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**SUBSURFACE SEWAGE TREATMENT SYSTEM (SSTS)**  
**AGREEMENT**

The Pine County Subsurface Sewage Treatment System Ordinance requires septic system compliance certification at the point of sale/property transfers. (Ref. Subsurface Sewage Treatment Systems Ordinance Sect. 8.01.04). State sewer code requires a new certificate of compliance if the prior certificate is 3+ years old for existing systems or 5+ years old for newly installed systems.

This SSTS Agreement is used when circumstances cause the compliance inspection to occur after the point of sale. In this agreement, either the buyer(s) or seller(s) agree to take responsibility for the compliance inspection and any needed upgrades if the system is found to be non-compliant.

**A. PROPERTY DESCRIPTION**

Property Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parcel #: \_\_\_\_\_ Lot: \_\_\_\_\_ Block: \_\_\_\_\_ Subdivision: \_\_\_\_\_

Section: \_\_\_\_\_ Township: \_\_\_\_\_ Range: \_\_\_\_\_ Description: \_\_\_\_\_  
(attach full description if needed)

**B. SELLER(S) INFORMATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

New Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Agent: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

**C. BUYER(S) NAME(S) AND ADDRESS**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Agent: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

**The undersigned seller(s) and buyer(s) acknowledge that the septic system at the above-described property will need to meet the MN Pollution Control Agency (MPCA), Chapter 7080 Code. One of the following options has been chosen:**

**Option 1. To be used between April 16<sup>th</sup> and November 14<sup>th</sup>. This agreement must be signed and submitted along with:**

- An application for a compliance inspection, or,
- A contract with a private inspection business if the property is outside of the shoreland area, or,
- An application for a SSTS permit if the system is known to be non-compliant

**Additionally, this agreement must also be turned in with:**

- Documentation showing an escrow account has been established in the amount of 150% of a written estimate to install a complying system or 110% of a contract to install a complying system, or,
- In the absence of an escrow account, the buyer shall take responsibility for the inspection and upgrading of the system

**Option 2. To be used between November 15<sup>th</sup> and April 15<sup>th</sup> when winter weather conditions prevent an inspection from being conducted at the time of the sale. This agreement must be signed and submitted along with:**

- An application for a compliance inspection, or,
- A written contract with a private inspection business if the property is outside of the shoreland area

The buyer understands that a compliance inspection will be conducted on the property prior to the following June 1<sup>st</sup> and that the buyer will be responsible for the upgrade if the system is found to be non-compliant

**Option 3. To be used when the buildings on the property will either be demolished or connected to a municipal wastewater treatment system. This agreement must be signed and submitted along with:**

- An application for SSTS abandonment

The buyer understands that within 10 months of the purchase of the property the system must be pumped by a licensed septic professional and abandoned at their own expense.

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Buyer Date

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Seller Date

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Buyer Date

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Seller Date