

8.40.040 - Permits.

(a)

Applications. Applications for permits shall be made to the health officer and shall include the following:

(1)

A plot plan indicating the exact location of the well with respect to the following items within a radius of two hundred feet of the well:

(A)

Property lines,

(B)

Sewage disposal systems or works carrying or containing sewage or industrial wastes,

(C)

All intermittent or perennial, natural or artificial water bodies or water courses,

(D)

Drainage pattern of the property,

(E)

Existing wells,

(F)

Access roads;

(2)

Location of the property (include township, range, section, and assessor's parcel number);

(3)

Name of the person who will construct the well;

(4)

Estimated or proposed depth of well;

(5)

Use of well;

(6)

Other information as may be necessary to determine if underground waters will be protected;

(b)

Fees.

(1)

Permit Application Fees. All applications for permits shall be on a form supplied by the county health department and, except for those made by a public agency, shall be accompanied by payment of the fee as established by resolution of the board of supervisors, none of which shall be refundable;

(2)

Expiration of Permit. Each permit issued pursuant to this chapter shall expire within six months following the issuance of the permit. Upon expiration of any permit issued pursuant hereto, no further work may be done in connection with construction, repair, modification, or destruction of a well unless and until a new permit for such purpose is secured in accordance with the provisions of this chapter;

(c)

Prohibition. No permit shall be issued to any person who is not a well drilling contractor in possession of a valid C-57 (Water Code Section 13750.5);

(d)

Bonds. As a condition precedent to the issuance of a permit, every applicant for a permit shall file or have on file with the health officer, a corporate surety bond in the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars issued by a surety company licensed to do business in this state, or in lieu thereof, a cash deposit in the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars.

As used in this subsection, the term "cash deposit" includes, without limitation, certificates of deposit payable to the county issued by banks doing business in this state, investment certificates or share accounts assigned to the county and issued by savings and loan associations doing business in this state, or bearer bonds issued by the United States government or by this state.

The surety bond shall be conditioned to secure the compliance and faithful performance by the permittee of the terms, conditions and standards imposed by this chapter, or by any permit issued hereunder.

If cash is deposited in lieu of such bond, the cash deposit shall secure the compliance and faithful performance by the permittee of the terms, conditions and standards imposed by this chapter, or by any permit issued hereunder;

(e)

Conditions. Permits shall be issued subject to compliance with the standards provided in Sections [8.40.060](#) and [8.40.065](#)

(f)

Term, Completion of Work. The permittee shall complete the work authorized by the permit prior to the expiration date set forth in the permit. The permittee shall conspicuously post the property where the well construction will occur with a sign noting property owner name, assessor's parcel number, and well construction permit number. The permittee shall notify the health officer in writing upon completion of the work and such work shall not be deemed to have been completed until such written notification has been received;

(g)

Reports. A copy of the well driller report required under Section 13751 of the California Water Code shall be submitted to the health officer upon completion of construction of each well;

(h)

Appeal Procedure. Any person aggrieved by the refusal of the health officer to issue a permit or by the terms of a permit may appeal from the action of the health officer to the board of supervisors by filing a written notice of appeal with the clerk of the board. The clerk shall set the matter for hearing before the board and shall give reasonable notice of the time and place thereof to the applicant and to the health officer. The board of supervisors shall hear the evidence offered by the applicant or permittee and the health officer, and shall forthwith decide the issue. Unless the board of supervisors rescinds the health officer's action by a majority vote, his decision shall be deemed affirmed.