

## Legislation Details (With Text)

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**Title:** Amending Section 7.35(3) of the Madison General Ordinances to update language regarding private septic tank disposal systems to be consistent with the Wisconsin Administrative Code.  
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10/30/2012	1	COMMON COUNCIL	Adopt	Pass
10/11/2012	1	BOARD OF HEALTH FOR MADISON AND DANE COUNTY	RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER	Pass
10/2/2012	1	COMMON COUNCIL	Referred	
9/25/2012	1	Attorney's Office/Approval Group	Referred for Introduction	

**Fiscal Note**

No appropriation is required.

**Title**

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**Body**

DRAFTER'S ANALYSIS: This ordinance updates language to be consistent the Wisconsin Administrative Code.

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The Common Council of the City of Madison do hereby ordain as follows:

Subsection (3) entitled "Sludge, Scum and Liquid Effluent" of Section 7.35 entitled "Septic Tanks, Dry Wells, Tile Fields, Scavengers" of the Madison General Ordinances is amended to read as follows:

"(3) Sludge, Scum and Liquid Effluent.

- (a) Sludge, scum and any liquid effluent whatsoever when removed from a septic tank sewage disposal system is hereby declared to be a public nuisance and a health hazard and a menace to individual and public health.
- (b) ~~No person shall remove, cause, suffer or permit to be removed, any sludge, scum or liquid effluent whatsoever from a private septic tank sewage disposal system, whether by pumping or by gravity flow, unless it shall be disposed of without leakage, spillage or pumping upon the surface of the ground. No person shall dispose of, cause, suffer or permit disposal of any sludge, scum or liquid effluent whatsoever from a private septic tank sewage disposal system unless it shall be removed and disposed of in a manner approved by the Madison Public Health Department and shall be by one of the following methods~~
  1. ~~Licensed Removers. Pumping and disposal of septic tank sewage disposal system, sludge, scum and liquid effluent may be performed by individuals licensed by the State~~

- Board of Health to engage in the business of servicing septic tank systems in the manner prescribed by the State Board of Health; or,
2. ~~Private Removers.~~ Persons servicing their own sewage units by pumping or disposal of any sludge, scum or liquid effluent shall dispose of such sludge, scum or liquid effluent by one of the following means:
- a. ~~Discharge into the public sewage system at a point and by a method designated by the City Engineer;~~
  - b. ~~Burial under a minimum of six (6) inches of earth cover so that none of the sludge, scum or liquid effluent is exposed at the ground surface;~~
  - c. ~~Discharge into a separate City Department of Public Health approved, subsurface absorption area; or, (Am. by Ord. 7899, 12-29-82)~~
  - d. ~~By any other disposal plan which has received the written approval of the City of Madison Director of Public Health.~~

Removal and disposal of wastewater, sludge, and scum from a private septic system shall be done in accordance with Wis. Admin. Code ch. NR 113."