

13.15 PRIVATE WELL ABANDONMENT. (1) PURPOSE. To prevent unused and/or improperly constructed wells from serving as a passage for contaminated surface or near-surface waters or other materials to reach the usable ground water, all private wells located within the Village limits shall be properly filled and sealed.

(2) EXEMPTION. Only those wells for which a well operation permit has been granted by the Water Utility Superintendent may be exempted from this requirement, subject to conditions of maintenance and operation.

(3) WELL OPERATION PERMITS. A permit may be granted to a well owner to operate a well for a period not to exceed 5 years, but may be renewed upon reapplication for additional 5 year periods if the following requirements are met. Application shall be made on forms provided by the Utility Clerk and payment of a permit fee as determined by the Village Board.

(a) The well and pump installation shall meet or may be upgraded to meet the Standards for Existing Installations described in Wis. Adm. Code NR 812.42.

(b) The well and pump shall have a history of producing safe water evidenced by at least 1 coliform bacteria sample. In areas where the Department of Natural Resources has determined that ground water aquifers are contaminated with substances other than bacteria, additional chemical tests may be required to evidence safety of the water.

(c) There shall be no cross-connections between the well's pump installation or distribution piping and the municipal water system.

(d) The well water shall not discharge into a drain leading directly to a public sewer utility unless properly metered and authorized by the sewer utility.

(e) The well shall have a functional pumping system and the proposed use of the well water can be justified as reasonable in addition to water provided by the municipal water system.

(4) METHODS. Wells to be abandoned shall be filled according to the procedures outlined in Wis. Adm. Code NR 812. The pump and piping shall be removed and the well checked for obstructions prior to plugging. Any obstruction of liner must be removed.

(5) REPORTS AND INSPECTION. A well abandonment report shall be submitted by the well owner to the Department of Natural Resources on forms provided by that agency which is available at the office of the Utility Clerk. The report shall be submitted immediately upon completion of the filling of the well. The filling shall be observed by a representative of the Village.

(6) PENALTIES. Any person who violates any provision of this section shall, upon conviction, be subject to a forfeiture of not less than \$25 nor more than \$500, together with the costs of prosecution. Each 24 hour period during which a violation exists shall be deemed and shall constitute a separate offense.