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Chapter 8.55
GROUP B PUBLIC WATER SYSTEMS

8.55.020 Application and scope.

(1) These rules apply to all areas of Lewis County, Washington, where Group B public water systems are used to provide drinking water to fewer than 15 service connections and:

- (a) Fewer than 25 people per day; or
- (b) Twenty-five or more people per day for fewer than 60 days per year, provided the system does not serve 1,000 or more people for two or more consecutive days.

(2) These rules do not apply to a Group B water system that:

- (a) Consists only of distribution or storage facilities and does not have any source or treatment facilities;
- (b) Obtains all water from, but is not owned by, a public water system where the rules of this chapter or Chapter [246-290](#) WAC apply; and
- (c) Does not sell water directly to any person.

(3) These rules do not apply to a Group B water system that provides water to one or two service connections, except:

- (a) When the department determines that it is necessary to protect public health and safety, such as if the system serves a connection with a use listed under LCC [8.55.040](#)(81)(a) through ~~(h)~~(i);
- (b) As identified in Table 1, One and Two Connection Water Supplies:

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8.55.030 General administration.

(1) The health officer and the department shall administer this chapter under the authority and requirements of Chapters [70.05](#) and [43.20](#) RCW.

(2) RCW [70.05.060](#)(7) authorizes health officers to charge fees for the administration of this chapter.

(3) RCW [70.119A](#).30 authorizes the Board of Health to adopt rules that require a purveyor of a Group B water system to obtain an annual operating permit.

(4) The department may enter into a joint plan of responsibility (JPR) with the Washington State Department of Health (DOH) for administration of specific aspects of WAC [246-291-030](#). [Ord. 1252, 2013]

(5) Water systems serving marijuana activity regulated under Chapter 314-55 WAC shall be conformed to this chapter in the approved operating plan required by LCC 5.20.030.

8.55.040 Definitions, abbreviations, and acronyms.

The definitions, abbreviations, and acronyms in this section apply throughout this chapter unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

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(51) "Group B public water system" or "Group B system" means a public water system that is not a Group A public water system, and is defined and referenced under LCC [8.55.020](#), Application and scope, as a Group B system to which these rules apply.

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(55) "Human consumption" means the use of water for drinking, bathing, showering, handwashing, cooking, food preparation, dishwashing, ice-making, or oral hygiene.

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(69) "Public water system" means any system providing water for human consumption through pipes or other constructed conveyances, excluding a system serving only one single-family residence and a system with four or fewer service connections all of which serve residences on the same farm. The term includes:

- (a) Collection, treatment, storage, or distribution facilities under the control of a purveyor and used primarily in connection with the system; and
- (b) Collection or pretreatment storage facilities not under the control of a purveyor and primarily used in connection with the system.

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(81) "Single-family residence" means a structure in which one or more persons maintain a common household. A single-family residence or structure which is used for an activity requiring a permit or license under one or more of the following rules is a Group B water supply and must meet the requirements of LCC 8.55.020(1):

- (a) Food service, Chapter 246-215 WAC;
- (b) Food inspection, Chapter 16-165 WAC;
- (c) Residential treatment facility, Chapter 246-337 WAC;
- (d) Transient accommodations, Chapter 246-360 WAC;
- (e) Boarding homes licensing rules, Chapter 388-78A WAC;
- (f) Minimum licensing requirements for child care centers, Chapter 170-295 WAC;
- (g) School-age child care center minimum licensing requirements, Chapter 170-151 WAC;~~or~~
- (h) Adult family home minimum licensing requirements, Chapter 388-76 WAC;or
- (i) Marijuana processor or producer, Chapter 314-55 WAC.

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