

# McLeod County More Restrictive Standards

<p><b>1.</b> Failure to Protect Groundwater: Failing SSTS shall be upgraded, repaired, replaced, or abandoned by owner within 36 months of receipt of Notice of Noncompliance. (Article IV, Sec. 2.02)</p>
<p><b>2.</b> Imminent Threat to Public Health or Safety: SSTS must be upgraded, repaired, replaced, or abandoned by the owner up to 10 months of receipt of Notice of Noncompliance. Less time shall be required by the Department based on the time of year or potential threat to public health and safety. (Article IV, Sec. 2.03)</p>
<p><b>3.</b> Non-pressurized systems may be installed by the homeowner or property owner. The designer is responsible to verify the system per design and be present at the time of the final inspection. (Article IV, Sec. 5.0)</p>
<p><b>4.</b> Cesspools and seepage pits are considered Imminent Threat to Public Health or Safety. (Article II, #15)</p>
<p><b>5.</b> Floor drains in commercial buildings or businesses determined by the Department that have motorized vehicles parked in and/or repaired in shall have a holding tank that the floor drains empty to. Holding tanks for single family homes will be handled on a case by case basis. (Article V, Sec. 2.04)</p>
<p><b>6.</b> Septic Systems being newly constructed, replaced, or expanded and having a drain field shall have 2 septic tanks or compartments. The second tank shall be at least 50% of the minimum septic tank design capacity. (Article IV, Sec. 6.03)</p>
<p><b>7.</b> No failing septic system can be connected or reconnected to a structure. (Article VI, Sec. 2.04)</p>
<p><b>8.</b> For existing septic systems or a bedroom addition, the SSTS shall be failing if the capacity of the SSTS is less than the required capacity for the total number of bedrooms in the dwelling including any other bedroom being added. (Article V, Sec. 2.03)</p>
<p><b>9.</b> Before a Land Use Permit is issued on a dwelling or structure served by a septic system and the dwelling or structure has been granted a variance, the applicant shall provide the Department a complete compliance inspection on the septic system.. (Article VIII, Sec. 2.03)</p>
<p><b>10.</b> When property is transferred it shall be required that the seller provide the buyer a completed and legally signed MPCA Compliance Inspection Form for Existing SSTS. If no compliance inspection is provided to the buyer at the time of closing it becomes the buyer’s responsibility to obtain the septic system inspection. (Article VIII, Sec. 2.03)</p>
<p><b>11.</b> Tanks must be pumped to be inspected, unless pumped within the last two years and the Inspector is willing to use pumping records and visual observation to certify the tank. (Article VIII, Sec. 2.03)</p>
<p><b>12.</b> Any activity involving an existing system that requires a construction permit shall require that the entire system be brought into compliance. (Article VI, Sec. 2.04)</p>
<p><b>13.</b> Septic systems on fill or disturbed soil will require at least 2 Perc tests and will require a monitoring and mitigation form and an operating permit. The contractor responsible for installing the septic system shall be responsible for monitoring and reporting. (Article VI, Sec. 2.05H)</p>
<p><b>14.</b> Floor plans for a new or replaced dwelling are required. Walkouts, egress windows, or rooms that could be used as bedrooms will count as bedrooms for the design of the septic system. (Article VI, Sec. 2.05 &amp; Article II #2)</p>
<p><b>15.</b> A compliance Inspection shall be conducted if the County Environmentalist or assigned agent deems appropriate, such as, upon receiving a complaint or other information of system failure. All complaints shall include contact information from the complainant. (Article IV, Sec. 1.04)</p>
<p><b>16.</b> All septic system abandonment report shall be signed by a licensed Septic Business. (Article IV, Sec. 5.0)</p>
<p><b>17.</b> A Management Plan is required when a compliance inspection is needed and no management plan exists. (Article VII, Sec. 2.01)</p>
<p><b>18.</b> McLeod County Ordinance does not allow for the five (5) years from the date of issuance of a bedroom addition permit to upgrade, repair, replace, or abandon an existing system. Existing systems installed between May 27, 1989 and January 23, 1996, if found failing needs to be brought into compliance before bedroom permit is issued. (Article VIII, Sec. 2.03 A.5)</p>
<p><b>19.</b> Any Type IV, V, and MSTs subsurface sewage treatment systems shall be reviewed and approved by the SSTS Advisory Committee when requested by the Department. (Article IV, Sec. 1.05)</p>
<p><b>20.</b> All SSTS existing prior to the effective date of this ordinance that would require an operating permit now shall require an operating permit upon transfer of ownership, replacement, any modification or expansion that requires a permit, or following any SSTS enforcement action. (Article VI, Sec. 3.02)</p>
<p><b>21.</b> The Management Plan shall be submitted to the Department with the construction permit application for review and approval. (Article VII, Sec. 2.01)</p>
<p><b>22.</b> Operating Permit shall be required of all new holding tanks or any other system deemed by the Department to require operational oversight. (Article VI, Sec. 3.1)</p>