

RE: Private Wells

Following are a few rules that apply when a private well is being considered.

- 1) A well cannot be drilled within 1,000 feet of a municipal, public well.
- 2) A private well can be installed by a licensed well driller or licensed pump installer. Additionally, the owner of a property may install such well but must reside at the same location where the well is being installed. If a property is owned, yet not where the owner resides, the owner cannot install the well, rather, a licensed well driller would need hired.
- 3) All wells must be registered with the Department of Water Resources. In 1993 the requirement that all wells be registered was adopted. Owners of wells installed before 1993 have the option of registering their wells, but don't have to. An example of the advantage of registering a well that hasn't been in the past is if the City decided not to allow wells within 1,500 feet of a municipal well, those that were registered within this area have more rights and the process of discontinuing their use is harder if discontinued at all.

Once the Department of Water Resources receives a registration, Gary Gibbons from the Department of Health and Human Services is informed and an inspection is made.

- 4) Any well that will pump 50 gallons per minute or more, needs to have a permit from the Natural Resource District (NRD) before drilling.
- 5) State regulations show that domestic wells can be installed for human consumption if they meet the standards necessary. However, City ordinance requires that if within 300 feet of a City water main, you must connect to it for water service.

For information on construction and State requirements, contact Gary Gibbons from the State of Nebraska at the Panhandle Station. Additionally, following is an article which gives information regarding wells and where to call if needed.

Gary Gibbons

Wells

436-6948

Private Well Installation Permit
City of Scottsbluff, Nebraska

Please read this entire application carefully to see if you have any questions before commencing to fill in the blanks.

Applicant will be notified of fee required to be paid upon completion of processing and prior to issuance of permit. Development Services will handle the processing and collection of fees.

1. Date of Application: _____
2. Name of Applicant: _____
3. Name and Address of property owner:
Name: _____
Phone: _____
Address: _____

4. Address of property applying for well: _____
5. Intended use of water from well: _____
6. Depth of well: _____
7. Size of and type of casing: Size: _____ Type: _____
8. Size of annular seal: _____
9. Pumping equipment to be used: _____
10. Pumping capacity: _____
11. Name & address of well driller:
Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____ Licensed as Well Driller or Pump Installer? (Circle one) Y N
License Number: _____

** All wells shall comply with State of Nebraska regulations governing water wells.*

Title 178, Chapter 12, Section 003-13, page 12-20, of the State of Nebraska's regulations governing water well construction states, "All water wells shall be registered with the Nebraska Department of Water Resources".

I, the undersigned applicant, hereby certify that the statements contained herein are correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Owner/Applicant _____

Copies: Water Department, Applicant, and GIS Division

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This portion is to be filled out by Development Services.

Location of proposed well has been checked and it is at a distance greater than 1,000 feet from any and all existing public wells.

Permit fee for installation of a private well (Ordinance No. 3670)

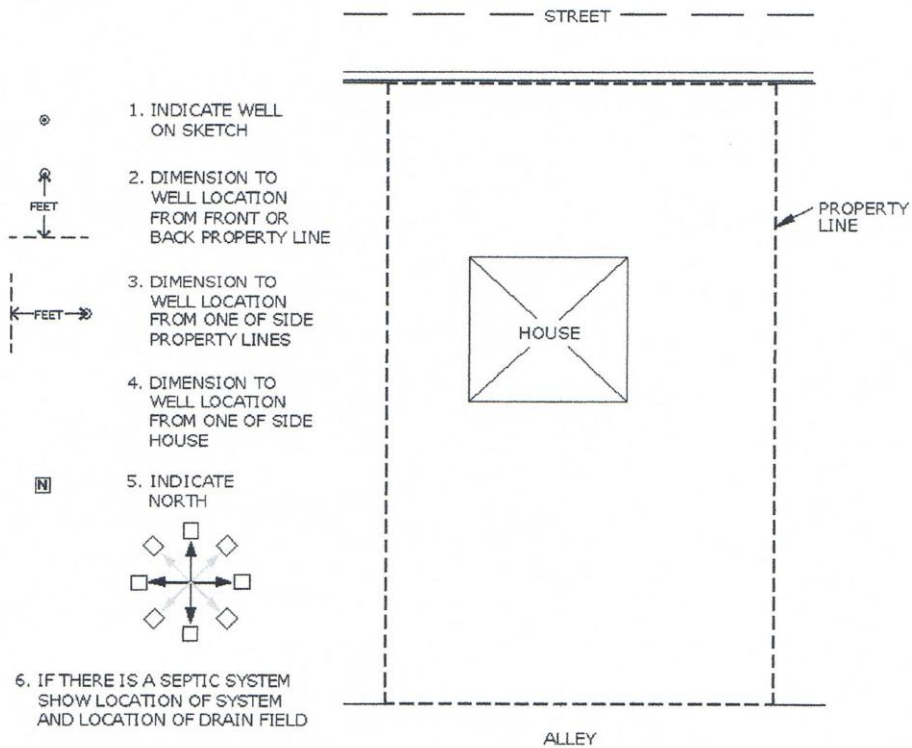
Fee Amount: \$ _____

Receipt No.: _____

Fee handled by (initials): _____ Date: _____

Application Processed: Date: _____ By: _____

Site Map





Development Services Department
2525 Circle Drive
Scottsbluff, NE 69361
308-630-6243
FAX 308-630-6204

23-1-5. Mains; abutting, adjacent premises; connection.

All plumbing in or on:

- (1) premises abutting upon a street or alley, or abutting upon or adjacent to a strip of land which is subject to an easement for water mains in which, opposite the premises, there is situated a water main, or

premises which themselves are subject to such an easement, if there is situated within the area subject to the easement a water main or lateral, shall be connected to such main or lateral

23-1-6. Same; exception; application.

If no building on the premises which requires a water supply is situated less than three hundred (300) feet from the nearest water main, and water to a building situated beyond that distance is supplied by a well on the same premises that meets the requirements of the rules and regulations of the Department of Health of the State of Nebraska, as determined by the Planning and Building Official, plumbing in such building need not be connected to the water main so long as both of such conditions continue to exist

23-4-11. Cross-connections; forbidden.

No person shall install or maintain a water service connection containing cross-connections to a public water supply system or a consumers' potable water supply system unless such cross-connections are abated or controlled in accordance with this Article, and as required by the laws and the State of Nebraska and the regulations of the Nebraska Department of Health. (Ord. 3261 § 1 (part), 1992.)

The Nebraska Department of Health Requires a check valve or other back flow devise on all wells domestic or irrigation for protection of the State of Nebraska's ground water.

I _____ hereby certify that I have read the above City of Scottsbluff ordinances nad understand these must be met and followed.

Address: _____

Owner: _____

Upon completion of the well installation the Department of Development Services shall be contacted to a final inspection of the said well. 630:6247