

ORDINANCE NO. 55-4

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY OF BELLE MEADE TO MAKE UNLAWFUL THE CONSTRUCTION OF ANY PRIVY OR outhouse USED AS A TOILET UNLESS THE SAME BE EQUIPPED WITH RUNNING WATER AND CONNECTED WITH AN APPROVED SEPTIC TANK; AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE USE OF ANY PRIVY OR outhouse USED AS A TOILET AT THE PRESENT TIME AND NOT EQUIPPED WITH RUNNING WATER AND NOT CONNECTED WITH AN APPROVED SEPTIC TANK, MAY BE ENJOINED BY THE CITY OF BELLE MEADE IF THE SAME BE UNSANITARY TO THE EXTENT OF CONSTITUTING A MENACE TO THE HEALTH OF ANY OF THE CITIZENS OF BELLE MEADE," SO AS TO REQUIRE BEFORE THE ISSUANCE OF BUILDING PERMITS FOR DWELLINGS AND OTHER PERMITTED BUILDINGS AN ESTIMATE OF THE DISCHARGE OF LIQUID EFFLUENT FROM THE SEPTIC TANK OF SUCH BUILDING, WHICH SHALL BE NOT IN EXCESS OF 1,000 GALLONS PER DAY; AND ESTABLISHING STANDARDS FOR ESTIMATING THE AMOUNT OF EFFLUENT TO BE DISCHARGED; AND PROVIDING FOR WAIVER OF SUCH REQUIREMENT IN CASES WHERE OTHER ARRANGEMENTS FOR SANITARY DISPOSAL ARE TO BE MADE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY TO EXIST.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF BELLE MEADE, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. There is hereby added to Ordinance No. 13, enacted on June 12, 1940, an additional Section, to be known as Section 5, which shall provide as follows:

"Section 5. BE IT ORDAINED, by the City of Belle Meade, that henceforth, no septic tank proposed to be installed in connection with proposed dwelling, or other permitted use, shall be an "approved septic tank," within the meaning of this ordinance, unless the estimated daily effluent discharge shall be shown to be not in excess of 1,000 liquid gallons."

SECTION 2. There is hereby added to Ordinance No. 13, enacted on June 12, 1940, another additional Section, to be known as Section 6, which shall provide as follows:

"Section 6. BE IT ORDAINED, by the City of Belle Meade that, in estimating the daily liquid effluent discharge from a septic tank proposed to be installed, the average liquid effluent discharge shall be estimated at not less than fifty (50) liquid gallons per day for each person residing in any proposed dwelling, and not less than ten (10) liquid gallons per day for each person for whom accommodations are provided in any proposed church, Sunday School, kindergarten, elementary school or high school."

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SECTION 3. There is hereby added to Ordinance No. 13, enacted on June 12, 1940, another additional Section, to be known as Section 7, which shall provide as follows:

"Section 7. BE IT ORDAINED by the City of Belle Meade that the foregoing requirement of showing of maximum estimated liquid effluent discharge shall be waived by the City Building Inspector, when it is shown by the applicant that arrangements will be made to dispose of such liquid effluent discharge into a sanitary sewer approved by the Davidson County Board of Health."

SECTION 4. An emergency is hereby declared to exist, in that the City of Belle Meade is becoming increasingly congested with new buildings, and areas are now being laid out and subdivided for use as building sites upon which the soil is of very poor absorptive quality, and a health menace of increasing intensity is arising, and it is, therefore, ordained that this Ordinance shall become effective upon the date of its final passage, the public welfare requiring it.

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RECORDER

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July 18, 1955

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