

**Ordinance No. #O-01-2003-46**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ASHLAND COUNTY'S  
PRIVATE SEWAGE SYSTEM ORDINANCE**

**WHEREAS**, on December 12, 2002, after proper public notice, the Zoning and Land Committee of the Ashland County Board of Supervisors held a public hearing on the proposed amendments to Ashland County's Private Sewage System Ordinance which are set forth below, and

**WHEREAS**, on December 12, 2002, following such public hearing, the Zoning and Land Committee of the Ashland County Board of Supervisors met and approved such proposed amendments and recommended that the Ashland County Board of Supervisors enact the same, and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the County Board of Supervisors of the County of Ashland does ordain that the private sewage system ordinance of Ashland County is amended to add Section 15.29(3), which provides as follows:

**Privies in Ashland County shall be constructed and maintained in a manner consistent with the brochure entitled "Ashland County Recommendations for the Construction of Sanitary Privies", which is available in the office of the Ashland County Zoning Administrator and the terms and provisions of which brochure are incorporated herein by reference.**

Further, all privies in Ashland County shall comply with each of the following requirements:

**I. LOCATION**

- A. Privies shall be located at a minimum horizontal distance of
1. 25 feet from dwellings,
  2. 10 feet from slab constructed accessory buildings,
  3. 75 feet from navigable waters and watercourses,
  4. 10 feet from all lot lines,
  5. 50 feet from water supply wells,
  6. 3 feet above high ground water or bedrock (unless equipped with watertight vault)

**II. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**

- A. All privy buildings should be fly tight and vermin proof.

possible. The vault should be cleaned out at proper intervals and the waste properly disposed of.

- E. All windows, ventilators, and other openings should be screened with 16 mesh screening to prevent entrance of insects.

### **III. FOUNDATION AND VAULT REQUIREMENTS**

- A. The outer base of the privy should be banked with earth.
- B. Concrete or cement block foundation walls should extend 6" above the ground and 12" below the ground to prevent entrance by insects and vermin.
- C. The bottom of open pits shall be at least 3 feet above bedrock or high ground water levels unless the pit is equipped with a permanently watertight vault such as concrete or steel.
- D. An exterior vermin-tight access opening for cleaning of the vault should be provided where a watertight vault has been installed.
- E. It is suggested that privy pits be excavated to a 5 foot depth and the pit provided with a wooden crib lining.

