



City Council Memorandum

To: Mayor Fasbender and City Council
From: John Hinzman, Community Development Director
Date: April 1, 2024
Item: Authorize Submittal: SSTS Permitting and Licensing Authority

Council Action Requested:

Authorize submittal of the attached letter requesting transfer of SSTS - Subsurface Sewage Treatment Systems (private septic system) permitting and licensing authority to Dakota and Washington Counties. A simple majority is necessary for action.

Background

The vast majority of homes and businesses within the City are connected to the municipal sewer system; however, there are approximately 30 homes where sanitary sewer service is not available. The City currently provides, inspection, permitting, and licensing services for SSTS' requiring certain certification through the State of Minnesota. The City no longer has an individual who is SSTS certified and seeks to transfer authority to the respective counties in which staff does have training and where SSTS inspection is much more common. A target date of October 1, 2024 has been established for the transfer. Prior to transfer the City Code would be amended to indicate the change and existing records sent to the counties.

Council Committee Review

N/A

Advisory Commission Review

N/A

Attachment

- Request Letter
- Map of SSTS



April 1, 2024

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Environmental Program Supervisor
Washington County
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RE: Transfer of Permitting and License Authority – Subsurface Sewage Treatment Systems (SSTS)

Dear Ms. Gable and Mr. Bruns,

The City of Hastings seeks to transfer permitting and licensing authority for the regulation of SSTS (private septic systems). A target date of October 1, 2024 has been established for the transfer. Prior to transfer of authority, the Hastings City Code will be amended to assign permitting and license authority to the respective county.

Within the corporate limits of Hastings there are approximately 25 SSTS' within Dakota County and 5 SSTS's within Washington County.

Please contact me with any questions at (651) 480-2378 or jhinzman@hastingsmn.gov

Sincerely,

CITY OF HASTINGS

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Hinzman".

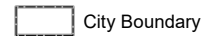
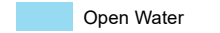

John Hinzman, AICP
Community Development Director



City of Hastings Comprehensive Sanitary Sewer Plan

Figure 5-4
Individual Sewage
Treatment Systems (ISTS)

Legend

-  City Boundary
-  Open Water
-  ISTS

