



MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSION

A G E N D A

January 21, 2020

5:00 PM

150 East Washington Street, Madison, GA

Pledge and Invocation

Agenda Approval

Unfinished Business

1. RV Hardship Request

New Business

2. Resolution-2020 Qualifying Fees
3. Commissioner Liaison Reports
4. Public Comments on Agenda Items

EXECUTIVE SESSION

5. Potential Litigation, Personnel & Real Estate



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MORGAN COUNTY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

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Memorandum

Date: January 17, 2020

To: Board of Commissioners

From: Chuck Jarrell, Director 

Re: Richards – RV Hardship

At the January 7th BOC meeting a request from Bobby Richards was heard for a Hardship request to allow his son to live in a RV on the farm in order to care for him. It was stated that his son needed the internet for the use of his business, and internet was not available at his house.

The question was broached as to whether a septic tank would be required to be installed for the camper. Mr. Richards son stated that he had installed a holding tank and he has it pumped as needed. The question also came up as to whether the electrical was up to code. The Board decided to table the request until an inspection could be conducted and information concerning the septic system could be obtained.

After the meeting I contacted Lynette Knight with the Health Department concerning the sewage holding tank that Mr. Richards stated that he had installed in the ground. Ms. Knight stated that sewage holding tanks are only permitted for construction trailers and special events under the State law O.C.G.A. §12-15-1. The code section is attached for your review.

I also visited the site to review the electrical condition. The RV is plugged into an RV receptacle and is in a safe operational condition.

In conclusion, If the Board decides to grant the Hardship, Mr. Richards will need to install a State approved septic system to handle the sewage. I would also recommend that the Hardship be limited to 12 months. If the need for Hardship to be extended, Mr. Richards would need to come back before the Board for an extension.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

O.C.G.A. § 12-15-1

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*** Current through the 2010 Regular Session ***

TITLE 12. CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES
CHAPTER 15. SEWAGE HOLDING TANKS AND COMMERCIAL WASTE
ARTICLE 1. SEWAGE HOLDING TANKS

Go to the Georgia Code Archive Directory

O.C.G.A. § 12-15-1 (2010)

§ 12-15-1. Short title

This article shall be known and may be cited as the "Sewage Holding Tank Act."

HISTORY: Code 1981, § 12-15-1, enacted by Ga. L. 1990, p. 861, § 1; Ga. L. 2004, p. 357, § 2.

§ 12-15-2. Legislative findings

The General Assembly finds that there is a need for sewage holding tanks to accommodate the sewage from flush toilets which serve the needs of employees at construction sites during the temporary period of construction and the needs of the public at special events, and that such sewage holding tanks should be regulated to ensure that they are maintained in a clean, sanitary, and functional condition for the protection of human health, safety, and welfare. Where such sewage holding tanks are utilized, their construction, maintenance, and operation shall meet the standards of this article and all health and safety regulations applicable thereto.

§ 12-15-3. Definitions

As used in this article, the term:

(1) "Construction period" means the period of time during which a valid construction permit is in effect for a construction site.

(2) "Construction site" means the property designated in a valid construction permit issued by the local government having jurisdiction of construction.

(3) "Department" means the Department of Natural Resources.

(4) "Sewage" means human excreta, all water carried wastes, and liquid waste, including graywater or similar waste by-products.

(5) "Sewage holding tank" means a portable receptacle used on a temporary basis for containing sewage from flush toilets not connected to a public sewer system or an approved on-site sewage management system.

(6) "Sewage holding tank system" means a closed system including the plumbing fixtures and connections to the sewage holding tanks.

(7) "Special event" means any activity attracting more than 50 persons which is sponsored, organized, promoted, managed, or financed by any person, group, partnership, organization, corporation, business, or government entity where individuals congregate to participate in or observe an activity in outdoor or portable enclosed or semienclosed structures for more than two consecutive hours.

§ 12-15-4. When sewage holding tanks may be utilized

Sewage holding tanks may be utilized for construction trailers only at a construction site during the construction period, and at the site of any special event during the period of the special event and for 48 hours before and after the special event. Sewage holding tanks shall not be used as an approved method of sewage disposal in obtaining an occupancy permit or permanent power for any structure.

§ 12-15-5. Sewage holding tank specifications; removal of sewage from tanks; disposal of sewage; manifests

(a) Sewage holding tanks shall be maintained in a clean, sanitary, and functional condition and shall be constructed of impervious materials. Sewage holding tanks shall be watertight and capable of containing the sewage in a sanitary manner and shall be adequate in size to contain the sewage from the flush toilets being served by the tank and shall be serviced at least once per week while in use so that the tank will not be filled to more than one-half of its volume between regularly scheduled service. The prime contractor at a construction site or sponsor at a special event must monitor sewage holding tank capacity and ensure that the tank volume will not exceed one-half of the tank capacity at any time.

