

Cautions Regarding Contracting for the 2023 Septic Tank Pumping and Inspections

When determining which company to use to do the 2023 septic tank pumping and inspections, take into consideration the following:

- a. Can the company provide itemized billing for the cost of each septic tank, but combine all of the billings into one charge to the HOA.
- b. Can the company begin work without requiring a waiver from each homeowner, or possibly just one from the HOA since all the work will be done in the HOA common areas?
- c. The waiver, if there is one, should be limited in scope and not indemnify the company in case of negligence, damage to property caused by faulty equipment, or poor workmanship (i.e., a truck that leaks oil and hydraulic fluid on the roadway or poor workmanship.)
- d. Does the technician doing the work know how to remove and replace sod covering the access to the septic tanks carefully and without significant damage to the grassy area?
- e. Will the company automatically provide documentation to the HOA regarding the inspection of the septic tanks and include any specific problems that were encountered during the pumping and inspection?
- f. Check the reviews on Yelp or other media for each company being considered for the contract.