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TO: Area Realtors and Homeowners

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RE: Sanitary Evaluation Requests

Dear Realtors/Homeowners:

- ❖ Effective January 1, 2009, the fee for a Sanitary Evaluation is \$150.00 for a well inspection or septic inspection. The fee for both a well and septic inspection is \$200. **A \$25.00 SERVICE CHARGE WILL BE ASSESSED ON ALL RETURNED CHECKS.**
- ❖ A private well evaluation will include two water samples to analyze for Coliform and nitrate contamination. Additional water samples will be subject to \$25 + lab fees per water sample collected. Access into the home is not required for a well only evaluation if there is access to an outside hydrant that has running water and the well is located outside. All fees are to be paid by the requesting party.
- ❖ A private well evaluation that needs to test for the presence of lead in the water will be charged an additional \$40 per water sample collected. All fees are to be paid by the requesting party. If lead testing is requested, the results may take up to three weeks before they are available.
- ❖ A septic system inspection requires access into the home for the shock load test to be performed. This also requires that the septic outlet lid be exposed and the lid to have been recently loosened **before** the time of the sanitary evaluation appointment. Instructions are available for exposing the outlet lid if your office should need assistance in this procedure. All fees are to be paid by the requesting party.
- ❖ A fee of \$25 per trip may be charged for extra trips to a property if the outlet lid for the septic inspection has not been uncovered or if chlorine is detected which makes the water unable to be sampled. Chlorine reagent powder pillows are available upon request for detecting if chlorine is still present in the water. The extra trip fee also applies to appointments that are set up and do not show.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact this department. In the event that a representative is not available at the time of your call, please leave your name and number so we may contact you upon our return.