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APPLICATION FOR SITE EVALUATION

- Test Hole is ready
 Will call when test hole is ready

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Complete application and submit it to Okanogan County Public Health along with the site evaluation fee.
2. Arrange for a test hole **at least 6-ft. deep and 3 ft. wide**, per building site, to be excavated. One end of the hole should be sloped for easy ingress and egress. Okanogan County Public Health may require additional test holes if sufficient information cannot be obtained from a single hole.
3. Okanogan County Public Health will write an evaluation and mail it to the applicant

PART 1: APPLICANT/PARCEL IDENTIFICATION

Fee: \$220.00

PROPERTY OWNER NAME: _____ TELEPHONE: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____ ACREAGE: _____

CITY STATE ZIP CODE

ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NUMBER _____ T. R. S. 1/4

SUBDIVISION (If Applicable): _____ LOT # _____

DIRECTIONS TO SITE: _____

PART 2: INTENDED USE OF PARCEL

- Single Family Residence Commercial
 Multi-Family Residence Other

If intended use is other than for a single family residence, please describe use below:

PART 3: AUTHORIZATION

I verify the above information is correct to the best of my knowledge. I have read the site evaluation explanation on the reverse side of this application. I certify that I am the property owner or have written permission from the property owner to do the necessary work.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE

DATE

SITE EVALUATIONS

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WHAT IS A SITE EVALUATION?

A site evaluation is a written determination by OCPH (Okanogan County Public Health) as to whether an O.S.S. (On Site Sewage Disposal System) may be installed on a particular parcel of ground. Also that it would meet the state and local health district requirements as of the date of the application. Unless otherwise specified, the developmental land use is assumed to be a single-family residence.

WHY SHOULD I READ THIS EXPLANATION OF SITE EVALUATIONS?

Understanding the value and limitations of site evaluations could save the property owner future expenses and building delays.

WHY DO PEOPLE REQUEST SITE EVALUATIONS?

Usually, people request site evaluations for assurance that parcels of land they are about to purchase can support on-site sewage disposal systems serving single family residences. Commitments to purchase land are often contingent upon acceptable site evaluations.

DO SITE EVALUATIONS ALLOW PROPERTY OWNERS TO BEGIN PREPARING A PARCEL FOR BUILDING?

No. At the time of site evaluation, OCPH usually does not have information concerning building size, building placement, road placement, or well placement. Each of these design elements limits options for sewage drainfield design and placement. It is possible that building site preparations made prior to design of a sewage disposal system could render the site unbuildable.

DO SITE EVALUATIONS GUARANTEE AN ON SITE SEWAGE SYSTEM CAN BE INSTALLED?

No. Site evaluations consider the health codes and policies in effect at the time of evaluation. These items periodically change. Site evaluations are not considered legally binding on OCPH, though a moral commitment is recognized and site evaluations are honored whenever possible. Legal issues surrounding site evaluations have caused some health districts to stop offering the service altogether.

HOW CAN I OBTAIN A GUARANTEE THAT AN ON SITE SEWAGE SYSTEM CAN BE INSTALLED?

Obtain an approved On-Site Sewage Disposal Permit. Permits specify a particular sewage system design and location to serve the sewage disposal needs of a specific developmental proposal. Permits are valid for one year from the date of approval, and may be renewed for an additional year.

WHEN SHOULD I REQUEST A SITE EVALUATION?

A site evaluation is most appropriate when the applicant is not going to take steps to develop the property within two years or has not decided specifics of development, i.e. number of bedrooms, layout of building, placement of the water system, etc.