

MORE STRINGENT REQUIREMENTS.

30 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 285.10 allows local governmental entities to propose more stringent standards than minimally required by 30 TAC Chapter 285.

The following more stringent requirements are adopted by Rains County, Texas in this ORDER:

A. County of Rains to provide greater public health and safety protection, shall require an application, permit, and inspection for construction, alteration, extension, or repair to OSSFs, regardless of the size of the tract of land.

B. All construction, alteration, extension, or repair to any type of OSSF shall be by a licensed Installer. There shall be no homeowner installations unless the homeowner is also a licensed Installer.

C. All subdivisions of single-family dwellings platted or created after the effective date of this Order using individual OSSFs for sewage disposal shall have lots of at least one (1) acre.

D. All habitable structures, upon their completion, must be connected to either a central wastewater treatment sanitary sewer system or an approved OSSF.

COLLECTION OF FEES. All fees collected for permits and/ or inspections shall be made payable to Rains County, Texas. A fee of \$10 will also be collected for each OSSF permit to be paid to the credit of the TCEQ Water Resources Management Account as required by the THSC Chapter 367.

APPEALS. Persons aggrieved by an action or decision of the designated representative may appeal such action or decision to the Commissioners Court of Rains County, Texas.

ENFORCEMENT PLAN. The County of Rains, Texas understands that, at a minimum, it must follow the requirements in 30 TAC§ 285. 71 Authorized Agent Enforcement of OSSFs. This includes timely investigating complaints, notifying complainants of findings, and taking appropriate action related to any documented violations. Records related to these activities shall be retained for review by TCEQ. The County shall take appropriate and timely action on all documented violations, which may include any available penalties and remedies, pursuant to all applicable provisions related to OSSFs, including those found in Chapters 341 and 366 of the THSC, Chapters 7 and 26 of the Texas Water Code, and 30 TAC Chapter 285.