

ORDINANCE No. 014

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING PLUMBERS AND ELECTRICIANS WHO CONTRACT THEIR SERVICES WITHIN TERRITORIAL LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF ANNETTA SOUTH: PROVIDING FOR THEIR ADHERENCE TO PLUMBING AND ELECTRICAL CODES APPROVED BY THE TOWN: PROVIDING FOR A SAVINGS CLAUSE: PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABLE CLAUSE: AND TO PRESCRIBE ENFORCEMENT FOR THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF ANNETTA SOUTH, TEXAS that:

SECTION I

This Ordinance shall be known and may be cited as "THE TOWN OF ANNETTA SOUTH PLUMBERS & ELECTRICIANS ORDINANCE".

SECTION II

Only plumbers who have been issued Master's Plumbing License by the Texas State Board of Plumbing Examiners and electricians who are duly licensed and bonded by any municipality in the State of Texas are eligible to engage in business in the Town of Annetta South, Texas.

SECTION III

All electricians shall adhere to the provisions of the National Electrical Code which is adopted by the Town of Annetta South, Texas.

All plumbers shall adhere strictly to the provisions of the International Conference of Building Officials Code which is adopted by the Town of Annetta South, Texas.

SECTION IV

The invalidity of any section, subsection, or provisions of this Ordinance hereby adopted shall not invalidate the remaining sections, subsections and portions thereof and if any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of the Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the remaining portions thereof.

SECTION V

If any person or persons violate this Ordinance, the Building Inspector may institute on the behalf of the Town of Annetta South any appropriate action, suit or proceeding in law or equity to prevent

such unlawful use, to restrain, correct or abate such violation, to prevent the use of such premises in any manner prohibited by this Ordinance, or to prevent any illegal act, the conduct of business or use within the territorial limits of the Town of Annetta South, Texas.

SECTION VI

This Ordinance shall not be construed to prevent a homeowner from performing electrical or plumbing work on his personal residence or outbuildings, provided such work is in accordance with the National Electrical Code and The International Conference of Building Officials Code.

SECTION VII

While location of wells a safe distance from possible source of contamination is dependent on many factors, to safeguard your well from possible sources of contamination such as stock and poultry yards, privies, septic tanks, absorption fields, etc., it is recommended that the well be located at least 150 feet from such sources of contamination. If local conditions will not permit a distance of 150 feet between the well and the entire septic tank system, a watertight septic tank should be installed at least 50 feet from the well and an effluent line of tight joints should be laid so that no part of the open jointed absorption field will be located within 150 feet of the well. The well shall be located so that flooding and the entrance of surface water are prevented.

SECTION VIII

Private sewage disposal facilities shall be installed in strict accordance of the laws of the State of Texas. The following sections of the Texas General Sanitation Law of 1945 as amended (Article 4477-1, Vernon's Annotated Civil Statutes) are concerned with the treatment and disposal of domestic sewage.

"Sec. 4.(b) No kitchen waste, laundry waste, or sewage shall be allowed to accumulate, discharge or flow into any public place, gutter, street, or highway.

"Sec. 5.(a) All human excreta must be disposed of through properly managed sewers, treatment tanks, chemical toilets, approved privies, or by other methods approved by the State Department of Health. The disposal system shall be sufficient

to prevent the pollution of surface soil, the contamination of any drinking water supply, the infection of any flies, cockroaches, or the creation of any other nuisance.

"Sec. 5.(b) All effluent from a septic tank hereafter constructed shall be disposed of through a subsurface drainage field designed in accordance with good public health engineering practice or any other method which does not create a nuisance."

After the prospective builder has picked out a suitable area, with consideration of safe distances and topography in mind, he should then determine whether soil formations in the chosen area will allow soil absorption system to work.

Where the topography, or ground slope, is not too steep, a flat or level system of gravel-filled trenches is recommended. The use of a loop trench will avoid dead ends and assure maximum effective utilization of all portions of the system. The capacity of any particular absorption system is fixed by the total area of trench bottom built into the system. The amount of this required minimum area will depend upon the expected sewage load (number of bedrooms) and the average soil percolation time.

All parts of the trench bottom should be at the same elevation, permissible variation in total trench depth of a minimum eighteen inches to a maximum of thirty-six inches. Permissible variations in trench widths range from a minimum of approximately twelve inches to a maximum of thirty inches. Minimum spacing between adjacent edges of parallel trenches should be five feet. Liquid from the septic tank is conducted to the absorption system via a water-tight line similar to the house sewer. The liquid is distributed uniformly through the gravel-filled trenches by a pipeline of four inch farm drain tile or a perforated plastic pipe. The distribution piping should be laid level in the trenches, with a minimum of six inches gravel depth under the pipe and a two-inch gravel cover. Thus, a total gravel depth of approximately twelve inches would be required. To avoid root troubles, an additional six inches of gravel should be provided underneath the distribution tile or pipe within ten feet of large trees or large shrubs. The filtering media should be clean, graded gravel, broken brick, washed rock, or similar aggregate and may range in size from one-half

to two and one-half inches. A covering of straw, hay, tarpaper, or similar material over the top of the gravel is also recommended to prevent the soil backfill from invading the gravel until the backfill becomes stabilized.

Where the topography, or ground slope, is too steep for feasible construction of a closed-loop system, the following alternate layout may be used. A single, level trench, constructed like the closed-loop trench, is built along a contour, and the overflow from this line is conducted via a water-tight line to the next lower level, where a second trench can be built along a contour similar to the upper trench. The pattern can be repeated until the required minimum trench bottom area has been provided. No individual trench should exceed one-hundred feet in length. Figure 1.