(b) Any defective or inadequate holding tank shall be repaired immediately or removed from service.

(c) Removal of sewage from sewage holding tanks shall be accomplished in a clean and sanitary manner by means of a vacuum hose and shall be received into a leakproof tank truck, approved and licensed for such service by the local health department for transport. Any sewage spilled, leaked, discharged, or otherwise released or removed from a sewage holding tank to any location other than a leakproof tank truck shall be deemed a violation of Article 2 of Chapter 5 of this title, the "Georgia Water Quality Control Act," and such violation shall be punishable under the provisions of said Article 2.

(d) The sewage from sewage holding tanks carried by tank trucks shall be disposed only at a sewage treatment plant which is owned and operated by a city or county government and which holds a valid permit from the division. Such disposal shall occur only with the permission of the city or county government which owns the

sewage treatment plant. Any disposal of sewage from a tank truck at any location other than the place inside the property boundaries of a sewage treatment plant designated by the plant's owner shall be deemed to be a violation of Article 2 of Chapter 5 of this title. Such violation shall be punishable under the provisions of said Article 2.

(e) The sewage holding tank provider shall be responsible for maintaining a manifest system to ensure that all sewage pumped from a holding tank is disposed of in accordance with subsection (d) of this Code section. A responsible employee of the city or county sewage treatment plant which receives the sewage must sign a manifest for each load of sewage received, and the sewage holding tank provider must make the manifests available on each tank truck at any time for inspection by the division or any county board of health.

§ 12-15-6. Responsibility for ensuring compliance with article

The prime contractor named in the construction permit or the sponsor of a special event and the sewage holding tank service provider shall be responsible for ensuring that the appropriate provisions of this article are complied with.

§ 12-15-7. Enforcement of compliance with article

The department and respective county boards of health and their duly authorized agents are authorized to enforce compliance with this article and rules and regulations promulgated and adopted pursuant to this article.

§ 12-15-8. Violations

Any person violating the provisions of this article shall be deemed to be in violation of Article 2 of Chapter 5 of this title. Any such violation shall be punishable under the provisions of said Article 2.



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REOSLUTION- QUALIFYING FEES FOR ELECTED COUNTY OFFICES FOR 2020

STATE OF GEORGIA

COUNTY OF MORGAN

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners is the Governing Authority for Morgan County, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners is required by O.C.G.A. 21-2-131, to set and publish qualifying fees for county offices not later than February 1st of any year in which a general primary, nonpartisan election, or general election is to be held; and

WHEREAS, the qualifying fee is required to be 3% of the base salary (excluding supplements, cost of living adjustment and longevity increases) for the offices shown below except for Coroner and State Court Judge;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board hereby approves the qualifying fees for elected offices for 2020 as follows:

OFFICE	QUALIFYING FEE
Board of Education (Districts 1, 2 and 3)	\$113.00
County Commissioner (Districts 3, 4 and 5)	\$144.00
Coroner	\$344.00
Clerk of Superior Court	\$1,392.00
Judge, Magistrate Court	\$1,392.00
Judge, Probate Court	\$1,392.00
Sheriff	\$1,616.00
Tax Commissioner	\$1,392.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, these qualifying fees shall be published in the legal organ of the county as required by law.

This resolution shall become effective immediately upon passage.

SO RESOLVED, this 21st day of January, 2020.

MORGAN COUNTY, GEORGIA,
Acting by and through its Board of Commissioners

Philipp von Hanstein, Chairman

Ben M. Riden, Jr., Vice-Chairman

Andrew A. Ainslie, Jr., Commissioner

Donald B. Harris, Commissioner

Ronald H. Milton, Commissioner

Attest: Leslie Brandt, County Clerk

QUALIFYING FEES SET FOR MORGAN COUNTY ELECTIONS

Pursuant to the provisions of O.C.G.A. § 21-2-131 (a)(1), the Morgan County Board of Commissioners does hereby certify that listed below are the qualifying fees to be paid by candidates for elections in Morgan County in 2020. Qualifying fees were set at the January 21, 2020 Regular Called Meeting of the Board of Commissioners.

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Qualifying for the offices listed above will begin at 9:00 a.m. on March 2, 2020 and will end at noon on March 6, 2020. The General Primary will be held on May 19, 2020 and the Primary Run-Off, if needed, will take place on July 21, 2020. The General Election will be held on November 3, 2020 and the General Election Run-Off, if needed, will be held December 1, 2020. For more information, contact Morgan County Elections Supervisor, Jennifer Doran at (706) 343-6311 or the local political parties.

Philipp von Hanstein, Chairman
Morgan County Board of Commissioners