



SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE

RESOLUTION NO. 09-46

of the

SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council is the Governing Body of the Squaxin Island Tribe, its members, its lands, its enterprises and its agencies by the authority of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Squaxin Island Tribe, as approved and adopted by the General Body and the Secretary of the Interior on July 8, 1965; and

WHEREAS, under the Constitution, Bylaws and inherent sovereignty of the Tribe, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council is charged with the duty of protecting the health, security, education and general welfare of the tribal members, and with protecting and managing the lands and treaty resources and rights of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council has been entrusted with the creation of ordinances and resolutions in order to fulfill their duty of protecting the health, security, education, and general welfare of tribal members, and of protecting and managing the lands and treaty resources of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council recognizes that properly maintained sewage septic systems are critical to insuring the health and safety of the tribal community; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Community Development, which includes the Squaxin Island Tribe's Public Utilities, is responsible for ensuring the safe treatment of sewage waste on the Squaxin Island Reservation in accordance with all applicable laws; and

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribe's Public Utilities, has the capability and experience to maintain septic systems; and

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribe's Public Utilities, has written a policy for inspecting, operating and maintaining septic systems owned by tribal entities; and

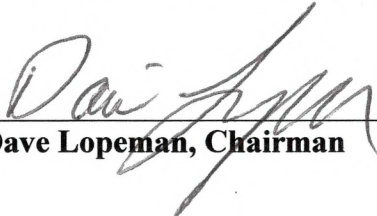
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Squaxin Island Tribal Council does hereby certify that the Squaxin Island Tribe's Public Utilities is responsible for inspecting, operating and maintaining septic systems owned by tribal entities; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the tribal entity that owns the septic system will pay all costs for pumping, maintenance and repairs; and

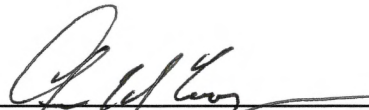
NOW THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council does hereby approve the Squaxin Island Tribe Public Utilities Septic System Maintenance Policy.

CERTIFICATION

The Squaxin Island Tribal Council does hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted at the regular meeting of the Squaxin Island Tribal Council, held on this 28 day of May 2009, at which time a quorum was present and was passed by a vote of 6 for and 0 against with 0 abstentions.


Dave Lopeman, Chairman

Attested by: 
Pete Kruger, Secretary


Arnold Cooper, Vice Chairman

Squaxin Island Tribe

Public Utilities



Septic System Maintenance Policy

May 2009

Squaxin Island Tribe's Public Utilities

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The Squaxin Island Tribe's Public Utilities is responsible for the operation and maintenance of septic systems owned by tribal entities.

Inspection and Monitoring

Public Utilities is responsible for inspecting and monitoring all components of tribal septic systems, including tanks, pumps and drain fields. Inspection and monitoring frequency will be based on usage, location, and system design.

In addition, the grease trap at the Little Creek Casino and Resort will be inspected quarterly to ensure proper operation.

The Department of Natural Resources is responsible for testing groundwater and surface waters adjacent to septic systems for the presence of human fecal bacteria and excess nutrients, which may be indicators of poor treatment or septic system malfunction.

Public Utilities will immediately report septic system problems to the Directors of Community Development and Natural Resources.

Operation and Maintenance

Public Utilities will ensure the proper operation and maintenance of tribal septic systems. Public Utilities will:

- Provide trained and qualified staff (or contractors) who can effectively service septic systems, accurately diagnose problems and facilitate repairs.
- Inspect all systems, equipment, and components.
- Develop maintenance schedules for all septic systems.
- Service pumps, tanks, electrical components, and drain fields, and complete maintenance logs.

- Contract with qualified businesses for sludge pumping and hauling, inspections, and plumbing and electrical repairs.
- Provide operation and maintenance records to users and to the Directors of Community Development and Natural Resources.

Public Utilities will be reimbursed for operations and maintenance of septic systems by the tribal entity that owns the system.

Septage Management

All biosolids and residuals that are pumped from septic tanks will be handled and disposed of in a manner that protects public health and complies with all applicable laws and regulations. Septic tanks will be pumped by a bonded and approved septic tank service company. Public Utilities will be reimbursed for pumping septic systems by the tribal entity that owns the system.

User Responsibilities

Users must report to Public Utilities information about their septic systems, including copies of plans, drawings, construction records, and repair and pumping records. Users must comply with the following:

- Don't put dental floss, feminine hygiene products, condoms, diapers, cotton swabs, cigarettes, coffee grounds, cat litter, paper towels, paint, or hazardous chemicals into the system.
- Caustic drain cleaners must not be used to open clogged drains.
- Garbage disposals on a septic system are prohibited.
- Septic system additives must not be used.
- Repair leaking toilets or faucets immediately.
- Bathroom and kitchen cleaners, especially those containing chlorine, should only be used in moderation.
- Don't park or drive vehicles on drain fields.
- Permanent or temporary structures on drain fields are prohibited.

Users should contact Public Utilities if they encounter or suspect problems with their septic systems.