

NOTICE
of the regulatory authority of the
PRAIRIELANDS GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

You are hereby notified that all real property in ELLIS, HILL, JOHNSON, AND SOMERVELL COUNTIES falls under the jurisdiction of the Prairielands Groundwater Conservation District (“PGCD”). The PGCD is a political subdivision of the State of Texas with responsibility to preserve, conserve and protect the groundwater resources of Ellis, Hill, Johnson, and Somervell Counties. PGCD’s* statutory authority is defined in Chapter 36 of the Texas Water Code. PGCD regulates the drilling, spacing, and operation of water wells in these four counties. The PGCD is governed by a Board of Directors appointed by the four counties’ commissioners courts, and funded primarily by water use fees received by the District (\$0.22/1,000 gal) annually by non-exempt water well owners. PGCD does not assess a tax.

Properties must typically be two (2) acres or larger to be legally eligible to drill a water well. Any new well must be registered with and approved by the PGCD prior to drilling. All existing exempt (typically small residential) water wells drilled prior to April 1, 2011, are registered with the PGCD on a voluntary basis. Larger wells may also be required to obtain a permit from the PGCD. There are well spacing requirements from property lines, other wells, septic systems, etc. that impact the location at which a property owner may drill a well. Failure to comply with these and other requirements for drilling or operating a water well may result in civil penalties and, in extreme cases, may involve mandatory well closure as prescribed by PGCD rules.

Within ninety (90) days after the date of a change in ownership of a well that is registered with the District, the current well owner (transferor) or new owner of the well (transferee) shall submit to the District a completed Change of Ownership form. The disclosure of a well is the sole responsibility of the seller prior to official closing of the property.

PGCD’s rules and management plan are available at www.prairielandsgcd.org. Its business office is located at 208 Kimberly Dr., Cleburne, Texas 76031.

Questions regarding the well registration records to new owners may be directed to PGCD’s staff at (817) 556-2299.

I hereby certify that I have received notice of the PGCD.

Signature

Date

Please send a completed and signed copy to Prairielands GCD at 208 Kimberly Drive, Cleburne, Texas 76031, or alternatively, email it to officeasst@prairielandsgcd.org.

**Prairielands Groundwater Conservation District (PGCD) is a political subdivision of the State of Texas and groundwater conservation district created and operating under and by virtue of Article XVI, Section 59, of the Texas Constitution; Texas Water Code Chapter 36; the District’s enabling act, Act of May 31, 2009, 81st Legislature, Regular Session, Chapter 1208 (Senate Bill 726); and the applicable general laws of the State of Texas. Its legislative creation was organized by the Commissioners Courts of Ellis, Hill, Johnson, and Somervell Counties.*