

Dearborn County Health Department

Financial Impact Statement for Dearborn County OSS Ordinance

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Ordinance Requirement ¹	Ord. Section	Types of Systems Affected ²	Increased Cost/System ³	Comments
Connection to semi-public sewer	51.04	All potential onsite sewage disposal systems	System and sewer dependent	In the event of a system failure, and a sanitary sewer is available within 300 feet to the residential structure, the cost of connecting to the sanitary sewer not to exceed 150% of the cost of installing a new OSS. Estimated cost of a sanitary connection, with tap and grinder pits, including tank abandonment, around \$20,000. Costs on a gravity flow onsite system on the low end around \$17,000 - \$18,000.
Operating Permit	51.17	Holding Tanks	\$250	Permit cost for documentation review and continued use of the holding tank
Lot creation	51.18	All OSS where property division occurs	\$750, if applicable	Lots containing an exiting onsite sewage system where a new lot is to be created, must show that all current onsite components are fully marked to be on the newly created lot or the original lot and not crossing boundaries. System inspections, when

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				required, may run around \$750. This inspection would be required only when the existing system may be in proximity of the proposed new property boundary.
Pressure Filters	51.20 (B)	Pressure filters	\$400	Pressure filters to be required when an onsite system utilizes pressure distribution and is not part of an overall secondary treatment unit. Pressure mounds, pressure trenches, and pressure sandlined systems (Eljen sandlined system in this case). Department has issued 3-4 permits per year out of 100+ per year. Costs would only apply to these limited sites
Cleanouts	51.20 (C)	Any OSS	\$100	Cleanouts required on sanitary sewers will help access to clear blockages in lieu of digging up the line
Installer Registration	51.60	All OSS	\$100	This is a registration fee for Individuals involved with installation, repairing, or replacing an OSS. The cost may be spread over many applications or it could be for a single application and or system