WHEREAS, The Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners has authority under the State of Michigan's Public Health Code, Act 368 of the Public Acts of 1978, State of Michigan, MCL 333.1101 et seq. as amended to establish regulations to protect the public health and environment; and

WHEREAS, the safe and sanitary treatment and disposal of human sewage wastes is fundamental to individual, community, and public health and protection of the environment; and

WHEREAS, privately owned onsite sewage systems can be an effective means of sewage treatment and disposal if they are properly sited, designed, constructed, operated, and maintained; and

WHEREAS, a county regulation will provide assurance for the proper siting, design, construction, operation, and maintenance of private onsite sewage systems; and

WHEREAS, a Regulation for the Onsite Management Treatment, and Disposal of Wastewater has been drafted by staff of the Washtenaw County Planning and Environment Department with input from interested parties; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on October 1, 2008 to hear comments on the proposed Regulation for the Onsite Management Treatment, and Disposal of Wastewater; and

WHEREAS, the Regulation has been modified where appropriate as a result of the comments received; and

WHEREAS, this matter has been reviewed by Corporation Counsel, the Finance Department, the County Administrator’s Office and Ways and Means Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Washtenaw does hereby adopt The Washtenaw County Regulation for the Onsite Management, Treatment and Disposal of Wastewater. (Attached)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Regulation shall become effective on April 1, 2009.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the existing Washtenaw County Rules and Regulations for the Disposal of Sewage and Human Excreta are rescinded on April 1, 2009.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk shall provide public notice of the adoption of the regulation by publication thereof in the Ann Arbor News.