



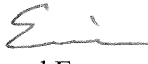
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## MEMORANDUM

January 15, 2009

TO: Board of Mayor and Aldermen

FROM: Eric Stuckey, City Administrator   
Vernon Gerth, ACA - Community and Economic Development  
Chris Bridgewater, Mechanical and Plumbing Plans Examiner

SUBJECT: Update on Identifying & Mapping Existing Septic Systems and Pending Inspection Program.

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### **Purpose**

To purpose of this memorandum is to update the Board of Mayor and Aldermen (BOMA) of progress in identifying and mapping septic systems located within the City of Franklin and the next steps in developing a septic system inspection program.

### **Background**

Last summer the BOMA passed Ordinance 2009-31 that afforded property owners the option to stay connected to a functioning septic system when public sanitary sewer service was made available to their property. Previously, the Ordinance required property owners to connect their home to the public sewer within 180 days from the date the public sewer became available. Also included in Ordinance 2009-31, the BOMA decided to have septic systems inspected every three (3) years to insure the systems are functioning properly and in accordance with the Williamson County Board of Health regulations or with Tenn. Code Ann. § 68-221-401 *et seq.* Since a comprehensive list of septic systems was not available, several City or County employees worked collaboratively to identify and map 342 known septic systems operating within the City of Franklin. Coordinated by Chris Bridgewater from the Building and Neighborhoods Services Department, the other employees to be recognized in this effort include:

#### **Water Management Dept.**

William Sullivan  
Mark Hilty  
Rick McPeak  
Harvey Smithson

#### **Williamson County Sewage Disposal Management**

Brian Corwin  
Bart Skelton

#### **Finance Dept.**

Steve Sims  
Rita Morton

#### **MIT**

Carl Alexander  
Steve Foster

#### **Engineering Dept.**

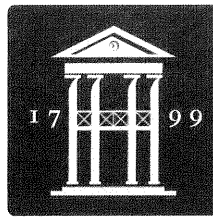
Eric Gardner

### **Financial Impact**

To be determined. Now that the number and location of septic systems have been identified, City staff will work with County Department of Sewage Disposal employees to develop an inspection program and determine the fee to be charged to property owners.

### **Recommendation**

Not applicable. For information purposes only.



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**Statistics on Identified Septic Systems within Franklin Corporate Limits**

Using sewer maps, cursory record search, and institutional knowledge from the Water Management, Engineering, Utility Billing, MIT, Building and Neighborhood Services Departments and Williamson County Sewage Disposal Management, 352 properties were identified as having private septic systems.

- 178 properties are within Special Assessment Districts and will have sewer readily available
- 46 properties have sewer readily available for connection
- 128 properties do not have access to sewer without a capital construction project or similar effort

224 properties are designated for periodic inspection of septic systems under Ordinance 2009-31

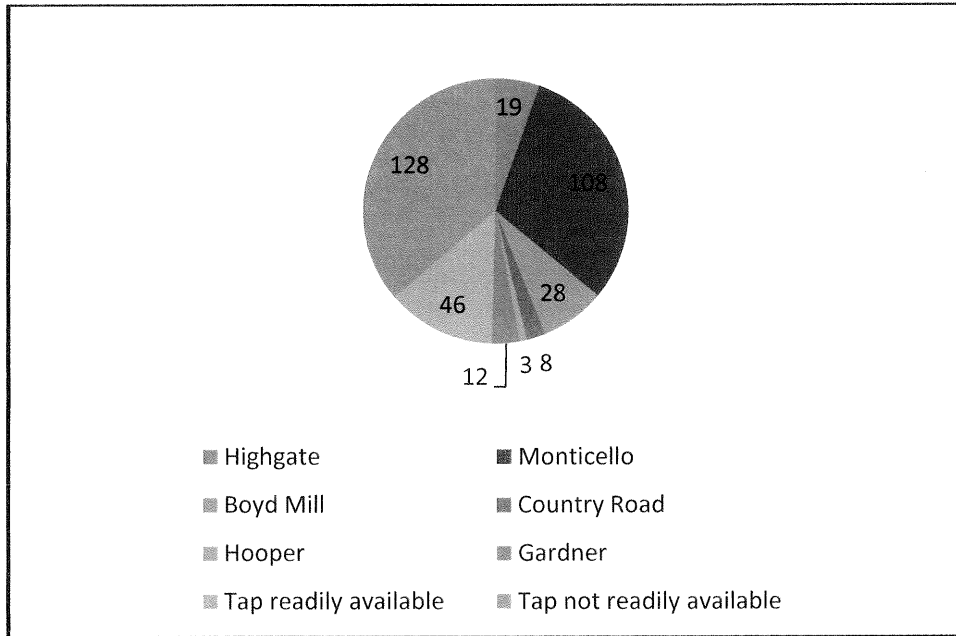
**Active/Pending Special Assessment Districts**

Project Name	Project Status	Tied on to sewer	Remain On Septic	Properties in project
Highgate	Complete, connection allowed	9	19	<b>28</b>
Boyd Mill	Approved, not constructed	0	28	<b>28</b>
Gardner	Notional, No initiating resolution yet	0	12	<b>12</b>
Country Road	Approved, not constructed	0	8	<b>8</b>
Monticello	Construction in progress, complete July 2010	0	108	<b>108</b>
Hooper Lane	Complete, connection allowed	7	3	<b>10</b>
		<b>16</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>194</b>

Additionally, 23 of the 352 properties are classified as having a land use of other than residential.



### Septic System Summary Chart



### Watch List

Also identified were areas where septic systems are likely to exist, but records are not available, and the homeowners may not have knowledge of the septic systems. This area is primarily in Central Franklin and does not include commercial, institutional, utility, or vacant properties. The properties within this area have been placed on a 'watch list.' The watch list will be used as a tool to identify septic systems within this area by camera investigation by the Water Management Dept. (William Sullivan), by ongoing records search, and by asking additional questions of applicants and site visits when permits are obtained from Building and Neighborhood Services for on properties on this list.