### **IV. PRIVY VENTILATION REQUIREMENTS**

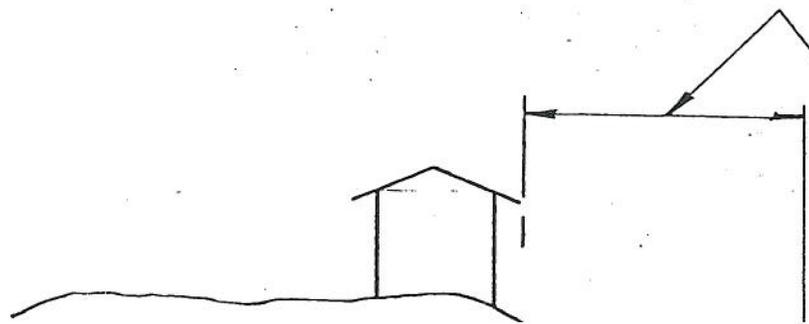
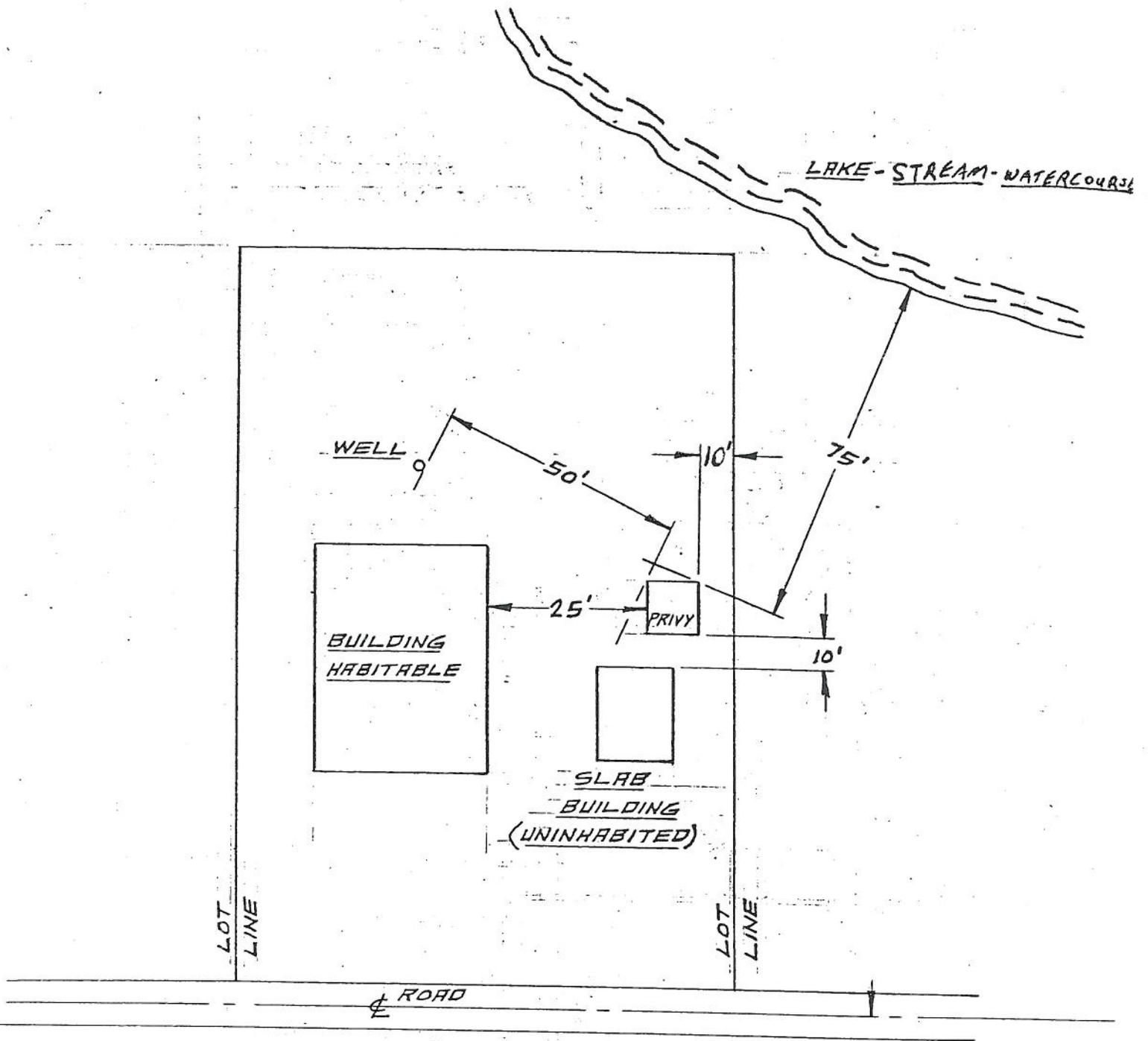
- A. The privy should, be provided with cross ventilation equal to two square feet of screened opening for each seat or urinal.
- B. Vaults should be vented with a pipe of at least 4" in. diameter, which terminates at least 1 foot above the roof of the privy and is provided with an effective ventilating hood.

### **V. SUPERSTRUCTURE REQUIREMENTS**

- A. Walls and ceilings should be completely covered with smooth plastic, galvanized metal, wood, or other suitable materials provided joints are properly sealed.
- B. Steel or masonry buildings are acceptable if properly constructed.

