



**Rochelle Municipal Utilities
Administration**

Memo

To: Meggon McKinley
From: Edward G. Carr, General Manager
Date: February 9, 2011
Re: Vaulted toilet in an area that has an existing restroom with water and sewer connection

The Flagg-Rochelle Park District has requested a variance for the installation of a "Vaulted Toilet" at Cooper Park in Rochelle. This request is to install a vaulted toilet facility that would not be connected to the city sanitary sewer system in a park that already has a restroom that is connected to city water and sewer.

City Code City Code 98-152 (a) (3) requires "The owner of all houses, building, or properties used for human occupancy, employment, recreation, or other purposes situated within the city and abutting on any street, alley, or right-of-way in which there is now located or may in the future be located any public sanitary sewer of the city is required at the owner's expense to install suitable toilet facilities therein, and to connect such facilities directly with the POTW..." City Code 98-152 (a) (6) further states that "...it is unlawful to construct or maintain any privy, vault, septic tank, cesspool, or other facility intended or used for the disposal of sewage". The Ogle County code also requires connection of a facility when a sanitary sewer system is available.

If the city code requires everyone to connect to the sewer system, do we want to give a variance to let someone who is already connected to the sewer system disconnect.

I believe allowing this form of sewage treatment and containment, when a sewer system is available would set a bad precedence.

I strongly recommend that the City Council deny this variance.