

ORDINANCE NO.: 2020 - 40

FIRST READING July 13, 2020

INTRODUCED BY: Gerald Canton

SECOND READING AUGUST 10, 2020

THIRD READING SEPTEMBER 14, 2020

ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1024.09 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF SOUTH RUSSELL FOR INSPECTION AND CLEANING OF SEPTIC SYSTEMS.

WHEREAS, Section 1024.09(a) of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of South Russell currently requires, among other things, that every septic system in the Village of South Russell installed after September 23, 1996 be inspected and cleaned at least once every two years and that each owner of property upon which such septic system is located notify the Building Inspector of such biennial cleaning by certificate from the inspecting company or individual that such septic system is in proper operating order;

WHEREAS, the Council of the Village of South Russell desires to amend the two year inspection and cleaning requirement as well as the biennial notification to the Building Inspector to account for the more efficient septic systems being installed and/or for the fact that many of these septic systems have more capacity than what is currently used, alleviating the need for a more frequent inspection and cleaning schedule; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the Village of South Russell desires to amend Section 1024.09(a) of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of South Russell to require, effective January 1, 2021, inspection and cleaning of septic systems installed in the Village after September 23, 1996 to every three years and to require notification by way of a certificate to the Building Inspector each triennial that such septic system is in proper operating order.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Village of South Russell, Geauga County, Ohio:

SECTION 1. Section 1024.09(a) of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of South Russell is hereby amended to read in full as follows:

“1024.09 INSPECTION AND CLEANING OF SEPTIC SYSTEMS.

(a) Every septic system installed in the Village as of September 23, 1996, shall have been inspected and cleaned no later than September 23, 1997, by a company or individual licensed, or otherwise approved, by the Geauga County Health Department, unless the owner of a septic system can demonstrate his/her system was so cleaned and inspected and in satisfactory working order within one year prior to September 23, 1996. Thereafter, effective January 1, 2021, every septic system shall be inspected and cleaned at least once every three years, commencing with the date of the inspection referred to in this subsection (a) or, within three years after installation if installed after September 23, 1996. It shall be the duty of the owner of the property whereon such septic system is located to keep such septic system in proper working condition at all times and to notify the Building Inspector, immediately after the

triennial inspection and cleaning, by certificate from the inspecting company or individual, that such system is in proper operating order.

SECTION 2. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees on or after December 2, 1975, that resulted in formal actions, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22, Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall be effective on January 1, 2021.

William G. Roms
Mayor - President of Council

ATTEST:

Danielle Romanowski
Fiscal Officer

I certify that Ordinance No. 2020 - 40 was duly enacted on the 14TH day of SEPTEMBER, 2020, by the Council of the Village of South Russell, and posted in accordance with the Ordinances of the Village.

Danielle Romanowski
Fiscal Officer

1024.09 INSPECTION AND CLEANING OF SEPTIC SYSTEMS.

(a) Every septic system installed in the Village as of September 23, 1996, shall be inspected and cleaned no later than September 23, 1997, by a company or individual licensed, or otherwise approved, by the Geauga County Health Department, unless the owner of a septic system can demonstrate his/her system was so cleaned and inspected and in satisfactory working order within one year prior to September 23, 1996. Thereafter, every septic system shall be inspected and cleaned at least once every two years, commencing with the date of the inspection referred to in this subsection (a) or, within two years after installation if installed after September 23, 1996. It shall be the duty of the owner of the property whereon such septic system is located to keep such septic system in proper working condition at all times and to notify the Building Inspector, immediately after the biennial inspection and cleaning, by certificate from the inspecting company or individual, that such system is in proper operating order.

(b) In addition to the requirements set forth above that the company or individual performing the inspections and cleaning required under this chapter be licensed, or otherwise approved, by the Geauga County Health Department, said company or individual must, in addition, register with the Building Inspector on a form to be supplied by said Inspector and shall pay to the Village a fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for such registration.

(c) Whoever violates any provision of this section, is guilty of a fourth degree misdemeanor. Each and every day or portion thereof during which any violation of any of the provisions of this section is committed, continued, or permitted shall be considered a separate offense.