SECTION IX

No person, firm or corporation or other entity shall install or perform electrical or plumbing work as defined in this Ordinance without first having secured a permit in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance.

SECTION X

Any person, either by himself or agent, and any firm, corporation or other entity who violates any of the provision of this Ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction of any such violation, shall be fined in any sum not to exceed ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100); and each day during which such violation continues shall constitute a separate and distinct offense. In any case of a violation of any of the terms or provisions of this ordinance by any corporation, the officers and agents actively in charge of the business of such corporation shall be subject to the penalty herein provided. Any offense defined herein^{or} defined by laws of the State of Texas as an offense and for which penalty has been prescribed shall be punished as provided in said State Law, and nothing herein shall be held as fixing any penalty contrary to a penalty provided by the laws of the State of Texas.

SECTION XI

This Ordinance does not relieve from or lessen the responsibility or liability of any person owning, operating, controlling, or installing any plumbing or electrical work, for damages to person or property caused by any defect therein, nor shall the Town of Annetta South be regarded as assuming any such liability by reason of the inspection authorized herein or certificate of approval issued as herein provided.

SECTION XII

If any provision of this Ordinance, or the application thereof to any person or circumstances, is held invalid, the remainder of the Ordinance, and the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances, shall not be affected thereby.

SECTION XIII

This Ordinance shall be effective and in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and publications as by law provided.

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED, this 13th day of Sept., 1984

Carl Robbins
Mayor



ATTEST:

John S. Styrsky
City Secretary

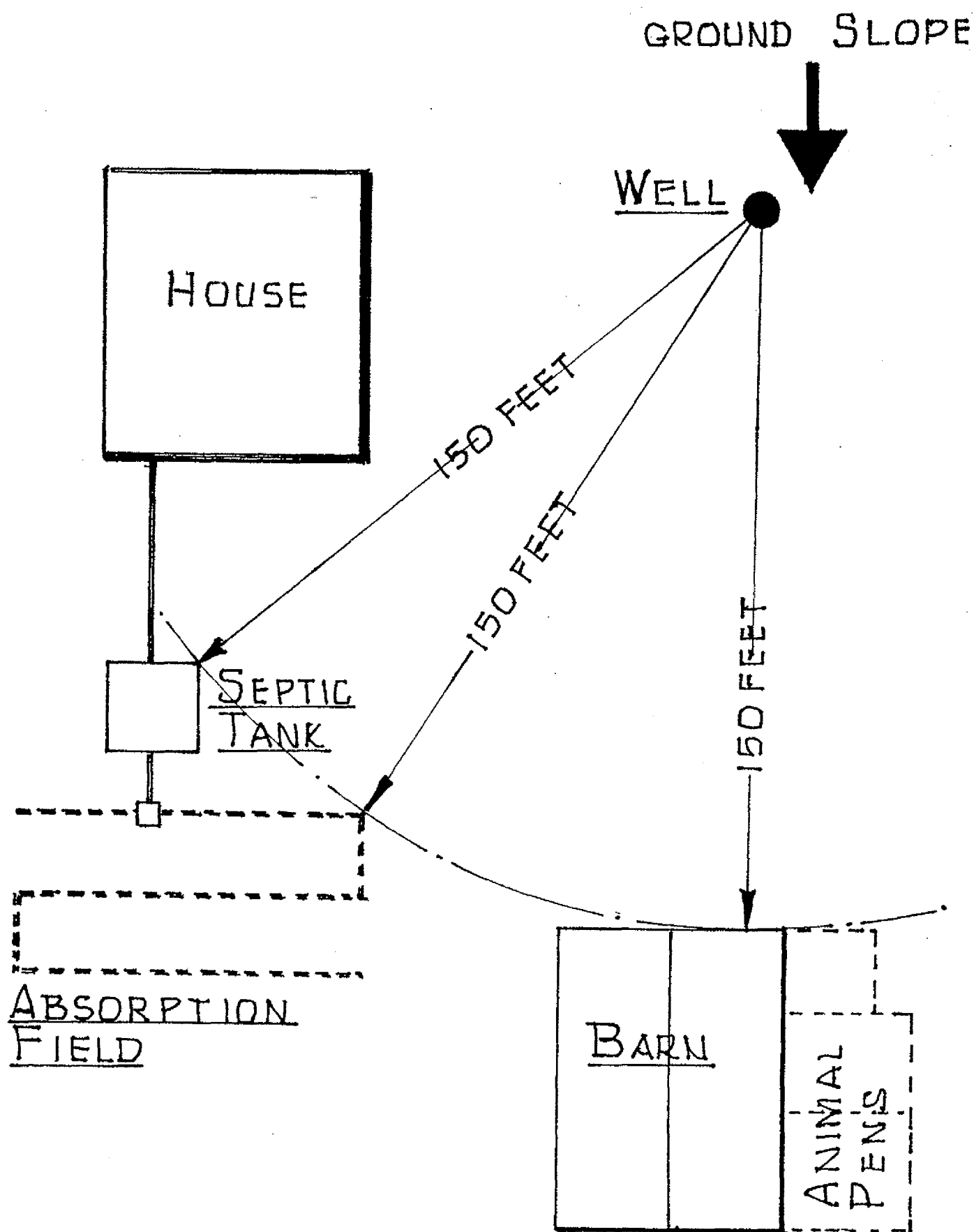


FIGURE 1. PROPERLY LOCATED WELL