

Plainville Board of Health – “FORM A”
Project Evaluation for Building Permit- Additions, Alterations, Renovations,
or Pool (On-Site Sewage Disposal System)

Date _____

Project Address _____

Contractor's Name _____ Telephone _____

Contractor's Address _____ E-Mail: _____

Owner's Name _____ E-Mail: _____

Owner's Signature _____ Telephone _____

Project Description _____

What is the area (or dimensions) of project? _____

Is there a change in the building footprint? NO YES, list dimensions _____

Current Room Count: List the rooms on each floor: ie. Kitchen, office, living room, 3 bedrooms etc.
(Do not count bathrooms, closets, hallways, unfinished cellars, and unheated storage area over garages)

First Floor rooms: _____

Second Floor rooms: _____

Basement: _____ Other: _____

Existing number of rooms: _____ Existing number of bedrooms _____

Number of rooms to be added: _____ Number of bedrooms to be added _____

Septic System Design: Bedrooms _____ Total number of rooms: _____ Garbage Grinder: NO YES

Interior Sketches: If any new rooms are created, provide sketches of the existing and the proposed floor plans, showing all rooms and clearly representing the proposed project.

Exterior Sketch: If any exterior change submit

A neatly drawn, to scale, plot plan must be submitted with this form showing:

- Property Lines
- Existing Structure(s) footprint- labeled
- Location of septic tank, leaching area or cesspool, and subsurface expansion area-labeled

Types of foundations of addition (circle): Full Basement Slab Post or Columns Crawl Space

Proposed structure(s) or pool footprint- labeling foundation types of addition

Setbacks (in feet) of addition or pool: to septic tank, and to leaching area or cesspool

*****For office use only (below)*****

BOH Action: Approval _____ Disapproval _____ BOH Agent _____ Date _____

Reason for disapproval or other comments or conditions: _____

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Additional Instructions

What counts as a bedroom? How many bedrooms does this single family dwelling have?

Count the total number of rooms: Don’t count bathrooms, hallways, unfinished cellars and unheated storage areas.

If the TOTAL number of rooms exceeds 8:

then the number of bedrooms is the total number of rooms divided by two (2). If the division results in a fraction, then round down to the next whole number.

If the TOTAL number of rooms is 8 or less, then a bedroom is a room which:

- floor space of no less than 70 square feet;
- for new construction , a ceiling height of no less than 7'3";
- for existing houses and for mobile homes, a ceiling height of no less than 7'0";
- an electrical service and ventilation;
- at least one window

Living rooms, dining rooms, kitchens, halls, bathrooms, unfinished cellars, and unheated storage areas over garages are not considered bedrooms. All other rooms are.

A deed restriction can be used so that a building permit may be issued for homes that exceed the approved septic design flow based on the total room count.

What if a bedroom is added?

The septic system must handle the increased flow of an additional bedroom. If the addition or renovation increases the total number of rooms in the house or the number of bedrooms the septic system capacity must be evaluated. The capacity of the septic system may be obtained from existing records.

What if only the building footprint is changed?

It must be determined that the location of the addition to the footprint will not interfere with, or be too close to the septic system. This fact can be established either from:

1. Showing an accurate location from existing records or
2. Determining that the system is on the opposite side of the building

If neither can be done, the system must be inspected, by an approved inspector, to the extent that the actual location of the components of the system can be determined accurately.