

RESOLUTION NO. 09-10

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA CAÑADA FLINTRIDGE ADOPTING ON-SITE WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEMS POLICY REGARDING "NO IMPACT" ADDITIONS AND STRUCTURES AND MEASUREMENTS FROM TREES

WHEREAS, the City of La Cañada Flintridge continues to embark on a program to provide sanitary sewers to areas of the City that rely solely on private on-site systems for wastewater disposal; and

WHEREAS, the City north of Foothill Boulevard is already part of sewer districts with completed sewers; and

WHEREAS, this program continues to proceed incrementally through the remaining designed sewer zones south of Foothill Boulevard; and

WHEREAS, when the engineering is completed for an individual zone, a vote will be held to determine the degree of support for providing sewers to that zone; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes the hardship facing many homeowners with on-site wastewater treatment systems (OWTS) that are proposing minor construction projects with no impact to the OWTS but face a lengthy and sometimes costly review process by the Los Angeles County Health Department; and

WHEREAS, in order to reduce the hardship, the City of La Cañada Flintridge will process those minor construction projects with no impact to the OWTS using in-house Building and Safety staff; and


WHEREAS, Under the Memorandum of Understanding between the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region and the City of La Cañada Flintridge Regarding Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems (MOU) the City is the Responsible Agency for the enforcement of all applicable Code requirements including the regulation of the type, siting, operation and any other aspect of OWTS; and

WHEREAS, the MOU provides the City with the authority to regulate the review process for septic systems through the adoption of a policy; and

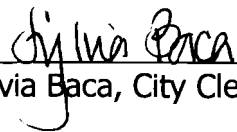
WHEREAS, the City Council desires to adopt this policy to provide a means of addressing on-site sewage disposal concerns for minor no impact projects as identified in Exhibit "A."

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the City Council adopts the On-site Wastewater Treatment Systems Policy #1 Regarding No Impact Additions and Structures and Measurement from Trees as more clearly defined in the attached as Exhibit "A".

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED, this 4th day of May, 2009.


Laura Olhasso, Mayor

ATTEST:

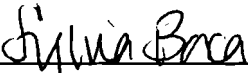

Sylvia Baca, City Clerk

State of California)
County of Los Angeles) ss.
City of La Cañada Flintridge)

I, Sylvia Baca, City Clerk of the City of La Cañada Flintridge, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 09-10 was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of La Cañada Flintridge at a Regular Meeting held on the 4th day of May 2009, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Brown, Del Guercio, Spence, Voss, Olhasso
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: NONE
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: NONE
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: NONE

Dated: May 5, 2009



Sylvia Baca, City Clerk

On-site Wastewater Treatment Systems Policy # 1 Regarding No Impact Additions and Structures and Measurements from Trees

Additions and New Structures

Upon receipt of an application for a residential addition or structure, the Building and Safety Office Manager or Director of Community Development shall determine whether the proposal is a "no impact" project on the on-site wastewater treatment systems (OWTS). If so, the application shall not be referred to the Los Angeles County Environmental Health Department (Health Department) for review. A project shall be a "no impact" application if it falls within all the following guidelines:

1. The application is for a minor accessory structure such as a patio cover, gazebo, tool shed, pool, or for an expansion of the primary structure up to 600 square feet, as long as the expansion does not constitute an additional bedroom as defined in the Health Department Guidelines, Section VI., entitled Bedroom Number Determination for Sizing OWTS, dated April 29, 2008 (Attachment #1). For the purposes of this policy, wherever within Attachment #1 it states, "Program Director," it shall be considered the City's Director of Community Development.
2. The existing septic tank is set back a minimum of 5' from buildings or property lines.
3. Seepage pits and leach fields are to be set back a minimum of 8' from buildings or property lines.
4. It is reasonably determined by the Building and Safety Office Manager or Director of Community Development that the addition or structure does not encroach upon the 100% future expansion area of the required OWTS.
5. A site plan showing the location of the existing OWTS and all structures has been submitted for plan check review.

Projects which cannot be reasonably determined to be "No Impact" by the Building and safety Office Manager or the Director of Community Development shall be submitted to the Health Department for review. The Director of Community Development shall be consulted for an "Impact" determination prior to submitting any project to the Health Department.

Tree Setback – Set-backs from trees shall be measured from the trunk. The septic tank and seepage pit setback requirement is 10' minimum from the trunk of the tree or three times the diameter of the trunk of the tree, whichever is greater, as defined in the Chapter 4.26 of the City of La Cañada Flintridge Municipal Code or its successor.