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**REVISED REGULATIONS FOR TITLE FIVE SYSTEM INSTALLATION** RCV NOV 24 '25 PM8:16:00 BELLINGHAM TOWN CLE

**SECTION 1**

The purpose of this regulation is to protect groundwater and regulate the installation of septic systems to protect the general public in the town of Bellingham.

**SECTION 2**

This regulation is promulgated under the authority granted to the Bellingham Board of Health pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 111, Section 31 that "[boards of health may make reasonable health regulations." It is also promulgated pursuant to 310 CMR 15.00.

**SECTION 3**

All engineers & registered sanitarians designing septic systems in the Town of Bellingham shall follow current DEP Title Five Rules & Regulations and Bellingham Board of Health Amendments to 310 CMR 15.00.

1. All system components Septic Tank & Distribution Box to be within 12" of the surface with Proper collars & Covers.
2. a. All measurements for system components to utilize accessible foundation corners as proper permanent bounds (labeled as A & B except when systems go from front to back of house (then labels C & D to be used for other foundation points for proper location on as built plans. All measurements to be tabulated in a block format on the plan. No cement steps, bulkheads, deck sono-tubes, or trees are to be used as permanent bounds for septic system bounds.  
b. For example: Septic tank ST in and ST out A & B; D-box A & B SAS beginning & end A & B; Inspection port for more A & B.
3. The outlet and inlet covers to be located from foundation corner as well as distribution box; the center of the tank is not allowed as a location of the tank.

4. All SAS inspection ports to be brought to the surface of the finish grade and located on the plan from the foundation corners.
5. Speed levelers may only be used in the distribution box of SAS systems with 3 or more pipes in a large D-box.
6. All unused port holes on the tank and D-box to be filled with a mortar mix or hydraulic cement. In addition all pipes to be cemented when entering or leaving the septic tank and D-box.
7. No more than 12" of subsoil or loam is to be covering the septic system unless the site is on a steep slope and is an existing small house lot.
8. All house lots near a sewer system shall not re-designed for septic systems and or/be placed on the septic betterment program.
9. Final grades to be added to as-built. (spot grades are allowed)
10. No irrigation over D-box and septic tank.
11. All Plastic Chamber systems shall be the heavy duty version of the product capable of being driven over with construction equipment during back fill process without crushing the chambers.
12. All septic fields, trenches, or chambers shall be vented no exceptions
13. All proposed septic tanks must at minimum hold 1500 gallons and must contain two compartments. Variance requests must be approved by the Bellingham Board of Health prior to issuance of a Disposal System Construction Permit.

Approved on 18, NOV, 2012  
Warranted by  
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