




PLANNING DEPARTMENT

County Of Hidalgo

Raul E. Segin, P.E., CFM
PLANNING ADMINISTRATOR

MEMORANDUM

To: Hidalgo County Commissioners' Court

From: Raul E. Segin, P.E., C.F.M., Planning Administrator 

Date: January 25, 2011

Via: E-mail

Re: Policy of OSSF Escrow Account

C: T.J. Arredondo, Planning Supervisor
Eduardo Olivarez, C.A.O., Health and Human Services

After discussions with the Environmental Health Department, both departments have arrived at a minimum amount of \$1,500 to be required per On-Site Sewage System as a financial guarantee for the installation of said systems. This financial guarantee can either be in the form of a letter of credit from a financial institution or a cash bond. In the event a cash bond is submitted to the County, an escrow account shall be created, with the funds to be held until the OSSF's are installed by developer as per the Model Subdivision Rules. In a similar manner, the County shall hold the letter of credit until the developer has shown proof of the installation of OSSF systems.

If a developer fails to install the OSSF's in a residential subdivision, the County would utilize the escrow account or follow the procedures as outlined in our subdivision rules to request a draw of the funds in the letter of credit to install the systems. Therefore, both the Health Department and Planning Department feel that this is a reasonable amount to cover all costs incurred by the County associated with installation of septic systems, if the developer fails to comply with his/her obligations.

You may contact me at (956) 318-2840 with any questions regarding this matter.

Thank You.

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