

GENERAL INFORMATION BUILDERS/DEVELOPERS REGARDING CONSTRUCTION PERMIT REQUIREMENTS AND OTHER REGULATIONS IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF JIM WELLS COUNTY

From time to time our office receives inquiries regarding construction permit requirements in unincorporated areas of Jim Wells County. The following is for informational purposes only and Builders/Developers are advised to contact the relevant County office if you need anything specific to your project. The official records and minutes of the County Clerk show the following:

Building, Plumbing, Electrical, etc.

There is no record of Jim Wells County adopting a policy or ordinance adopting Building Codes or requiring Certificates of Occupancy in unincorporated areas of the county. Jim Wells County is in the process of adopting codes in the near future that should include but are not limited to building, electrical and plumbing codes. However, at this time Builders may proceed as there is no permit or certificate needed for from our county for compliance with these types of codes.

Flood Damage Prevention

Jim Wells County has adopted a Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance establishing various requirements depending on the location of any new construction or substantial improvement of existing structures. Prior to commencing, Builders are advised to review the Jim Wells County Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance posted on the county website at <https://www.co.jim-wells.tx.us/page/co.county.safety> or to contact the office directly at Phone: 361-668-1018 ext. 8 for more information. Flood maps may be reviewed in the County Safety and Inspection office or on the Jim Wells County Appraisal District website at <https://gis.bisclient.com/jimwellscad/index.html>

On-Site Sewage Facilities (OSSF)

Jim Wells County has adopted an Order with rules regulating on-site sewage facilities to abate or prevent pollution, or injury to public health. The order may be found at the following link:

https://www.co.jimwells.tx.us/upload/page/0115/docs/Safety%20Department/JW_ResolutionJan2010.pdf

Builders/Developers are advised to contact the office directly at Phone: 361-668-1018 ext. 8 for more information regarding OSSF permitting. Please contact our office with any other questions you may have at Phone: 361-668-1018 ext. 8.