

Exhibit D

INSTALLATION STANDARDS FOR POTABLE WATER STORAGE TANKS AND CISTERNS FOR DOMESTIC USE IS - 22 – 98

This standard shall govern the installation of potable water storage tanks and underground cisterns for domestic water use in dwellings. This standard includes both interior and exterior underground installations and establishes minimum standards for installation. Interior installations are recommended because they are more suitable for periodic inspection and maintenance by the homeowner.

This standard shall be utilized only when a reliable source of water is not available. In areas where wells are the primary source of water, a well test shall be performed to indicate the gallons per minute flow from the well. If the well fails to produce water or the flow is deemed inadequate by the authority having jurisdiction, only then shall this standard be utilized.

This standard shall apply to all new dwellings and additions or alterations where bedrooms are being added. In cases where existing wells are being used, a well test must be performed to indicate the gallons per minute flow from the well.

301.1 Minimum Standards.

301.1.1 Potable water above ground storage tanks and underground cisterns shall be of materials that are listed for potable use and approved by FDA Title 21, NSF, or AWWA. Steel and concrete tanks must be properly prepared and painted on the inside using an NSF epoxy paint. Additionally, underground steel tanks must be asphaltic coated, or epoxy coated on the outside to retard rusting.

301.1.2 Concrete cisterns or vaults shall be of such design that there are no seams below the fill line of the tank or vault. Concrete cisterns or vaults shall be properly prepared and coated on the inside using an NSF approved epoxy paint.

301.1.3 All piping, fittings, and valves must meet the mandatory referenced standards included in Chapter 14 of the 2012 International Plumbing Code.

301.1.4 The minimum capacity of water storage required for a single-family dwelling shall be based upon a formula using 80 gallons of water per day, per person. Homes served by wells producing less than .5 gallons per minute shall be sized for a minimum 5-day supply. Homes served by wells producing .5 gallons per minute and greater shall be sized for 3-day supply. The number of persons shall be based on a bedroom count assuming that the first bedroom will count for two people and additional bedrooms counting for one person (i.e., 3-bedroom house counts for 4 people and requires 960 gallons storage if gpm is .5 gpm or greater and 1600 gallons of storage if less than .5 gallons). The actual storage capacity of the pressure tank and the water heater may be taken into consideration for the total amount of water storage required.

301.1.5 Buried tanks shall be placed upon and completely surrounded with pea gravel or other manufacturer's approved material and shall not be less than 12 inches in thickness at any point.

301.1.6 All tanks shall be placed in a fashion to permit periodic maintenance, inspection, and repair. This shall include, but not be limited to:

- 1) Minimum 22 inches manway access into the cistern.
- 2) Vent piping to the atmosphere must be brass-screened mesh #24 and terminate not less than 36 inches above grade.
- 3) All connections of wet piping to the cistern shall be made with approved flexible couplings permitting independent movement of the tank due to seismic activity or shrink/swell movement of the soils.

301.1.7 Cisterns shall be located at least 25 feet from buildings, 50 feet away from sewer lines or septic tanks, and at least 100 feet from sewage disposal field.

301.1.8 No structure or traffic path may be constructed over a buried tank system unless required and must be approved by the tank manufacturer.

301.2 All installations shall conform to applicable codes and regulations adopted by the jurisdiction and shall be reviewed for compliance and approved by the Building Official prior to commencement of work.

301.3 Water storage cisterns and associated piping shall not be used for bonding of the electrical system. An alternative method of bonding, compatible with the most current edition of the National Electrical Code shall be used.

301.4 All such systems and associated piping shall be cleaned and sanitized prior to being placed into service.

301.5 All storage vessels shall be new and have been used for no other purpose.

301.6 All systems shall be capable of being filled from an outside source.

301.7 All systems shall be tested for leaks by filling the system with water. No system shall be tested using air pressure (hydrostatic). The test shall incorporate the use of either the vent pipe or fill pipe as a water column with no increase or decrease of more than one inch in the water column over a 24-hour period.

302.1 Interior Water Storage.

302.1.1 Interior spaces where water storage tanks are located shall be a conditioned space to prevent freezing. Tanks and piping shall be accessible for removal, replacement,

inspection, and repair. Interior spaces where tanks are located shall be provided with a floor drain. Pumps, pressure vessels, controls, and associated equipment shall be listed by an approved testing agency and approved by the Building Official.

302.1.2 Tanks shall be securely mounted into position. Vertical, upright positioned tanks exceeding 5 feet in height shall be provided with at least two wall mounted supports, one at the top and one at the bottom of the tank.

303.1 Exterior Buried Cisterns.

303.1.1 Exterior buried vessels shall be positioned at least one foot below frost line. The average frost line in Douglas County has been established at 36 inches. A minimum 22" diameter manway and extension with gasketed, bolted cover shall extend to 6 inches above grade for service and maintenance.

303.1.2 Penetrations of the cistern walls, connections, or joints of any kind in any buried cistern for piping and manways shall incorporate the use of flanged, bolted connections.

Explanatory Notes.

Tanks and cisterns are an acceptable means of providing water to a residence where the water well may be a low producing well or in cases where wells have become non-producing. This should not be considered an alternative to being served by a water district or other reliable source of water.

Locating storage tanks within a conditioned space should be strongly considered to eliminate the need for frost protection. The system can be installed in a multiple tank configuration, which allows the owner or occupant the opportunity to clean and provide maintenance on one tank at a time without taking the entire potable water system out of service. Inside translucent polyethylene tank systems can be more easily monitored for visual volume and quality of the water that is being used. Any type of system will eventually accumulate silt particles in the bottom of the tank over a period of time. Exterior buried systems will be much more difficult to clean and maintain and likely will have a higher silt accumulation over a period of time when compared to inside installations.

Water quality should be checked at regular intervals. Water should be tested for bacteria and other harmful waterborne agents. Bacteria or minerals can usually be removed or destroyed with proper treatment technology should such a situation be identified after testing.

Individuals may find that the minimum amount of water storage required by regulation is insufficient and may want to install a larger capacity storage tank. Consideration should also be taken into account that you may see a reduction in the quality of water that has been stored for too long a period of time.

Another issue that should be considered is pump protection for low producing wells. Well pumps can be wired into protective switches that shut off the pump when the pump is running free (i.e., not pumping water because there is no water to pump). Such a condition can shorten the life of a

pump and replacement of a well pump usually involves pulling the pump, which can be expensive, even with a shallow well.