

# **Documents Distributed to the Board of Health at the Meeting**

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1. Request for Sewer Service Contractor Work Memorandum from Jim Roberts, CUPHD Environmental Health Director



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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Champaign County Public Health Department Board  
FROM: Jim Roberts – Director of Environmental Health, Champaign-Urbana Public Health District  
DATE: September 22, 2010  
SUBJECT: Champaign County Assistant State’s Attorney request for sewer service contractor work

Background:

On September 18, 2007 the Champaign County Public Health Department received a complaint “of sewage spilling into a farm field coming from the apartment building” at Cherry Orchard Apartments, Rantoul. On September 25, 2007 an inspection at the property verified the complaint. This complaint is a violation of the *Illinois State Private Sewage Disposal Act and Code*, which has been adopted by the Board, and a violation of Champaign County Ordinance 573 (Health Ordinance). Attempts to obtain voluntary compliance to abate the complaint were not successful and the violations were referred to the Champaign County State’s Attorney on September 17, 2008. An Assistant State’s Attorney filed a Complaint in the Circuit Court of the Sixth Judicial Circuit, Champaign County, on February 10, 2010 and a Second Amended Complaint on April 16, 2010.

The Assistant State’s Attorney has requested permission from this Board to use funds to pay for work from a sewer service contractor. Specifically, the Assistant State’s Attorney would like to determine the septic system components and their location for the system handling the sewage waste from the northwest and northeast apartment buildings at Cherry Orchard Apartments.

Analysis:

This request is in response to the Assistant State’s Attorney critical need for information to reply to the Defendant’s Response to the Second Amended Complaint and to continue actions to seek the proper disposal of the sewage. Since the fund request was not anticipated in the current fiscal year budget, I am requesting Board of Health approval to proceed with the expense for sewer service contractor work.

Recommendations:

Authorize the Board of Health’s administrator to approve the expenditure of funds, not to exceed \$1,000.00, for sewer service contractor work to support the Assistant State’s Attorney in this Complaint.

Budget Impact:

This action may require a budget amendment, but whether it is necessary can be determined closer to the end of the fiscal year.

Decision Section:

Motion to approve expenditure as described in this memorandum.

\_\_\_\_\_ Approved

\_\_\_\_\_ Modified

\_\_\_\_\_ Denied

\_\_\_\_\_ Deferred – more information needed