

Brief History of Septic System Maintenance Fees in Wood County

2001-2003

The Electronic Holding Tank Database (EHTD) Fee of \$36 was charged annually to all Holding Tank Owners in 2001, 2002 and 2003. All service providers were required to enter all holding tank servicing events onto the County's maintenance tracking database within thirty (30) days of the service event.

2004

In November, 2003, the Planning & Zoning Committee and staff discussed the COMM 83 requirement that all Private Onsite Waste Treatment Systems (POWTS) shall be visually inspected at least 1 time every 3 years. An amendment to an existing contract was needed to allow tracking of pumping and inspections of all private on-site waste treatment systems in Wood County, in addition to holding tanks. The contract amendment would eliminate the \$36 annual fee to holding tank owners and be replaced with a \$25 Triennial POWTS Program Fee, which would be assessed to all owners of a Private Onsite Waste Treatment System. During this transition period, property owners were not billed in 2004. Rather, it was determined the associated fees for 2004 would be absorbed by the Wood County Private Sewage Administration Budget.

2005-2007

Effective January 1, 2005, all owners of a POWTS were to be billed for the \$25 Triennial POWTS Program fee 1 time between 2005 and 2007. Further, this program fee was to be reviewed during the 2007 budget process.

2008-2010

The Triennial POWTS Program Fee was reviewed by the Planning and Zoning Committee during the 2007 budget process. Effective December 31, 2007, per County Board Resolution, the \$25 Triennial POWTS Program Fee was suspended.

2011-2013

During the review of the 2011 budget parameters, the CEED Committee reviewed the history of the Triennial POWTS Program Fee and its impact on the Private Sewage Administration Budget. The revenue from sanitary permits alone will not support the cost of the private sewage administration and maintenance program budget. Following a lengthy discussion, it was determined the Triennial POWTS Program Fee be reinstated. **Effective January 1, 2011, per County Board Resolution, all owners of a POWTS will be billed the \$20 Triennial POWTS Program Fee once during the three year cycle of 2011, 2012 and 2013.**