CHAPTER 9
DELEGATION OF CONSTRUCTION PERMITTING AUTHORITY

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567—9.1(455B) Scope. Iowa Code section 455B.183 delegates construction permitting authority over certain sewer and water main extensions to qualified local public works departments. This chapter describes the manner and criteria under which the department oversees this authority.

567—9.2(455B,17A) Forms. The following forms are to be used by local agencies implementing this authority:
   - Form 1 - (reserved) (542-1001)
   - Form 2 - (reserved) (542-1002)
   - Form 3 - Review checklist for water main extensions (542-1003)
   - Form 4 - Review checklist for sewer extensions (542-1004)
   - Form 5 - Permitting authority quarterly report (542-1005)

567—9.3(455B) Procedures. A local public works department exercising permitting authority for sewer or water supply distribution system extensions under Iowa Code section 455B.183 shall notify the director in writing prior to the first permit issuance. Additional information may be requested by the director.

567—9.4(455B) Criteria for authority. The requirements for permitting authority are as follows:

   9.4(1) Permitting authority supplies only to extensions which:
      a. Primarily serve residential consumers and will not result in an increase greater than 5 percent of the capacity of the treatment works or system, or will serve fewer than 250 dwelling units.
      b. In the case of sewer extensions, will not exceed the capacity of any treatment works which received a federal or state monetary grant after 1972.
      c. In the case of water main extensions, will not exceed the production capacity of any system constructed after 1972.

   9.4(2) The local department’s standard specifications must be in conformance with the Iowa Standards for Sewer Systems - 64.2(9)“b”(12) - or Iowa Standards for Water Supply Distribution Systems - 41.12(2)”b”(8) - and must be filed with the department.

   9.4(3) The reviewing engineer shall be registered as a professional engineer in Iowa and shall be employed or retained by the governmental subdivision.

   9.4(4) The local public works department shall use the Iowa Standards for Sewer Systems, Iowa Standards for Water Supply Distribution Systems, and the local standard specifications approved by the department, in reviewing applications for sewer and water supply distribution system extensions under its jurisdiction.

   9.4(5) The local public works department shall use the same forms (Form 3 and Form 4) used by the department in reviewing plans, and a copy of the applicable “review checklist” shall be submitted to the department with the permit copy, upon issuance of each permit.

   9.4(6) The local public works department shall submit a complete quarterly report (Form 5) by the fifteenth day of the month following each quarter of the calendar year.

   9.4(7) Plans for which a construction permit has been issued shall be retained on file by the local permitting authority for the life of the extension or until the extension has been platted.


   These rules are intended to implement Iowa Code sections 17A.3, 455B.105 and 455B.171 to 455B.187.
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