

Waushara County
Land Conservation & Zoning Office
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DATE: 5/29/13

TO: Builders and Contractors working in Waushara County

RE: Drain tile or pipe system exemption

In accordance with SPS 321.17(2), Wisconsin Administrative code, the Building Inspectors in Waushara County may waive the requirements for a complete drain tile or pipe system for new one and two family dwelling construction where documentation is submitted which verifies that the soils in the area of the foundation are comprised of well drained sands or well drained loamy sands and that no seasonal groundwater levels exist at or above the elevation of the footing of the proposed new one or two family dwelling. The easiest way of documenting that these conditions exist is to simply have the Certified Soil Tester do an extra boring or back hoe pit in an area of the proposed basement while conducting the soils report for the private on site wastewater treatment system. This extra boring should be taken to the same depth as the depth of the proposed footings. Once this information is received, along with the attached waiver signed by the landowner, a drain tile or pipe system is not required.

In the instance of a proposed addition to an existing one or two family dwelling where the proposed foundation is at the same (or higher) elevation as the existing foundation, and it has been verified that there is no history of water problems, the signed waiver would exempt the addition from having a drain tile or pipe system, as well.

Please feel free to call the Building Inspectors serving the participating municipalities in Waushara County at (920) 787-6510, Monday- Friday from 8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. if you have any questions regarding this information.

Sincerely,



Terri DoppPaukstat
Waushara County Land Conservation & Zoning

Attachment – Acknowledgement of waiver request

Acknowledgement of waiver request

As property owner of tax parcel number _____ - _____ - _____, I hereby acknowledge that a waiver to the complete drain tile and/or pipe system requirements of SPS 321.17 is being requested as part of an application for a Uniform Dwelling Code permit for my property. I agree that if the waiver is granted that it should not be considered a guarantee against water damage to the structure and/or building contents and those circumstances, other than high groundwater, could occur, which may result in water entering the structure. Furthermore, I agree to release the Municipality, its agents and employees, including Independent Inspections, Ltd from any and all claims, causes of action or liability arising from the lack of drain tile and/or pipe-system as part of the construction plans for permit number _____.

OWNER(signed)

OWNER(print)

CO-OWNER(signed)

CO-OWNER(print)

CERT. SOIL TESTER(signed)

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