEM
15 AND POTABLE WATER SUPPLY CONNECTIONS

16 (a) Notwithstanding the requirement under section 1976 of this title that the
17 Secretary delegate to a municipality authority to approve a connection and
18 notwithstanding the requirement under section 1973 of this title, a municipality
19 may issue an approval for a connection or an existing connection with a change
20 in use to the municipal sanitary sewer collection line by a sanitary sewer
21 service line or a connection to a water main by a new water service line,

1 provided that the municipality documents the following information in a form
2 prescribed by the Secretary:

3 (1) The municipality owns or has legal control over connections to:

4 (A) a public community water system permitted pursuant to chapter
5 56 of this title; and

6 (B) a wastewater treatment facility permitted pursuant to chapter 47
7 of this title.

8 (2) The municipality shall only issue authorizations for:

9 (A) a sanitary sewer service line that connects to the sanitary sewer
10 collection line that serves a single connection; and

11 (B) a water service line that connects to the water main that serves a
12 single connection.

13 (3) The building or structure connects to both the sanitary sewer
14 collection line and public community water system.

15 (4) The municipality issues approvals that comply with the technical
16 standards for sanitary sewer service lines and water service lines adopted under
17 the Agency of Natural Resources' Wastewater System and Potable Water
18 Supply Rules.

19 (5) The municipality requires documentation in the land records of the
20 municipality from a professional engineer or a licensed designer that the

1 connection authorized by the municipality was installed in accordance with the
2 technical standards.

3 (6) The municipality retains plans that show the location and design of
4 authorized connections.

5 (b) The municipality shall notify the Secretary 30 days in advance of
6 terminating any registration. The municipality shall provide all approvals and
7 plans to the Secretary as a part of this termination notice.

8 Sec. 16. STUDY OF SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS IN AUTHORIZED
9 MUNICIPALITIES

10 The Agency of Natural Resources' Wastewater and Potable Water Supply
11 Technical Advisory Committee shall report to the House Committee on
12 Natural Resources, Fish, and Wildlife and the Senate Committee on Natural
13 Resources and Energy on whether municipalities authorized under 10 V.S.A. §
14 1983 should also have jurisdiction to issue wastewater and potable water
15 supply permits instead of the Agency of Natural Resources for subdivisions
16 when the lot is served by municipal water and sewer.