

CHAPTER 34
SEPTIC CONTRACTOR – MAINTENANCE PROVIDER - SYSTEM DESIGN ENGINEER REQUIREMENTS

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34.01 DEFINITIONS. For use in this chapter, the following terms are defined.

1. “Septic Contractor” means any individual or business firm, other than the homeowner, who installs, repairs, constructs, or alters on-site wastewater treatment and disposal systems.
2. “Maintenance Provider” means any individual or business firm who has been trained to inspect and provide sampling of septic systems requiring maintenance under the Iowa Administrative Code, Environmental Protection [567], Chapter 69 PRIVATE SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS and Chapter 31 County Health Regulations.
3. “System Design Engineer” means a Licensed Professional Engineer with the State of Iowa, or a person who, by education and degree obtained thereby, as approved by the Dallas County Environmental Health Administrator, conducts soil profiling and designing or specifying on-site wastewater treatment and disposal systems for installation in Dallas County.
4. “The Local Authority” means the Dallas County Health Department

34.02 SEPTIC CONTRACTOR REQUIREMENTS AND MAINTENANCE PROVIDER REQUIREMENTS. Any Septic Contractor or Maintenance Provider desiring to construct, alter, or repair any private on-site wastewater treatment and disposal system in Dallas County, Iowa, shall:

1. File with the local authority a certificate of insurance indicating that the contractor is carrying Liability Insurance. The policy shall indicate Dallas County as the certificate holder. The Dallas County Board of Health shall set the contractor liability insurance limits.

AND

2. File with the local authority proof of Worker’s Compensation insurance (if required per the State of Iowa), which shows that the contractor and their agents and/or employees are covered while carrying out actions governed by this regulation.

AND EITHER OF THE FOLLOWING

- 3(a). Provide proof to the local authority of a current Certified Installer of Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems Credential

OR

- 3(b). Provide Proof to the local authority of a minimum of twelve (12) hours of continuing education in the past 24 months related to the installation, repair, alteration and maintenance of onsite wastewater systems. *(All Septic Contractors relying on continuing education hours to satisfy the requirements of this Chapter and who have not completed the minimum number of hours upon the effective date of this amendment, may still qualify to construct, install or repair an on-site waste treatment and disposal system during the one year period following the effective date of this amendment by providing proof to the Board of Health that the Septic Contractor has registered for continuing education hours that would satisfy the requirement and will provide proof of the hours upon completion.)*

34.03 SYSTEM DESIGN ENGINEER REQUIREMENTS. All System Design Engineers desiring to design on-site wastewater treatment and disposal systems in Dallas County, shall:

1. File with the local authority a certificate of insurance indicating that the Engineer is carrying Liability Insurance and also, Errors and Omissions insurance. The policy shall indicate Dallas County as the certificate holder. The Dallas County Board of Health shall set the liability insurance limits.

AND

2. File with the local authority proof of Worker's Compensation Insurance (if required per the State of Iowa), which shows that the Engineer and their agents and/or employees are covered while carrying out actions governed by this regulation.

AND EITHER OF THE FOLLOWING

3(a). A License for Engineers from the Iowa Professional Licensing Board

OR

3(b). Proof of education or a degree as approved by the Dallas County Environmental Health Administrator

AND IN ADDITION TO 3(a) or 3(b) MUST

4. Provide Proof to the local authority of a minimum of twelve (12) hours of continuing education in the past 24 months related to soil profiling and designing or specifying on-site wastewater treatment and disposal systems for installation in Dallas County. *(All System Design Engineers relying on continuing education hours to satisfy the requirements of this Chapter and who have not completed the minimum number of hours upon the effective date of this amendment, may still qualify to design an on-site waste treatment and disposal system during the one year period following the effective date of this amendment by providing proof to the Board of Health that the Engineer has registered for continuing education hours that would satisfy the requirement and will provide proof of the hours upon completion.)*

34.04 INFRACTIONS

An infraction may be punishable as a civil penalty or as a criminal simple misdemeanor in accordance with the Dallas County Code of Ordinances Chapter 2.