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## **LaPorte County Ordinance 2016-02**

*Effective for any property conveyances that close on July 1, 2016 and after.*

### **Septic & Water Testing Is Now Required on Residential & Commercial Properties with well and/or septic located in LaPorte County, Indiana**

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#### **WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:**

Before finalizing the conveyance of a property in LaPorte County, water and septic testing is required in order to identify certain information regarding the quality of drinking water and the status of the septic system relative to the property in question.

#### **WHAT NEW PROCEDURES ARE TAKING EFFECT:**

Buyers must provide the LaPorte County Department of Health with the test result reports along with any water service bill payments, within 5 days of a real estate conveyance/closing. In certain situations, waivers may be requested that will allow for an extension to provide the Department of Health with the necessary documentation. For specific details on which transactions would qualify for a waiver extension, or for a copy of an extension affidavit, please contact the LaPorte County Department of Health (see contact info below).

The LaPorte County Health Department transfer fee for water testing is \$20, the transfer fee for septic inspections is \$20. Fees on testing and inspections are additional and can be obtained through a certified inspector. After reviewing the inspections, if the Department of Health identifies any violations, the responsible party will be subject to a fine.

#### **WHO IS AUTHORIZED TO CONDUCT INSPECTIONS:**

A current list of certified inspectors is available at the LaPorte County Health Department (see contact info below).

**If you have further questions or need further clarification, please contact Charlene Simko (info below) or the LaPorte County Health Department (219.326.6808 xt. 2200; [lphealth@laportecounty.org](mailto:lphealth@laportecounty.org))**

**To download copies of the LaPorte County water and septic forms, go to <http://www.laportecounty.org/HealthSafety/HealthDepartment/FoodProtection/OnsiteSepticDivision/>**

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