



June 6, 2023

To: Town of Atoka Residents

From: Atoka Public Works

Re: Sewer Holding Tank Pumping

This letter is to make you aware of a previously passed ordinance. In 2011, the Town of Atoka passed Ordinance 11-9-01 regarding the maintenance, repair and pumping of the sewer system. Specifically, the ordinance delineates information with regard to septic tank maintenance as follows:

“Town of Atoka Ordinance 11-09-01 §18-202 (6) Tank cleaning. Solids removal from the septic tank shall be the responsibility of the city. Any system where pumping is required more frequently than once in a 12-month period shall be billed to the homeowner at a rate of no more than the actual cost of the service call. (7) Additional charges. The Town shall be responsible for maintenance of the STEP and GP equipment. Repeat service calls for similar problems shall be billed to the homeowner or business at a rate of no more than the actual cost of the service call.”

The Town has not fully implemented Ordinance 11-9-01 in relation to charging for repeated pumping of the sewer holding tanks.

Effective July 1, 2023, the Town will implement Ordinance 11-9-01. Per the above excerpt of Ordinance 11-9-01, property owners will be charged a rate no more than the cost to the Town for repeat pumping of their holding tank.

Specific bullet points from the Ordinance are listed below, if you would like to read it in full you can find it on our website www.townofatoka.com.

- The Town is responsible for the holding tank to the street.
- The homeowner is responsible from the house to the sewer holding tank, meaning anything that is put down the drains or flushed down toilets could cause potential issues.
- The Town will have a third party pump the tank if and when it is needed.

For any additional questions, please call the Town of Atoka, Monday-Friday, 8 am-5pm.

Thank you,

Town of Atoka Public Works