

THE PERMITS AND DEVELOPMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR CHAMBERS COUNTY:

Building Permit Application

If the property has access to public water and sewer and is not located in an area subject to flooding, no additional information will be required other than a copy of the deed to the property. There are no further fees required other than the initial ten-dollar (\$10.00) filing fee.

REQUIREMENTS

A. Copy of the deed to the property filed at the Chambers County Court House, Clerks office

On-site Sewage Facility

If the property does not have access to a public sewer system, you will be required to have a sewer design prepared by a licensed Engineer or licensed Sanitarian. There is a seventy-five dollar (\$75.00) fee for the inspection of the installed sewer system.

REQUIREMENTS

A. On-site Sewage Facility Permit Application

B. On-Site Sewage Facility design

A. Site and Soil Evaluation from a registered Engineer

B. Affidavit to the Public for the On-Site Sewage Facility

Flood Hazard Permit

A-Zone Permit Application and Requirements

If the property is located in an area that may be subjected to flooding, you may be required to obtain an Elevation Certificate prepared by a licensed Engineer, Surveyor or Architect. There is a twenty-five dollar (\$25.00) fee associated with property development in the A zone areas.

REQUIREMENTS

A. A minimum of two openings having a total net area of not less than one square inch for every square foot of enclosed area.

B. The bottom of all openings shall be no higher than one foot above grade.

C. Openings may be equipped with screens, louvers, valves, or other coverings or devices provided that they permit the automatic entry and exit of floodwaters.

D. A certification from a registered professional engineer, architect, or land surveyor that the finished floor level of the residential structure has been constructed at the specified elevation.

E. Assure that all new and substantial improvements of on-site sewage facilities will comply with all requirements of Subchapter D – Planning Construction And Installation Standards for On Site Sewage Facility, as adopted by the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, effective February 5, 1997.

F. Assure that all recreational vehicles:

- a. Are fully licensed and highway ready; and
- b. Are on the site for fewer than 90 consecutive days.

IN SUMMARY:

A RECREATIONAL VEHICLE IS READY FOR HIGHWAY USE IF:

- 1. *IT IS ON ITS WHEELS OR JACKING SYSTEM;*
- 2. *IT IS ATTACHED TO THE SITE ONLY BY QUICK DISCONNECT TYPE UTILITIES AND SECURITY DEVICES; AND*
- 3. *IT HAS NO PERMANENTLY ATTACHED ADDITIONS.*

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V-Zone Permit Application

If the property is located in the V-Zone, which may be subject to flooding, you may be required to obtain an Elevation Certificate prepared by a licensed Engineer, Surveyor, or Architect. There is a sixty-five dollar (\$65.00) fee associated with the V-Zone property.

REQUIREMENTS

- A. Submit a certification from a registered professional engineer, architect, or land surveyor that all new construction is landward of the reach of mean high tide.
- B. Submit a certification from a registered professional engineer, architect or land surveyor that the finished floor level of the structure has been constructed at the specified elevation.
- C. Assure that all new construction and substantial improvements are elevated on adequately anchored pilings, or columns and securely anchored to such piles or columns so that the lowest portion of the structural members of the lowest floor (excluding the pilings or columns) is elevated to or above the base flood level and that a registered professional engineer or architect certify that the structure is securely anchored to adequately anchored pilings or columns in order to withstand velocity waters and hurricane wave wash.
- D. Assure that all new construction and substantial improvements have the space below the lowest floor either free of obstructions or constructed with "breakaway walls" intended to collapse under stress without jeopardizing the structural support of the elevated portion of the building or the supporting foundation system. If breakaway walls are utilized, such temporarily enclosed space shall not be used for human habitation.
- E. Prohibit the use of fill for structural support of buildings.
 - A. Assure that all recreational vehicles:

- a. Are fully licensed and highway ready; and
- b. Are on the site for fewer than 90 consecutive days.

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- 2. ***IT IS ATTACHED TO THE SITE ONLY BY QUICK DISCONNECT TYPE UTILITIES AND SECURITY DEVICES; AND***

3. *IT HAS NO PERMANENTLY ATTACHED ADDITIONS.*

- A. Prohibit the placement of mobile homes.
- B. Prohibit man-made alteration of sand dunes and mangrove stands which would increase potential flood damage.
- C. Assure that all new and substantial improvements of on-site sewage facilities will comply with all requirements of Subchapter D – Planning Construction And Installation Standards for On Site Sewage Facility, as adopted by the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, effective February 5, 1997.