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Linn County Public Health
501 13th St NW
Cedar Rapids IA 52405
319-892-6000

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REQUEST FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Name of Property Owner: _____ Phone _____
Property Address: _____
Contact Person: _____ Phone _____
Mail to Name _____ Phone _____
Address _____

Indicate Service Requested and Enclose the Appropriate Fee for Each Service Requested

<input type="checkbox"/> Review Existing Water Well & Well Test [\$100]	<input type="checkbox"/> Minimum Housing Inspection [\$100]
<input type="checkbox"/> Review Existing Septic System [\$100] ❖	<input type="checkbox"/> Radon Testing Kit
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____

Reason for request Parcel Split/Rezoning Other Real Estate Transfer
Date report is needed _____
Specific Directions to Property _____

Is the house vacant? _____ for how long? _____

❖ **Dependent on permit status and site limitations, excavation of the septic system by the property owner or agent may be required by this department. Providing previous property owner names may be helpful to locate septic permit information.**
Please see reverse side for a portion of Linn County Septic Ordinance.

NOTE: Requests with specific deadlines should be coordinated by calling this office BEFORE 8:30 A.M. and making an appointment with the appropriate Environmental Specialist.

Comments or Special Instructions _____

Signature of Owner or Agent _____

LINN COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES
CHAPTER 10 Article VI. Private Sewage Disposal Systems

- **Sec. 10-211.** - Requirements for septic reviews

Zoning Purposes. Property owners/zoning applicants requesting a review of an existing on-site wastewater system to fulfill requirements for zoning purposes (residential parcel splits) and not transferring the ownership of the parcel will be required to prove the location of the tank and absorption field if the local authority does not have a recorded permit for the system and there is no evidence of system failure. The local authority will require the following: unearthen the tank lid and pump it to determine the tank volume and condition and unearthen the absorption field in two different locations or probe the field in five to ten various locations. The local authority must be present to view the system. If this cannot be done due to weather conditions, the zoning will be approved subject to fulfilling these on-site requirements. In either case, if the septic review finds the system not in compliance (ie: dye is visible following a dye test or the owner states the system does not comply), corrective action must be taken to meet compliance with an exception if the dwelling will not be occupied or will be razed. Repairs and replacements require a septic permit issued by the local authority. These recommendations and requirements aim to bring failing or unapproved on-site wastewater systems into compliance and create property boundaries that do not interfere with existing on-site wastewater systems.

(Code 2006, § 24.25; [Ord. No. 4-5-2018](#), § 24.25, 6-15-2016)

- **Sec. 10-189.** – Time of Transfer inspections

Real Estate Transfers. (a) *Inspections required.* Beginning July 1, 2009, prior to any transfer of ownership of a building where a person resides, congregates, or is employed that is served by a private sewage disposal system, the sewage disposal system serving the building shall be inspected.

- A DNR Certified Time of Transfer inspector must do the inspection.

See Sec.10-189.(a)(1)a.-l. for inspection exemptions. However, the discharge restrictions in Sect 10-187(d)(2) shall always apply.

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