

## Chapter 700

### SEWERAGE SERVICE

#### ARTICLE I Generally

##### **Section 700.010. Definitions.**

**[Ord. No. 104 §1, 3-11-1969]**

As used in this Chapter, the following terms shall have these prescribed meanings:

**HEALTH OFFICER** — The term "*Health Officer*", as used in this Chapter, shall mean the person appointed to said position according to the laws governing such appointments or person or persons authorized to act as his/her agent.

**HUMAN EXCRETA** — The bowel or kidney discharges of human beings.

**OFFENSIVE MATERIAL** — Any sewage, human excreta, manure, offal, garbage, dead animal, meat wastes, blood, tankage, brine or any putrescible organic matter or the contents of privies, cesspools, septic tanks or chemical toilets, either in liquid or solid state, or any other substance or liquid dangerous or prejudicial to health.

**SEWAGE** — The water-carried waste products or discharges from human beings or animals or liquid or other wastes from residences, public or private buildings, swimming pools or industrial establishments.

##### **Section 700.020. Waste Disposal Methods.**

**[Ord. No. 104 §3, 3-11-1969]**

A. The following methods for the disposal of all wastes, sewage, human excreta or other body wastes from any residence or building shall be required within the City limits of Houston Lake:

1. A public sewer, provided a public sewer is now or shall hereafter be located in a street or alley upon which the lot occupied by said residence or building adjoins, or provided a public sewer is otherwise accessible.
2. A private sewage treatment plant constructed in accordance with the provisions and requirements of the current "Building Code", or any revision of same of the City of Houston Lake, Missouri, and approved by the City and/or its Health Officer.

**Section 700.030. Existing Privies and Septic Tanks.**

**[Ord. No. 104 §4(a — b), 3-11-1969]**

- A. The Health Officer may require the use of any existing privy to be discontinued, the contents removed and the pit filled with inert material whenever the use of such privy is no longer necessary or whenever such privy is located, constructed or maintained otherwise than in conformity with the provisions of this Chapter or if such privy creates a nuisance.
- B. Upon any residence sewer line being connected to a public sewer facility, the formerly used septic tank serving such residence or building shall be pumped dry and thereafter such septic tank shall be securely capped over and no longer used for any purpose.
- C. Said septic tank at the option of the owner may be filled in with inert material after pumping dry as specified in Section 700.030(B) above.

**Section 700.040. Sewage System Required.**

**[Ord. No. 104 §5, 3-11-1969]**

It shall be the duty of the owner of any premises within the limits of the City of Houston Lake where human beings reside, are employed or congregate to provide a sanitary method of sewage disposal complying with this Chapter.

**Section 700.050. Maintenance of Sewage System Required.**

**[Ord. No. 104 §6, 3-11-1969]**

It shall be the duty of the occupants of each premise to maintain in a sanitary condition at all times the sewage disposal system or privy serving such premise and it shall be unlawful for anyone to abuse or misuse said sewage disposal system or privy.

**Section 700.060. Connection to Sewage System Prohibited — When.**

**[Ord. No. 104 §7, 3-11-1969]**

No person or persons shall connect any roof, surface, areaway or footing drain or to continuously discharge clear water which has been used for cooling or other purposes to any piping system carrying sewage as defined by this Chapter.

**Section 700.070. Connection to Water System Prohibited — When.**

**[Ord. No. 104 §8, 3-11-1969]**

It shall be unlawful for any person, persons, firm, association or corporation to pollute ground water sources by discharging sewage, human excreta or other body wastes into any well, cistern, spring, sink hole, cave or other excavation or into any fissure or crevice leading to underground water-bearing strata or to any body of water within the City.

**Section 700.080. Adherence to Chapter Required.**

**[Ord. No. 104 §9, 3-11-1969]**

It shall be unlawful for any person, persons, firm, association or corporation within the limits of the City of Houston Lake to throw out, deposit or in any other way dispose of sewage other than as provided for in this Chapter.

**Section 700.090. Violations.**

**[Ord. No. 104 §10, 3-11-1969]**

- A. After thirty (30) days from the date of receipt of a notice by registered mail from either the City of Houston Lake, Missouri, or its Health Officer, any person, persons, firm, association or corporation or the agent thereof who violates any of the provisions of this Chapter shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined as provided by Section 100.220 of this Code, and each day that such person, persons, firm, association or corporation shall neglect, fail or refuse to comply with any of the provisions of this Chapter shall be deemed a separate offense and punishable as herein provided.
- B. The amount of the fine as called out in Section 700.090(A) shall be determined by the Municipal Court for each individual case and if not paid shall be applied as a lien against the property in violation of this Chapter and in addition to the lien, if the situation is not corrected within the time limit allowed by the City and/or its Health Officer, the tenants shall be notified to vacate the property and a notice shall be posted on said property declaring the property as unfit for occupancy due to health hazard to the community.
- C. Any person, persons, firm, association or corporation or the agent thereof shall not be considered as violating any of the provisions of this Chapter, providing that within thirty (30) days after receipt of notice by registered mail from either the City of Houston Lake, Missouri, or its Health Officer, it is declared in writing, dated and signed and furnished to the City of Houston Lake, Missouri, or its Health Officer stating intent to comply with such notice by setting out the following:
  - 1. Work plan for correction of the condition.
  - 2. When the work will begin.
  - 3. Who will do the work.
  - 4. Whether all materials have been ordered or are all materials now on the premises.
  - 5. Estimated date of completion.
  - 6. You understand that it is your entire responsibility for the correction of the condition and the proper operation of such correction to meet the requirements of said ordinance.
  - 7. You understand that the correction is subject to a completion date which is to be set by the Board of Aldermen after their review of the information submitted and that thereafter you will be notified accordingly by regular mail.

D. You understand that the Board of Aldermen have the complete authority to set a completion date for the correction of the condition and to grant an extension of time from said set completion date, if in their opinion it is found necessary to do so.

**ARTICLE II**  
**Sewage Service Charges**

**Section 700.100. Missouri Cities Water Company — Responsibilities.**

**[Ord. No. 103 §1, 3-11-1969]**

The Board of Aldermen hereby impose upon any Water Company which provides water within the City the duty of collecting and remitting to the City the City's charges or rentals for sewerage service.

**Section 700.110. Refusal of Responsibilities — Penalty.**

**[Ord. No. 103 §2, 3-11-1969]**

Refusal of said water company to collect or remit any such sewer service charge shall be punishable by penalty and fine as provided by Section 100.220 of this Code plus court costs for each such violation.

**Section 700.120. Expense Reimbursement.**

**[Ord. No. 103 §3, 3-11-1969]**

The Mayor of the City is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the Water Company providing for reimbursement to said company for all expenses in collecting and remitting the Cities charges or rentals including, but not limited to, overhead, use of equipment, personnel and office space, said reimbursements to be made every three (3) months.

**Section 700.130. Grinder Fee Maintenance Charge.**

**[Ord. No. 293 §§1 — 2, 8-9-2004; Ord. No. 338 §§1 — 2, 9-10-2012]**

- A. The grinder fee maintenance charge for those whose homes are served by grinders is presently in the amount of one hundred twenty dollars (\$120.00) per year; and
- B. Because of the increase in cost, it is necessary to adjust the fee effective January 1, 2012 to the sum of two hundred forty dollars (\$240.00) per year; and
- C. This grinder maintenance fee is in addition to the sewer fee in the present amount of three hundred sixty-three dollars twelve cents (\$363.12) per year. It is also in addition to any fees for initial grinder hookups or replacements.