

St. Joseph County Department of Health

"To promote health and wellness with compassion and integrity through partnerships, education, protection, and advocacy for all who reside in and visit St. Joseph County."

APPLICATION TO DEFER THE REQUIRED PROPERTY TRANSFER INSPECTIONS AND TESTS UNTIL AFTER THE PROPERTY IS PURCHASED

Background:

St. Joseph County requires an inspection of the septic system and the testing of the drinking water quality any time a property is sold. These inspections and tests are needed to protect public health and to ensure the condition of the property is properly disclosed to the buyer. These inspections and tests reduce the likelihood that a buyer will encounter very large and unexpected costs soon after they purchase a property. This deferment is not valid unless approved by the Department of Health prior to closing. This deferment must be submitted to the Department of Health with the Property Transfer Application.

THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH RECOMMENDS THAT YOU DO NOT APPLY FOR A DEFERMENT

THIS APPLICATION MUST BE COMPLETED BY THE BUYER

Address of property being purchased:	
Current mailing address of the buyer:	
Reason for the deferment request:	
I hereby apply to defer the septic inspection until after I purchase the property. I hereby apply to defer the water test until after I purchase the property.	Check one: yes no Check one: yes no
<u>Certification and agreements:</u> I agree to submit any inspection or test for which a deferment has been grawith the requirements of the Board of Health, within <u>45 days after closing</u> and the systems ordered by the Department of Health.	
I certify that the reason for the deferment application listed above is accurate. I uncapproved.	derstand that the deferment may not be
I agree to indemnify the Department of Health from any and all liability or responsystem or drinking water quality.	sibility for any defect in or failure of the septic
I understand that if I fail to meet these requirements, I will be subject to the enfinclude financial penalties.	orcement provisions of County Code 52 which
Printed Name of Buyer (s)	Phone No.
Signature of Buyer(s)	Date
TO BE COMPLETED BY THE DEPARTMENT	Γ OF HEALTH
I herebythis deferment application subject to the	following additional requirements.
Environmental Health Director	Date