

## SEC. 9-1-56 PRIVATE WELL ABANDONMENT.

- (a) **Purpose.** The purpose of this Section is to prevent unused and/or improperly constructed wells from serving as a passage for contaminated surface or near-surface waters or other materials to reach the usable ground water. These wells must be properly filled and sealed.
- (b) **Coverage.** All private wells located on any premises which is served by the public water system of the City shall be properly filled by November 1, 1988. Only those wells for which a well operation permit has been granted by the City Clerk-Treasurer may be exempted from this requirement; subject to conditions of maintenance and operation.
- (c) **Well Operation Permits.** A permit may be granted to a well owner to operate a well for a period not to exceed twelve (12) months if the following requirements are met. Application shall be made on forms provided by the City Clerk-Treasurer.
  - (1) The well and pump installation meet the requirements of Ch. NR 112, Wis. Adm. Code, and a well constructor's report is on file with the Department of Natural Resources, or certification of the acceptability of the well has been granted by the Private Water Supply Section of the Department of Natural Resources.
  - (2) The well has a history of producing safe water and presently produces bacteriologically safe water as evidenced by three (3) samplings two (2) weeks apart.
  - (3) The proposed use of the well can be justified as being necessary in addition to water provided by the public water system.
  - (4) No physical connection shall exist between the piping of the public water system and the private well.
- (d) **Methods.** Wells to be abandoned shall be filled according to the procedures outlined in Ch. NR 112, Wis. Adm. Code. The pump and piping must be removed and the well checked for obstructions prior to plugging. Any obstruction or liner must be removed.
- (e) **Reports and Inspection.** A well abandonment report must be submitted by the owner to the Department of Natural Resources on forms provided by that agency, available at the office of the City Clerk-Treasurer. The report shall be submitted immediately upon completion of the filling of the well. The filling must be observed by a representative of the City.