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(1) It is the property owner's responsibility to maintain and operate the onsite sewage management system in a safe and sanitary manner so as not to constitute a public health hazard or nuisance.
(2) No person shall allow the unapproved discharge or spillage of sewage, nor shall an onsite sewage management system be used or maintained in such a manner that will allow the seepage or discharge of effluent from such system to the ground surface, to a water course, drainage ditch, open trench, canal, storm drain or storm sewer, water well, abandoned well, lake, stream, river, estuary, groundwater or other body of water.
(3) Campgrounds, RV Parks and Tourist Accommodations shall not provide more accommodations such as parking spaces and/or hookups than the sewage system is designed to serve.
(4) Every premise shall be provided with at least one toilet, privy, or nonsewered toilet system in accordance with the following requirements:
(a) Except as allowed in subparagraph (c) of this paragraph, every toilet shall be connected to a public or community sewerage system or to an approved onsite sewage management system.
(b) Each venue and/or special event sponsor utilizing a holding tank system must have proof of a service contract.
(c) Nonsewered toilet system(s) may be considered for approval by the Health Authority where sanitary facilities are needed on a temporary basis for the general public at a mass gathering of event on an interim basis (one year maximum) for a limited defined group of people (i.e. employees and security personnel at a work site). A nonsewered toilet system shall be maintained in a sanitary manner.
(5) Employees at all worksites and the general public attending and participating in special events that are inadequately served by sewered toilet facilities should have easy access to nonsewered toilet systems that are maintained in a clean, sanitary, and functional condition for the protection of human health, safety and welfare. Where nonsewered toilet systems supplement or serve in lieu of sewered toilet facilities, the construction and maintenance of the sewered facilities shall meet the following standards:
(a) All employers and sponsors of special events shall provide for acceptable nonsewered toilet systems when sewered toilets are not available or are insufficient in number at the worksite or location of the special event. Such systems shall be furnished by an individual or company licensed by the Health Authority in accordance with the provisions of this paragraph. Systems shall be maintained in a clean, sanitary and functional condition.
(b) Special event sponsors shall obtain a permit for needed nonsewered toilets as a requirement for authorization to hold the event.
(c) Determination of the number of toilets required during anticipated peak attendance at a special event shall be based on previously established calculations provided the environmental specialist and specific tables contained in the Sanitarian and Health Official Guide entitled "Portable Restroom Requirements at Special Events and Crowd Gatherings" as developed by the Center for Business and Industrial Studies, University of

Missouri, St. Louis, and shall take into consideration any sewered seated or urinal toilets that me be present at the site of the special event.
(6) Nonsewered toilets shall be constructed in the following prescribed manner and maintained in a clean, sanitary and functional condition:
(a) A nonsewered toilet is a portable self-contained unit equipped with a waste-receiving holding container.
(b) Rooms, buildings or shelters housing toilets shall be of solid construction, easy to clean, and provide shelter and privacy. The toilet room shall be ventilated to the outside and adequately lighted. All ventilation openings to the toilet room shall be covered with 16-mesh screen. Internal latches shall be provided to assure units from inadvertent entry.
(c) Waste containers shall be fabricated from impervious materials. Containers shall be watertight and capable of containing the waste in a sanitary manner. Containers shall be adequate in size to be used by the number of persons, according to the schedule of minimum requirements under this Rule, without filling the container to more than half of its volume before regularly scheduled service.
(d) Service shall be performed at least once per week by a licensed nonsewered toilet service in accordance with this paragraph and as often as necessary by the Health Authority.
(e) Servicing shall include the use of a sanitizing solution for cleaning urinals and toilet seats, removing waste from containers, recharging containers with an odor-controlling solution and installing and adequate supply of toilet tissue. Employers and event sponsors shall be responsible for contracting servicing intervals frequent enough to ensure clean, sanitary facilities.
(g) Removal of waste shall be conducted in a clean and sanitary manner by means of a vacuum hose to a leak proof tank truck on which all ports are properly valved and capped. Contractor is responsible for clean up of all spillage during unit servicing.
(h) Provisions shall be made so service trucks have safe and convenient access at all times to the toilets to be serviced.
(i) Disposal of waste from the tank trucks shall be in accordance with the Health Authority requirements.
(7) The location of nonsewered toilets shall be as close as practical to the highest concentration of employees or to the participants, observers and employees of special events. However, the units should be placed as far from the food service area as possible. The safety of users shall be a consideration in the placement of units. At special events, toilet facilities shall be located convenient to participants and accessible at all times for maintenance by truck.
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