

**GUIDELINES FOR OBTAINING PERMITS**  
**FOR**  
**AUSTIN COUNTY**

**HOURS: 8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.**

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**GUIDELINES FOR OBTAINING PERMITS IN AUSTIN COUNTY**  
(ALL PERMITS MUST BE APPLIED FOR BY PROPERTY OWNER ONLY)

**I. Development Certificate**

(MUST BE OBTAINED BEFORE ANYTHING IS MOVED ON OR CONSTRUCTED ON PROPERTY - PENALTY MAY BE ASSESSED)

- a. A Development Application must be filled out completely for any type of development (moving a house, building – house - barn, placing a manufactured home on property).
- b. If property is located in Flood Hazard Area, you must obtain an elevation certificate from a certified surveyor before a Development Permit will be issued.

ATTACH THE FOLLOWING WHEN SUBMITTING DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION:

- c. Copy of building plans (certified if available)
- d. A recorded copy of property deed must be furnished
- e. Obtain 911 address from Austin County Emergency Communication District (842 W. Main – Bellville, Telephone Number 979-865-1911)
- f. Copy of the letter issued to you by the Austin County Emergency Communication District showing your assigned 911 address
- g. Copy of Builders Certification furnished by Texas Residential Construction Commission
- h. Fee: \$100.00  
Additional inspections will be \$50.00

**II. DEVELOPMENT PERMIT ELEVATION FORM**

- a. In order to mitigate flood damage. Austin County Commissioners Court requires elevation information
- b. On-Site Sewage Facility Permit will not be issued until Development Permit Elevation form is complete and pictures attached.

### **III. ON-SITE SEWAGE FACILITY PERMIT**

(It is advisable to submit all necessary paperwork 3 - 4 weeks before you are ready for installation)

- a. You must obtain a Development Permit/Exemption Certificate and submit Development Permit Elevation Form before an On-Site Sewage Permit will be issued.
- b. Application for On-Site Sewage Facility Permit must be filled out completely.
  1. Application must be in property owner's name. (Not in a Company Name)
  2. Mailing address is where you presently receive mail
  3. Application must be signed by property owner. (Not agent)

#### **THE FOLLOWING NEEDS TO BE ATTACHED TO ON-SITE SEWAGE APPLICATION:**

4. Site Evaluation
5. Design (if alternate system)
6. Maintenance Agreement (for Aerobic systems – obtain from installer)
7. Affidavit to Public (obtain from Environmental Office – needs to be filed in the County Clerk's Office)
8. A recorded copy of property Deed must be furnished
9. Fee:       \$250.00 for single family resident  
              \$450.00 for non-residential

(if additional inspections are needed the charge is half of what your permit fee was)

### **IV. Culvert Permit**

- a. Form must be completed and signed by Commissioner or his appointed employee

- b. If property is on State Highway or Farm to Market Road contact the Highway Department at 979-865-3101.

NOTES:

1. One residential structure per one acre tract
2. Entrance from county road to house needs to clear (12' x 12') for emergency vehicles to have access
3. 911 address **MUST BE** posted to obtain permits
4. All permits **MUST BE** posted (if Development Permit (green sticker) is not posted On-Site Permit will not be issued)