WHEREAS, the Lewis and Clark City-County Board of Health is authorized to adopt rules for the control and disposal of wastewater, pursuant to 50-2-116 MCA; and

WHEREAS, on the 1st day of July, 2011, the Lewis and Clark City-County Board of Health adopted rules to establish minimum standards for the operation and maintenance of onsite wastewater (septic) treatment systems; and

WHEREAS, the intent of the septic maintenance requirements is to protect groundwater and surface water resources by identifying failed or malfunctioning systems through a program of regular reporting, monitoring and maintenance of septic systems; and

WHEREAS, as part of the septic maintenance reporting requirements, areas within Lewis and Clark County were ranked in priority, starting with systems that lie within the 2008 Helena Valley Ground Water Vulnerability Study area, and secondly systems outside the 2008 Helena Valley Ground Water Vulnerability Study area but within the Lake Helena Watershed, and finally systems in other areas of Lewis and Clark County; and

WHEREAS, the Wolf Creek Water and Sewer Board requested that the Lewis and Clark City-County Board of Health include the Wolf Creek Sewer District as a first priority area; and

WHEREAS, the Wolf Creek Water and Sewer Board is providing information to homeowners about benefits of connecting to a proposed community wastewater system and would like additional information about the condition of existing septic systems within the Wolf Creek Sewer District and if the systems are compliant with the Lewis and Clark County Onsite Wastewater Treatment Regulations; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of the provisions of the septic maintenance program in the Wolf Creek Sewer District will provide information requested by the Wolf Creek Water and Sewer Board; and

Now, therefore be it resolved that the Lewis and Clark City-County Board of Health hereby adopts this resolution to add the area within the Wolf Creek Sewer District as a first priority area for implementation of the minimum standards for operation and maintenance of onsite wastewater treatment systems.

“To Improve and Protect the Health of all Lewis and Clark County Residents.”
Adopted by the Lewis and Clark City-County Board of Health on this day, Thursday August 23, 2012.

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Ken Wallace, Chair

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