



**DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT**  
**Ellis County**

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**RE: NOTICE REGARDING INSPECTIONS & CERTIFICATES OF OCCUPANCY IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF ELLIS COUNTY**

To Whom It May Concern:

As a general reminder, as of the date of this letter, Ellis County **has not** adopted any resolution or order requiring the application of Section 233 of the Texas Local Government Code, Subchapter F (*Residential Building Code Standards Applicable to Unincorporated Areas of Certain Counties*).

This means that Ellis County does not have the legal authority to perform any of the items listed below:

- Regulate residential construction to conform to any building code,
- Conduct residential construction inspections (*i.e., plumbing, framing, electrical, HVAC, roofing, etc.*),
- Issue a residential Certificate of Occupancy on properties in the County's unincorporated areas (outside of any city limits).

This document shall satisfy any request or inquiry from the County regarding the abovementioned topics. Please contact an independent third-party inspector to satisfy or meet any requirements from a service provider, lending institution, etc.

**As a general reminder, Ellis County requires development permits for any structure(s) erected or placed on the property or for any excavation/grading. Therefore, please contact us before making an application for a development permit.**

If you have any questions or need further clarification, please contact the Department of Development at 972-825-5200 or email at [dod@co.ellis.tx.us](mailto:dod@co.ellis.tx.us). You can also visit our website at [ellispermits.com](http://ellispermits.com) for more information regarding platting/subdivision, permits, regulations, septic, development, etc.

Sincerely,

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Director of Planning & Development  
Ellis County