



**ORDER ESTABLISHING PROCEDURE FOR
CONNECTION OF ELECTRIC UTILITIES
IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF GRIMES COUNTY**

**STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF GRIMES §**

BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 21st day of January, 2026, the Grimes County Commissioners Court convened in a duly called and noticed meeting.

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court of Grimes County deems it critical to ensure that developments in the unincorporated area comply with local, state, and federal laws and regulations, which exist to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public; and

WHEREAS, the Infrastructure Regulations approved June 23rd, 2025 and the Floodplain Regulations approved January 21st, 2026 require that development permits be obtained for certain developments in the unincorporated area; and

WHEREAS, the connection of electric utilities to a non-compliant development site or structure, and the resulting occupancy or public use of that site or structure, significantly increase the probability of injury, loss of life, and/or loss of property within or adjacent to that development site or structure; and

WHEREAS, immediate steps must be taken to ensure that the rapid growth and increasing development of the unincorporated areas of Grimes County do not create conditions that cause additional hazards in the unincorporate area.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED by the County of Grimes, State of Texas that:

1. No person shall cause permanent electric utility service to be connected to any structure or any development site under their ownership or control until a Certificate of Compliance has been issued by Grimes County verifying compliance with Grimes County Regulations; and
2. The County Engineer shall coordinate with all providers of electric utility service in Grimes County to develop procedures for 1) Grimes County to make Certificates of Compliance available to electric utility service providers and 2) for electric utility

providers to notify Grimes County of any request to connect electric service when a Certificate of Compliance has not been issued by Grimes County; and

3. The County Engineer shall notify permit applicants of this Order in every permit application document and shall maintain a record of all Certificates of Compliance issued.

This Order is not meant to prohibit any electric service provider from providing permanent electric service to a structure or development site in accordance with the statutory requirements of the Texas Public Utility Regulatory Act or any rule of the Public Utility Commissioner of Texas.

All the provisions of this Order are hereby declared to be severable, and if any provision herein is judicially declared to be invalid or unconstitutional, such judicial declaration shall not invalidate or affect the remaining provisions of this Order which will remain in full force and effect.

PASSED and ADOPTED on this 21st day of January, 2026.

GRIMES COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

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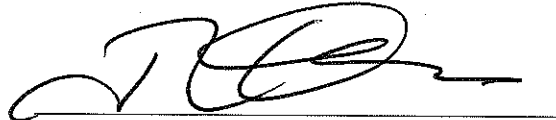
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