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Sanitary code informational meetings scheduled

(Lawrence, KS) – Two informational meetings on revisions to the Douglas County Sanitary Code will be held for county realtors and septic system installers next week.

The meeting times are:

Realtors- 7 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 12 at the Community Health Facility's second floor meeting room, 200 Maine St. in Lawrence.

Septic system installers- 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 13 at the Community Health Facility's first floor meeting room, 200 Maine St. in Lawrence.

Revisions to the code are now in place following a resolution signed by Douglas County commissioners on Oct. 29.

The changes include:

- Compliance with new county subdivision regulations, which state that homes built within Lawrence's designated urban growth area cannot have private wells or cisterns. This regulation applies to land split after Jan. 1, 2007.
- The requirement that a homeowner must perform yearly maintenance to his or her newly constructed alternative septic system (i.e. mound systems, aerobic treatment units).
- A section on real estate transfers. When a home with a private well and/or septic system is for sale, the owner or real estate agent must now have the system inspected and water tests performed by the Health Department.

The changes make up the fourth revision to the Douglas County Sanitary Code. It was last revised was in 2001. For more information, call the Health Department at (785) 843-3060.