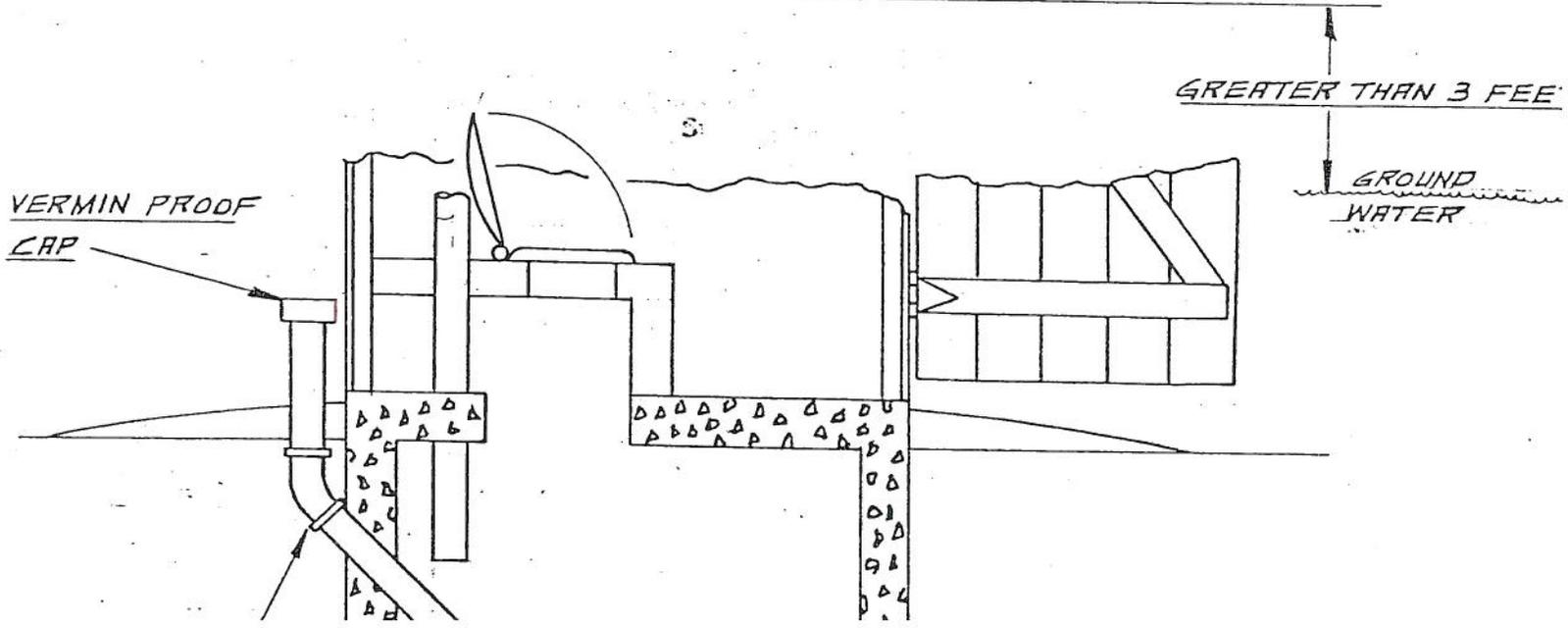
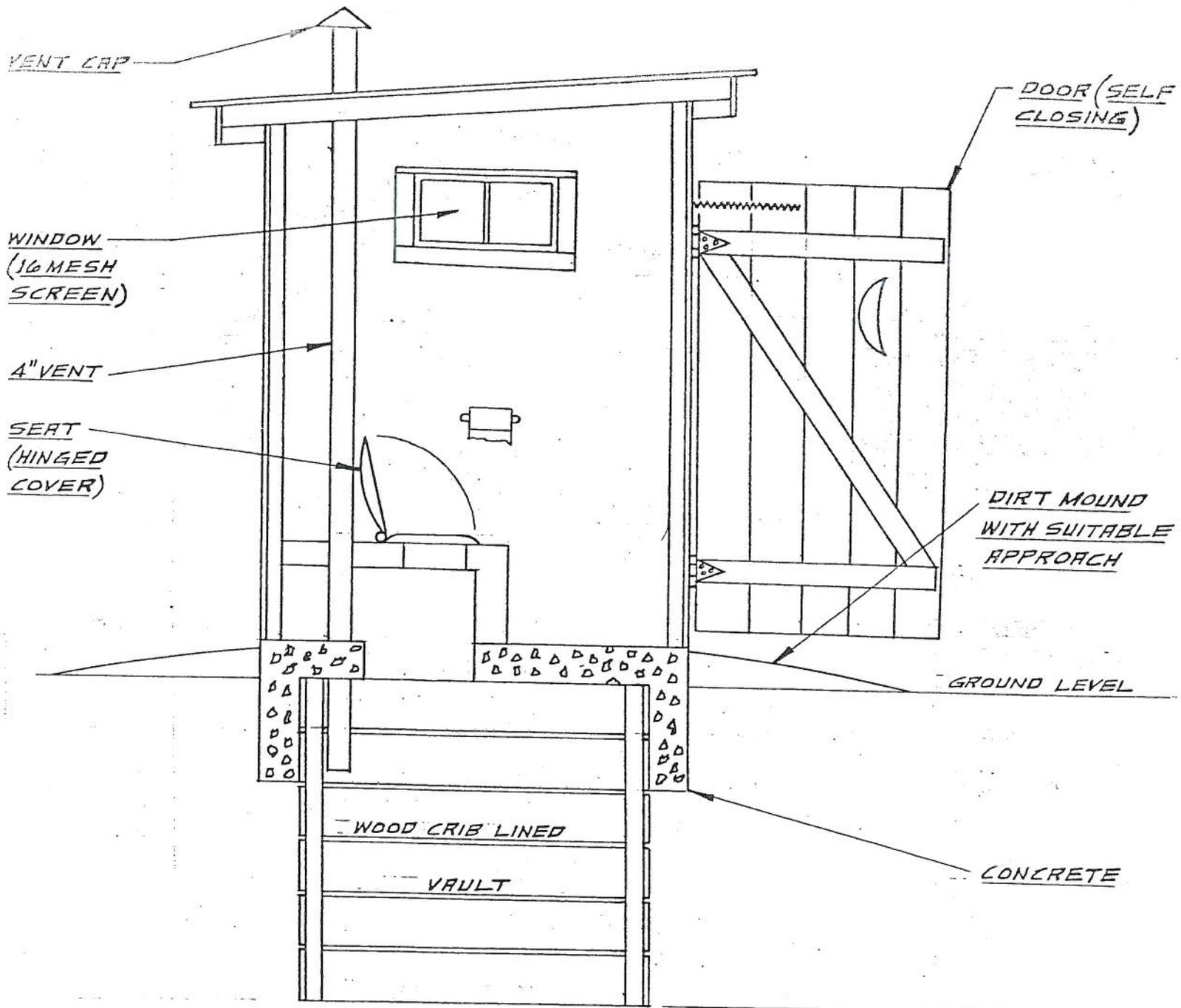
### **VI. ADDITIONAL SUGGESTIONS**

- A. Privy doors should swing and be self-closing.
- B. Privy seats should be provided with hinged covers.



NOTE:—

ALL SETBACK DISTANCES  
ARE HORIZONTAL MEAS-  
UREMENTS FROM



The Clerk shall immediately publish this as a class 1 notice under Chapter 985, Wisconsin Statutes, and shall procure and distribute copies of this ordinance to the several town clerks, who shall file the same in their respective offices.

Dated at the City of Ashland, Wisconsin, this 6th day of January, 2003.

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