

As a Well Owner, What Fees Will I Pay?

Southwestern Travis County Groundwater Conservation District
Public Hearing on District's Proposed Fee Schedule

September 9, 2020

Types of District Fees

Fees Authorized But Not Assessed by District Board

- Well Registration Fee, for All Wells
- Annually Recurring Per-Well Administrative Fee, for Most Wells

Fees for Certain Existing Wells

- Production Authorization (Permit) Application Fee, for Some Wells
- Production Authorization (Permit) Renewal Fee, for Some Wells
- Existing Well Modification Application Fee, for Some Existing Wells
- Well Construction Fee for Certain Types of Modifications of Some Existing Wells
- Quarterly Fee for Actual Production by Some New Wells, Per Thousand Gallons Used

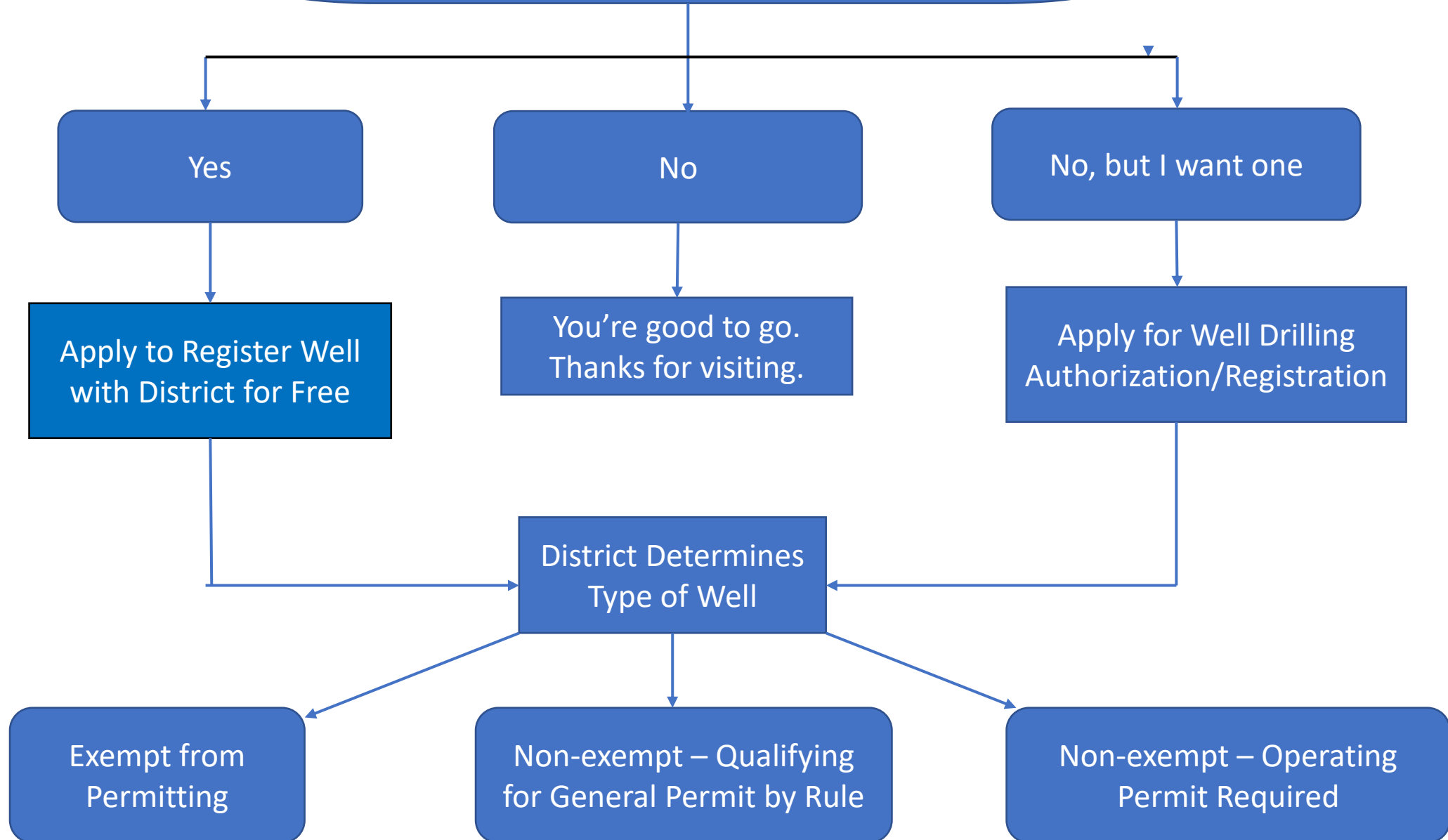
Fees for Certain Proposed New Wells

- Well Drilling Authorization Application Fee, for All Proposed Wells
- Well Construction Fee, for Some Proposed Wells
- Production Authorization Application Fee, for Some New Wells
- Production Authorization Renewal Fee, for Some New Wells
- Quarterly Fee for Actual Production by Some New Wells, Per Thousand Gallons Used

Other Fees

- Service Connection Fee for Each New Connection to Public Water Supply Permittee
- Capping/Sealing/Plugging Fee, for Abandoned and Unused Wells
- Various Business Administration and Cost Recovery Fees (e.g., Late Payment Fee)

Do I Already Have A Well on My Property?



