

Bell County Public Health District
Additional Rules beyond Chapter 285

- 1). All construction of, alteration, extension or repair to on-site sewage facilities shall be permitted and inspected, regardless of the size of the tract of land.
- 2). All platted subdivisions, approved and filed prior to the date of these Rules, are presumed to be designed and approved for single-family residential use unless alternative land uses or densities are specifically identified on the original plat or accompanying legal documentation (dedication or restrictive covenants).
- 3). All subdivisions, approved after the date of these Rules, not served by a public water supply, must meet the minimum lot size requirements set by the Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District as long as those lot size requirements exceed TAC 30 Chapter 285.
- 4). All undeveloped lots in single family subdivisions approved prior to January, 1988, which do not meet the current minimum lot size of ½ acre with public water, must submit a professional design, regardless of soil or system type, must show a secondary drainfield area equivalent to the proposed drainfield area or adequate area to install a surface discharge drainfield.
- 5). All manufactured housing communities, condominiums or apartment complexes, multi-unit residential developments proposed after the effective date of these Rules, shall meet the following minimum lot size.

1 st living unit	½ acre
Each additional living unit	¼ acre

Definition: Living unit –refers to 1 manufactured home, 1 apartment in an apartment complex or condominium or ½ duplex ect...

- 6). All subdivisions proposed for commercial use, after the effective date of these Rules, must show a site specific design for the facility and the design must show 2x's the proposed drainfield area. The secondary drainfield area must meet the provisions of TAC 30 Chapter 285.
- 7). All commercial facilities changing operation or ownership must submit an estimated water usage projection to the permitting authority. The projection must provide the expected volume and strengths of flow. Any change from projection/approved volume without prior approval from the permitting authority will result in the license to operate the OSSF being revoked and requiring a new license be obtained.
- 8). All facilities holding a food dealers permit, which have additional treatment beyond a septic tank, shall be checked and maintained a minimum of every three months by a certified service provider. A chlorine or fecal coliform test shall be made at each site visit where disinfection is required. One BOD and TSS grab sample test shall be conducted per year. Water meter reading must be submitted with each test result and maintenance report or discharge meter readings, if available.

9). Any secondary treatment device maintained by a qualified homeowner may be periodically inspected by the permitting authority at any reasonable time. If at any time a public health nuisance associated with the homeowner maintained OSSF is confirmed, the property owner loses approval to maintain the system and must contract with a registered Maintenance Provider.

10). In the event that the property owner does not possess a current OSSF maintenance contract on an OSSF on which a maintenance contract is required, or if a system is creating a public health nuisance thirty days after notification, its license to operate will be cancelled. The system will not be re-licensed until the M/C is renewed, the nuisance is abated and the OSSF re-license fee is paid.

11) An installer will not be issued an authorization to construct in Bell County if they are delinquent in submitting required maintenance reports within Bell County.

12). No subsurface disposal system may be installed within 5 (five) feet of a home or buildings foundation (slab).

13). Holding tanks cannot be proposed for new construction. Authorization to utilize a septic tank in an approved design as a temporary holding tank will be good for no more than (60) sixty days.

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14). (A) All secondary treatment systems in Bell County require maintenance contracts and testing and reporting to be submitted to the Bell County Public Health District.

(B) All contracted maintenance of an on-site sewage disposal system using aerobic treatment shall be conducted by a TCEQ registered maintenance company. There shall be no homeowner maintenance of OSSF's using secondary treatment unless the owner resides in the single family dwelling and:

(1) the homeowner completes coursework approved by the Bell County Public Health District.

(C) All maintenance inspections, including testing and reporting results shall meet all inspection requirements as specified by the Rules and the Bell County Public Health District.

(D) Homeowners failing to submit a maintenance contract, testing and reporting results or falsifying the required documents, will be required to contract with a certified maintenance provider.

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The only approved course at this time is TOWA's Maintenance Technician class.