



TARRANT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT COMMUNICATION

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Department: Transportation

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SUBJECT:

Consideration to Appoint Transportation Services as the Licensing Designee for the On-Site Sewage Facilities in Unincorporated Tarrant County and Adopt a Change to the Current Development Rules Related to the On-Site Sewage Facility Program

***** CONSENT AGENDA *****

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court appoint Transportation Services as the licensing designee for the on-site sewage facilities in unincorporated Tarrant County and adopt a change to the current development rules related to the on-site sewage facility program.

BACKGROUND

On July 30, 1973, the Commissioners Court, through Court Order #42703, appointed the Public Health Department as the authorized designated agent to perform licensing and registration functions of private sewage facilities in Tarrant County.

On October 1, 2025, the environmental health position of Sanitarian II was transferred from Public Health to Transportation Services. This change supports more efficient development processes in unincorporated areas of Tarrant County and ensures that On-Site Sewage Facilities (OSSF) permits continue to comply with Texas Health and Safety Code Chapter 366. To maintain compliance with Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) requirements for report filing and fee payments, the Commissioner Court must formally approve the transfer of authorized agent responsibilities for the OSSF program from Public Health to Transportation Services. Transportation Services plans to adopt the Public Health rules and regulations for the OSSF program into the Development Regulations Manual. Until then, Transportation Services requests the Commissioner Court consider an update to Section 4.03.D of the Development Regulations Manual to reflect the following change to section 4.03(D):

Strike:

Every lot that uses On-Site Sewage Facility (OSSF) must conform to TAC Title 30, Chapter 285 and 285.4. Per TAC Title 30, Rule 285.4 subdivisions of single-family dwellings not served by a public water supply using individual OSSFs shall have lots of at least one acre, net of drainage and floodplain easements.

Replace with:

Every lot that uses On-Site Sewage Facility (OSSF) must conform to TAC Title 30, Chapter 285 and 285.4. Per the Texas Health and Safety Code 366.032, which allows for the government entity to adopt more stringent standards for OSSF, all subdivisions of single-family dwellings shall have lots of at least one acre, net of drainage and floodplain easements.

These changes have been approved as to form by the District Attorney's Office.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.