Fees by Well Classification

Exempt Wells

❖ Criteria:

- Domestic Use with pumping capability less than 7 gpm
- Domestic and Livestock Use on more than 10 acres and pumping capability less than about 17.4 gpm
- A few other specialty-use wells (rig supply, fire suppression, dewatering wells, etc.)

❖ Applicable Fees:

- Registration – None (9/30/2021 deadline)
- Production from Existing or New Exempt Wells – None
- Well Drilling Authorization Application for **New/Proposed** Exempt Well - \$500

Fees by Well Classification (continued)

Non-exempt Wells Qualifying for General Permits by Rule

❖ Criteria:

- Don't meet any Exempt criteria
- Domestic Use wells with pumping capability more than 7 gpm
- Aquifer Test production wells, including hybrid production/observation wells

❖ Applicable Fees:

- Registration – None (9/30/2021 deadline)
- General Permit, initial/standard application - \$400 (9/30/2021 deadline)
- General Permit, renewal - \$200 every five years
- Production Fee for Existing or New General Permit Non-exempt wells – None
- Well Drilling Authorization Application Fee for **New/Proposed** Non-exempt Well - \$500
- Well Construction Fee for **New/Proposed** Non-exempt Well under General Permit - \$500

Fees by Well Classification (continued)

Non-exempt Wells Requiring Operating Permits

❖ Criteria:

- Don't meet any Exempt criteria
- Don't qualify under a General Permit by Rule
- Differentiate wells for Non-Agricultural and Agricultural Uses

❖ Applicable Fees:

- Registration and Temporary Permit application – None (12/31/2020 deadline)
- Operating Permit, initial/standard Application Fee (Existing Wells - 3/31/2021 deadline):
 - Agricultural Use - \$400
 - Non-Agricultural Use - \$750
- Operating Permit, Renewal –
 - Agricultural Use - \$300 annually (\$150 if no PH required)
 - Non-Agricultural Use - \$400 annually (\$200 if no PH required)

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Fees by Well Classification (continued)

- **Non-exempt Wells Requiring Operating Permits (continued)**

- ❖ Applicable Fees (*cont'd*):

- Production from Existing or New Non-exempt wells or aggregated wells under Operating Permit (starting 1/1/2021, paid quarterly):
 - Agricultural Use – 4 cents per thousand gallons of actual use
 - Non-Agricultural Use – 20 cents per thousand gallons of actual use
- Well Drilling Authorization application for **New/Proposed** Non-exempt Well - \$500
- Well Construction Fee for **New/Proposed** Non-exempt Well under Operating Permit:
 - Agricultural Use - \$500
 - Non-Agricultural Use - \$1000
- One-time Connection Fee for new service connections to public water system wells:
 - New RV slip connection - \$200 each (paid in advance by PWS well permittee)
 - Other new PWS connection - \$1000 each (paid in advance by PWS well permittee)

Minor Modifications (of Previously Installed Wells/Permits)

Minor Modifications to Wells and/or Existing Permits

Include: Transfers of ownership without changing type or amount of use • Reductions in permitted volume • Changing well from Non-exempt to Exempt based on changes in type of use or production volume • Alteration of well physical configuration or well system that do not have characteristics of “Major Modifications” • Converting one well to a multi-user well • Aggregating two or more individually permitted wells by the same permittee under one permit • Increases of permitted volumes by less than 10% in aggregate over three-year period (if they do not have characteristics of “Major Modifications”)

Exclude: Repairs and replacements with similar well system components

Applicable Fees for Minor Modifications:

- *Exempt wells:* WDA application - Yes. WDA application fee - None. Well Construction Fee - None.
- *Wells under General Permits:* WDA application - Yes. WDA application fee - \$100. Well Construction Fee - None. No PH required for permit change, if any.
- *Wells under Operating Permits:* WDA application – Yes. WDA application fee - \$100. Well Construction Fee - None. No PH required for permit change, if any.

Major Modifications (of Previously Installed Wells/Permits)

Major Modifications to Wells and/or Existing Permits

Include: Increases in production that change well from Exempt to Non-exempt • Increases in permitted volumes by 10% or more in aggregate over three-year period • Alteration of well's physical configuration such that the groundwater production is from a different Aquifer Management Zone • Increases in permitted production such that stipulated well spacing cannot be achieved.

Applicable Fees for Major Modifications:

- *For all such wells:* Well essentially becomes a proposed new well.
- *For all such wells:* WDA application – Yes. WDA application fee - \$500.
- *If well remains or will be Exempt:* Well Construction Fee - None; no PH required
- *If well remains or becomes Non-exempt and is/will be under a General Permit:* New GP application fee - \$400. Well Construction Fee - \$500; PH required.
- *If well remains or becomes Non-exempt and is/will be under an Operating Permit:* New OP application fee – \$400 (unless Ag well - \$300). Well Construction Fee - \$500 (unless Ag well - \$250); PH required.

Questions and Comments

- From Directors, *then*
- From the Public