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Dear Lakeshore Drive homeowners:

Greetings, recent actions of the City of Michigan City Common Council resulted in the inability to obtain funding required for the proposed sewer project and, ultimately, to the denial of the Town of Long Beach connecting to the Michigan City Sanitary Sewer. Accordingly, we contacted the LaPorte County Health Department to inquire about the ramifications regarding the future of "septic permits" for Long Beach homeowners along Lakeshore Drive.

Amanda J. Lahners, who serves as the Administrator of the LaPorte County Health Department has informed us that they will accept applications for septic systems on Lakeshore Drive, which will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Homeowners will be required to complete an on-site residential application and submit a soil report from an IRSS licensed soil scientist. The Health Department has available a list of certified soil scientists. Additionally, if the septic system will be placed within 200' feet of the natural ordinary high-water mark, the system will require a secondary treatment system, known as an advanced treatment unit (ATU), and approval from the Indiana Department of Health before a permit will be issued. Attached with this letter is the Health Department procedures for issuance of an on-site sewage system permit. Listed below is the contact information for the Laporte County Health Department for referenced purposes.

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In closing, and on behalf of your Town Government team, we welcome the opportunity to assist with any additional questions. Please feel free to contact us for information related to this matter or any other concerns or questions. Thank you and enjoy the summer.

Yours in Public Service:

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Procedure for Issuance of On-Site Sewage System (OSS) Permit

The following items must be provided to the staff of the La Porte County Health Department (LPCHD) for review before a permit can be issued.

1. A completed on-site septic system application with the property tax ID number.
2. A soil report from a certified soil scientist with a minimum of three (3) borings per lot. The LPCHD will not process any soil report unless it is accompanied with a signed OSS application. A list of certified soil scientists is attached.

Once the LPCHD receives the soil report and application a Septic System Design and Specification Sheet, which will indicate the type and size of septic system required, will be mailed, faxed, or e-mailed to the OSS applicant.

3. The site plan is prepared using the information provided on the specification sheet. The site plan must include the following items:
 - slope and slope aspect
 - surface drainage characteristics and patterns including swales, ditches, and streams
 - all existing and proposed water wells within 50 feet of the septic system.
 - the design and layout, to scale, of the septic system over at least two of the soil borings and parallel to the contours.
 - existing property lines
 - one-hundred year flood plain elevations and boundaries, if applicable
 - cross section of the lateral trenches, showing depth at which the trenches shall be installed
 - easement locations for subsurface drains and outlets, utilities, pipelines, etc.
 - House and outbuildings drawn to scale
 - Floor plan of house
 - Dispersal area
 - any other items deemed necessary by the LPCHD
4. Flood dosed, pressure distribution, or any elevated system requires the following information:
 - a completed system hydraulic worksheet
 - all elevations needed for the hydraulic design of the system including pump discharge, floats, manifolds, top of ground, etc.
 - manufacturer's pump curve.
 - cross-section of dose tank to be used.

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5. Systems requiring perimeter or curtain drains

- top of ground and invert elevations of the four corners of a perimeter drain are needed
- top of ground and invert elevations for the two ends of a curtain drain are needed
- elevation of outlet for the subsurface drain

Other Information:

- No septic permit shall be issued where a municipal sewer is within 300 feet of the property boundary.
- Use of alternative and experimental technology may be approved for new construction only with the consent of the Indiana Department of Health (IDOH).
- A septic system repair using alternative or experimental technology will be approved by the LPCHD on a case by case basis.

All commercial septic systems, new or repair/replacement, must first contact the ISDH. The LPCHD will issue a septic permit once the ISDH has given

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