



180283000-2022

Violation of MN State Chapter 7080, which states:

Non-compliant septic systems must be upgraded with 10 months of notice of noncompliance.

Violation of Becker County Shoreland Individual Treatment Compliance Program which requires property owners with septic systems over ten years of age to be recertified or upgraded according to MN State Chapter 7080.

Property is currently zoned as: agricultural, residential in character

Comments: This lake was first inventoried in 2019, with upgrades to be done in 2020. The deadline was extended to September 30, 2021 due to the fact that inspectors and installers are extremely busy. To date, this property has not complied. Several letters and notices have sent to the property owner.

Action to be accomplished – The septic system must be upgraded by July 1, 2022. If the system is not upgraded, the County will upgrade the system and assess the upgrade to the property owner’s taxes.

Parcel Number:	180283000
Property Address:	17421 BIJOU CIR LAKE PARK
Owner Name:	KEITH W FISCHER
Owner Address:	17421 BIJOU CIR LAKE PARK MN 56554
Legal Description:	Section 29 Township 139 Range 043 BIJOU HEIGHTS 139 43 Block 001 LOTS 49, 50.

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COUNTY OF BECKER

Planning and Zoning

915 Lake Ave, Detroit Lakes, MN 56501

Phone: 218-846-7314

May 10, 2021

Parcel(s): 180283000

Dear Property Owner,

This is a REMINDER that the septic system serving your property has been classified as **non-compliant**. This means that either (1) you failed to provide us with an updated certificate of compliance or (2) we received a notice that the system did not pass when it was inspected.

Please note that all properties must be in compliance (with any required upgrades completed) by **September 30, 2021**. Any properties that are not in compliance by the deadline will be referred to the Becker County Attorney's office for legal action.

A list of septic contractors has been enclosed for your convenience.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us Monday – Friday between 8:00 am and 4:30 pm.

Thank You,
Becker County Planning & Zoning



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915 Lake Ave, Detroit Lakes, MN 56501
Phone: 218-846-7314 ~ Fax: 218-846-7266

March 13, 2020

Parcel(s): 180283000

Dear Property Owner,

This is a REMINDER that the septic system serving your property has been classified as **non-compliant**. This means that either (1) you failed to provide us with an updated certificate of compliance or (2) we received a notice that the system did not pass when it was inspected.

A new certificate of compliance for the septic system servicing your property (referenced above) **must be submitted to the Becker County Planning and Zoning Office by September 30, 2020**. This is required of all systems, whether it is a standard system, holding tank, privy, etc.

How can I obtain a Certificate of Compliance by September 30, 2020?

1. Have a septic contractor (Inspector) preform an inspection on your existing system. If you have more than one system on your property, a compliance inspection must be done on each system. If the system is not failing, the contractor may issue a new certificate of compliance, a list of area contractors has been included with the letter for your convenience.
2. **If the system is or has been found to be non-complainant (failing):**
 - a. Have a new design (this may involve a new tank, drainfield or combination of both) completed by a septic professional rather than upgrade install by September 30, 2020.
 - b. If the septic system is not utilized, you may also choose to have the system abandoned by a septic professional rather than updated. We will need this completed by a professional with the corresponding paperwork submitted to our office.

Please note that all properties must be in compliance (with any required upgrades completed) by September 30, 2020. Any properties that are not in compliance by the deadline will be referred to the Becker County Attorney's office for legal action.

A list of septic contractors has been enclosed for your convenience. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us Monday – Friday between 8:00 am and 4:30 pm.

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915 Lake Ave, Detroit Lakes, MN 56501
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March 1, 2019

Parcel(s): 180283000

Dear Property Owner,

In 2007, the Becker County Board of Commissioners implemented the **Shoreland Individual Sewage Treatment Compliance Program** and amended this program in 2011. The purpose is to assure that all individual sewage treatment systems meet or exceed the Minnesota Pollution Control standards of MN Chapter 7080. The goal is to abate all non-conforming septic systems on lakeshore property in an effort to keep our lakes clean. Lakes chosen for inventory are lakes that have been prioritized based upon shoreline development index, inlets, water clarity trends, and the oligotrophic trophic state index. This program looks at lake properties within the first tier of development or within 267 ft of lakeshore. Properties on selected lakes will be inventoried for valid certificates of compliance within the last 10 years. This is an ongoing program. Property owners will need to submit a valid certificate of compliance every ten years. *Bijou Lake* falls into this category.

Our records indicate the sewage treatment system (standard system, holding tank or privy) serving your property has not had a valid certificate of compliance within the last ten years. Under the guidelines of this program, you are required to submit a new Certificate of Compliance to the Becker County Zoning Office by **September 30, 2019**.

A Certificate of Compliance can be obtained by contacting a septic contractor licensed as a Designer I to perform an inspection on your existing system. If you have more than one system on your property, a compliance inspection must be done on each system. If the system(s) meets the compliance criteria, the contractor may issue a new certificate of compliance. If the system is found to be non-compliant (failing) you will be required to have a new design (may involve a new tank, drainfield or combination of both) completed by a septic professional and the update installed by September 30, 2020. A list of area contractors has been included with this letter for your convenience.

Although the sewage may appear to leave your home effectively, it does not mean that it is being treated safely. If one of the above issues is present, your septic system could be contaminating both the lake and the ground/drinking water and has the potential for further negative environmental effects. A failing system may be due to an underground pit into which sewage tank discharges effluent and from which the liquid seeps into the surrounding soil through the bottom and openings in the side of the pit, a tank that obviously leaks below the designated operating depth, or any system with less than the required vertical separation.

If the septic system is not utilized and there is no plumbing or running water on the property, you may also choose to have the system abandoned by a septic professional rather than updated. The abandonment needs to be completed by a professional with the corresponding abandonment paper work submitted to our office.

If you do not have a septic system, holding tank, or privy on your property, please complete the attached form and return it to our office.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us Monday – Friday between 8:00 am and 4:30 pm.

Thank you,
Becker County Planning and Zoning

DATES TO REMEMBER:
September 30, 2019
Compliance Inspection Reports Due
September 30, 2020
Any necessary upgrades completed.
New Certificate of Compliance submitted.

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Please return this portion of the form **ONLY** if your property **does not** have a septic system, holding tank, or privy (outhouse) **located on or serving the property.**

This form is not to be submitted if you have a system but do not use it. If you have a system that is not utilized, it needs to be properly abandoned by a septic professional with the appropriate documentation submitted.

Please note, if you have running water and plumbing, a septic system is required.

PROPERTY #: _____

PROPERTY ADDRESS (if assigned): _____

Owner Last Name: _____ First: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

I, _____, do not have a septic system located on or serving
(name)
the above listed property.