

TANEY COUNTY REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT

BYLAWS

PREAMBLE

WHEREAS, with the first class status, in excess of 47,000 residents, and several million tourists, Taney County, Missouri nestles in the heart of the beautiful Ozarks, and

WHEREAS, the fractured and soluble limestone hills, verdant landscapes, and clear lakes and streams which compliment the natural beauty also create an environmental potential for severe pollution, and

WHEREAS, Taney County is one of the fastest growing counties in Missouri, but still has time and space for orderly wastewater management when guided by the Regional Sewer District, and

WHEREAS, voters in Taney County have diverse heritages but a mutuality of concern to maintain and enhance the environment, as demonstrated by their support of the Regional Sewer District by the following vote at a special election held on November 8, 1983:

Shall a sewer district be formed in Taney County under Chapter 204 (RsMo)

Yes – 2,365

No - 1,334

Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED THAT

These Bylaws be adopted by the Taney County Regional Sewer District.

ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of this agency will be the Taney County Regional Sewer District and the five member governing body shall be the Taney County Regional Sewer District Board of Trustees.

ARTICLE II. LEGAL AUTHORITY

REVISED STATUTES OF MISSOURI 204.250 through 204.470

ARTICLE III. MISSION STATEMENT

Therefore, be it known to all good citizens of the beautiful County of Taney, that the pollution of the water of this County is unacceptable, a threat to public health and well being, aids in the creation of public nuisance, harms fish, wildlife, and aquatic vegetation and life, impairs economic, agricultural, domestic, recreational, and other important uses of water; and so, therefore, it is hereby declared to be the public policy of this County through the political subdivision entitled the Taney County Regional Sewer District to conserve the waters of this County and to protect, maintain, and improve the quality thereof for public water supplies and for economic, domestic, agricultural, recreational and other beneficial uses, and for the enhancement of fish, wildlife, and aquatic vegetation and life.

ARTICLE IV. OBJECTIVES

The Taney County Regional Sewer District is empowered by law to establish rules and regulations governing the installation, management, and operation of individual on-site wastewater treatment systems serving residential and commercial structures within the boundaries of the District. The Taney County Regional Sewer District shall have all of the powers necessary and convenient to provide for the construction, operation and maintenance of its collection and treatment facilities and the administration, regulation, and enforcement of its pretreatment program.

ARTICLE V. MEMBERSHIP

Revised Statutes of Missouri 204.300 mandate membership as follows:

The governing body of the county, by resolution, order, or ordinance, shall appoint five trustees, the majority of who shall reside within the boundaries of the district. The term of each board member shall be five years.

ARTICLE VI. COMPENSATION

Section 204.300 RSMo states:

The trustees may be paid reasonable compensation by the district for their services; except that, any compensation schedule shall be approved by resolution, order, or ordinance of the governing body of the county. Any and all expenses incurred in the performance of their duties shall be reimbursed by the district.

ARTICLE VI. OFFICERS

Although not authorized by law, the Board of Trustees during the first meeting in January of each year shall elect a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson who shall serve for one year.

As required in section 204.300 RSMo the board of trustees shall select a treasurer, who may be either a member of the board of trustees or another qualified individual. The treasurer selected by the board shall give such bond as may be required by the board of trustees.

ARTICLE VII. EMPLOYEES

Section 204.300 states:

The board of trustees shall have the power to employ and fix the compensation of such staff as may be necessary to discharge the business and purposes of the district, including clerks, attorneys, administrative assistants, and any other necessary personnel.

ARTICLE VIII. PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES

Section 204.300 RSMo states:

The board may employ a registered professional engineer as chief engineer for the district under such terms and conditions as may be necessary to discharge the business and purposes of the district.

ARTICLE IX. PARLIAMENTURE PROCEDURE, VOTING RIGHTS.

The latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order as revised shall be followed for all parliamentary procedures. One vote each shall be the right of the five members of the Board. No one else has a vote.

No official business can be conducted at any meeting without a quorum being represented. A quorum shall be defined as 3 or more members in attendance.

ARTICLE X. MEETINGS.

All meetings of the Board of Trustees, except executive session meetings, shall be open to the public. The number of meetings, and the hour, day and their location, shall be determined by the Board of Trustees.

ARTICLE XI. OFFICIAL YEAR.

The calendar year shall be the official year for all transactions.

ARTICLE XII. AMENDMENTS.

At any meeting of the Board of Trustees, when there is a quorum, these By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the membership.

ARTICLE XIII. OFFICIAL MEETINGS

All official meetings of the board of trustees shall be held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month. Each official meeting will begin at 1: 30 PM. If a conflict should arise with either of these dates the Chairperson of the Board shall decide when the official meeting date is to be rescheduled.

ARTICLE XIV. ATTENDANCE

All members shall make every effort to attend all official business meetings. If any member misses three consecutive meetings, the Board may ask for that member's voluntary resignation for the benefit of the Regional Sewer District. Any member not able to attend the meeting shall notify the Chairperson or Administrator in sufficient time prior to the meeting.

ARTICLE XV. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Any members having a direct conflict of interest on any business coming before the Board shall excuse him/her self from the meeting and shall not discuss nor vote on that matter.

ARTICLE XVI. SPECIAL MEETING

Only the Chairperson, or someone appointed by the Chairperson may call a special meeting, study session or work session.