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### **TO ALL PROSPECTIVE AND CURRENT PROPERTY OWNERS, BUILDING CONTRACTORS AND INSTALLERS IN AUSTIN COUNTY OUTSIDE AUSTIN COUNTY'S MUNICIPAL BOUNDARIES**

If you are new to the area, or a long-time resident or just interested in our County, I hope the following information will be helpful. It is probably safe to assume that a compelling reason for your being in Austin County is its quality of life. Every official in Austin County wants you to enjoy your investment here to the fullest; however, we need your cooperation and help to protect and preserve our quality of life for our time and future generations.

Please be aware of the following facts and procedures:

1. If you divide your property into two or more parcels to convey to others, such "subdividing" is now regulated by law. Please contact the County Judge's office for a copy of the County Subdivision Regulations where you can also be directed to the proper person to answer any questions or concerns you may have. Failure to abide by the subdivision rules and regulations could result in both civil and criminal sanctions.
2. As in a city, rural property now has a road name and number to identify its location not only for mail purposes but also to assist others, such as emergency medical service personnel, law enforcement or fire department personnel, to easily and promptly find you. Please consult with the Austin County Emergency Communications District at (979) 865-1911 for address assistance and for your reflective sign, which you should install at the entrance of your property.
3. After you receive your rural address, you should visit with the post office servicing your area. You should also visit with the Austin County Appraisal District located at 906 E. Amelia, off of Hwy 36 in Bellville for the

purpose of rendering your property, filing for appropriate exemptions, claiming appropriate use for taxing purposes and providing your correct mailing address. Your furnishing the Tax Appraisal District with the correct information will eliminate erroneous tax statements and possible misunderstandings.

4. A culvert or driveway application to the appropriate commissioner will insure proper drainage of the roadway. TXDOT will issue permits on state highways and all Farm to Market roads.
5. If you intend to build or move in a home, you should consult with the Floodplain Administrator in the County Judge's office to determine whether or not your intended building site is in a potential floodplain. A development permit or an exemption certificate is necessary to post at the property's entrance before pouring a slab or moving in a home.
6. Proper disposal of sewage is of utmost importance for personal health and environmental reasons. Septic systems must be properly permitted, approved, installed and maintained to avoid violations of relevant laws and regulations. On-Site Sewage Facility may be installed on a one acre tract if the TCEQ requirements are met. Again, if you will call or visit the County Judge's office, you can obtain the relevant rules and specifications and be directed to authorizes, qualified persons to assist you in such matters. Failure to abide by such rules and regulations could result in both civil and criminal sanctions.
7. Austin County has implemented CONNECT-CTY to keep residents informed of emergency and miscellaneous events. As a new resident/property owner to Austin County, please go to [www.austincounty.com](http://www.austincounty.com). Sign up now; or contact County Judge, Carolyn Bilski at 979-865-5911.

Again, welcome to Austin County. We ask for your cooperation and assistance in preserving and perpetuating the quality of life we now enjoy here in Austin County. My office is always open for your questions, concerns and suggestions.

Yours in public service,



Carolyn Bilski  
County Judge