



## City of Saint Hedwig

### Fact Check – Are you a resident of the city of Saint Hedwig?

We receive calls all the time from people who incorrectly believe they are residents of Saint Hedwig. We would like to take a moment to explain the distinction between a resident of the city and someone living in the city's extra territorial jurisdiction (ETJ) and what difference that makes.

Cities in Texas have an area of land (usually ¼ mile wide) that surrounds the outside of its city limits – think of it as an “incorporated” border around the city. If you live within this ETJ area, you are not a resident of the city – even if your address and zip code says Saint Hedwig. That merely indicates the post office that you are closest too.

What difference does it make if you reside in the ETJ and not within the city limits? It means:

- You are not subject to the zoning restrictions of the city.
- You are not required to pay city property taxes.
- You do not need to get permits from the city for building and construction.
- You are not subject to the subdivision ordinance of the city.
- Your building and land permits go through Bexar County, not the city of Saint Hedwig.
- You are not permitted to vote or hold elected offices in the city.
- You receive no services from the city (although the Marshals office is permitted by Texas law to provide law enforcement in the ETJ).
- The city does not manage the repair of the roads in your subdivisions (that is the responsibility of your HOA) or on 1518 and 1346 (that's TXDOT's responsibility) or on roads that border the ETJ (that's Bexar County's responsibility).
- The City does not control service contracts in the ETJ (trash services, utilities, internet).
- You are still subject to the traffic laws of the city.

We hope this is helpful and answers many of the questions you have about living in the ETJ of Saint Hedwig. While you may not be a resident of the city of Saint Hedwig, but reside in our ETJ instead, you are still a part of our community, and we welcome you as neighbors and friends.

**To determine if you live inside the Saint Hedwig City limits, go to: [BCAD.org](http://BCAD.org)**

- Click on [Property Search](#)
- Enter your address on Property Search
- Click on Property Detail
- Click on Taxing Jurisdiction

If you see City of St Hedwig on the list of taxing jurisdiction, then you live inside the city limits.

Also reference the City's [Zoning Map](#) to see city limit and ETJ boundaries.