

CHAPTER 156. - PRIVATE WELLS^[4]

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Editor's note— Ord. No. 3599, passed Feb. 18, 2014, enacted provisions intended for use as a new Ch. 157, §§ 157.01—157.08, pertaining to private wells. For purposes of clarity, and at the editor's discretion, these provisions have been included as being amendatory of existing Ch. 156, §§ 156.01—156.08.

Sec. 156.01. - Permit required to drill, repair, abandon water well.

It shall be unlawful for any person to drill, construct, repair, correct, abandon, or plug a water well or to engage in or work upon such work within the city's incorporated boundaries, without first securing a permit.

(Ord. 3173, passed 10-2-2007; Am. Ord. 3599, passed 2-18-2014)

Sec. 156.02. - Application for permit.

Any person desiring a permit required by Section 156.01 shall file with the Designated City Official written application, not less than ten days prior to the commencement of the work. Such application shall contain the following information:

- (1) The name of the owner of the land upon which the work is to be done;
- (2) The exact location of the well identified by latitude and longitude on a USGS 7.5-inch topographic map;
- (3) The depth of the well to be drilled, repaired or plugged;
- (4) A complete set of specifications for the work to be done;
- (5) The name and address of the contractor;
- (6) The name, address and state license number of the professional engineer or geologist;
- (7) The identification of any recorded municipal setting designations within one-half mile of the proposed new well.

(Ord. 3173, passed 10-2-2007; Am. Ord. 3599, passed 2-18-2014)

Sec. 156.03. - Issuance.

A permit shall be issued if the applicant complies with all provisions of this division, and there is no potential impact to the public health, safety, or welfare.

(Ord. 3173, passed 10-2-2007; Am. Ord. 3599, passed 2-18-2014)

Sec. 156.04. - Supervision of drilling, repairing, plugging, etc.

All work in drilling, casing, cementing, construction, repair, or plugging of any water well shall be done under the supervision of a professional engineer or professional geologist licensed to practice in the State of Texas.

(Ord. 3173, passed 10-2-2007; Am. Ord. 3599, passed 2-18-2014)

Sec. 156.05. - Casing.

Each water well drilled shall be properly cased and cemented to a depth of not less than 50 feet below the surface of the ground.

(Ord. 3173, passed 10-2-2007; Am. Ord. 3599, passed 2-18-2014)

Sec. 156.06. - Drilling log.

Upon completion of the work, the owner of any water well shall furnish the city with a complete log of the drilling activities.

(Ord. 3173, passed 10-2-2007; Am. Ord. 3599, passed 2-18-2014)

Sec. 156.07. - Right to inspect and take samples of water.

The city shall have the power and privilege to go upon the land and property of the owner of any water well within the city's incorporated boundaries for the purpose of inspecting and taking samples from such well, and to require the owner thereof to give any information requested concerning same.

(Ord. 3173, passed 10-2-2007; Am. Ord. 3599, passed 2-18-2014)

Sec. 156.08. - Interconnection or cross-connection with city water.

No interconnection or cross-connection shall be made between the city water supply system carrying water meeting accepted standards of purity and any other well water supply system.

(Ord. 3173, passed 10-2-2007; Am. Ord. 3599, passed 2-18-2014)