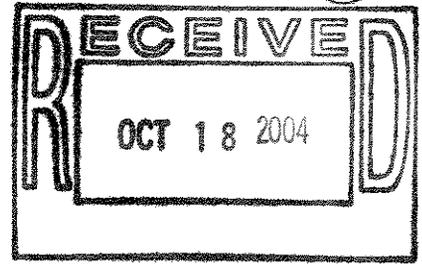




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INTERDEPARTMENTAL COMMUNICATION

Acton Board of Health - Telephone 978-264-9634 - Fax 978-264-9630

October 14, 2004

TO: Don Johnson, Town Manager
FROM: Doug Halley, Health Director
SUBJECT: Upper Blackstone Septage Charges

Attached with this memo please find a letter from the Upper Blackstone Water Pollution Abatement District. By this letter the District has informed the Town that they will be raising the rates for issuance of septage permits, effective December 1, 2004.

Based on the increase the Health Department requests that the Board of Selectmen adopt the attached schedule that reflects this increase. In accordance with the District's scheduled increase we request that the effective date be December 1, 2004.



UPPER BLACKSTONE WATER POLLUTION ABATEMENT DISTRICT

Engineer - Director / Treasurer Thomas K. Walsh, P.E.

October 1, 2004-

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Re: Septage Permits

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to inform you that our rates for issuance of septage permits will be going up, and to request your aid in reducing discharge of unacceptable wastes to our facilities.

Due to the increased cost of managing our septage program, we will be increasing the fee for issuance of septage permits to ten dollars (\$10.00) per permit, effective December 1, 2004. After that date, we will be charging you \$10.00 for each permit issued by the Town of Acton for discharge of septage to the District.

We also need your assistance in controlling the amount of unacceptable waste that is discharges to our facility. Illegal discharges are often made using permits that were obtained from a community that provides septage haulers blank permits in advance, without requiring complete information on the origin of the waste to be disposed. This allows a few unscrupulous haulers to easily forge a domestic source for a load of non-domestic waste and discharge it to us. The waste that is thus disposed may harm our treatment process, or it might end up in our effluent, in the Blackstone River. In either case, considerable environmental harm can be done. You can help reduce the possibility of this happening by issuing only permits for legitimate households, and by not providing blank permits to the septage haulers.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Thomas K. Walsh,
Engineer, Director, Treasurer

Upper Blackstone Domestic^{House} Sanitary Septage Charges

December 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005

Domestic Sanitary Septage	\$47.25 / 1,000 gallons
Out Of District Surcharge	\$5.00 / 1,000 gallons
Upper Blackstone Service Charge	\$10.00 per address
Town Of Acton Service Charge	\$15.00 per address

Table Of Charges

<u>Domestic Sanitary Septage Dumping</u>	<u>Basic Charge</u>	<u>Service Charge</u>	<u>Out Of District Surcharge</u>	<u>Acton Service Charge</u>	<u>Proposed Total Charge</u>
1,000 gallons	\$47.25	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$15.00	\$77.25
1,500 gallons	\$70.88	\$10.00	\$7.50	\$15.00	\$103.38
1,800 gallons	\$85.05	\$10.00	\$9.00	\$15.00	\$119.05
2,000 gallons	\$94.50	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$15.00	\$129.50
2,500 gallons	\$118.13	\$10.00	\$12.50	\$15.00	\$155.63
3,000 gallons	\$141.75	\$10.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$181.75
3,600 gallons	\$170.10	\$10.00	\$18.00	\$15.00	\$213.10
4,000 gallons	\$189.00	\$10.00	\$20.00	\$15.00	\$234.00
4,500 gallons	\$212.63	\$10.00	\$22.50	\$15.00	\$260.13
5,000 gallons	\$236.25	\$10.00	\$25.00	\$15.00	\$286.25
7,200 gallons	\$340.20	\$10.00	\$36.00	\$15.00	\$401.20
10,000 gallons	\$472.50	\$10.00	\$50.00	\$15.00	\$547.50

Minimum Charge will be 1,000 gallons
 All charges will be based on truck capacity. Each truck will be billed on a minimum of 90% of liquid capacity
 Any quantities in between those calculated above, will be pro-rated based on actual measured loads,
 but not less than 90% of the truck's capacity.
 All accounts sixty (60) days overdue will be charged a late fee of 14% per annum.
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