

## **SUMMARY OF PROPOSED TRAVIS COUNTY INTERIM RULES**

### **SCOPE**

Applies only (1) outside municipal ETJs, and (2) to single-family residential developments over 20 acres and all commercial developments.

### **SUBSTANTIVE RULES**

#### 1. Water Quality Measures for Construction Activities.

- Depending on location, satisfy applicable requirements for either TCEQ statewide general permit, special TCEQ permit for Edwards Aquifer, or LCRA permit for Lake Travis watershed.
- Travis County may require measures in addition to LCRA/TCEQ only if:
  - Over 5 acres will be disturbed at any one time, or
  - Site has slopes over 10%, or
  - Pollution problems arise after construction starts.

#### 2. Buffer Zones. (Applies only in aquifer recharge areas and watersheds of water supply/flood control reservoirs.)

- Based on Chapter 30, Travis County Code (Joint Austin/Travis County Subdivision Regulations)
- Environmental Features—No development in buffer except yards, trails, and recharge basins.

Springs, bluffs, caves, wetlands, etc.—150 feet

Aquifer recharge points—150 to 300 feet, depending on drainage.

- Streams—No development in buffer except utilities, streets, and drainage.

Buffer size depends on classification and floodplain size:

Minor (drains 64 to 320 acres)—50 to 100 feet

Intermediate (drains 320 to 640 acres)—100 to 200 feet

Major (drains over 640 acres)—200 to 400 feet

- Lake Travis--No development in buffer except docks, piers, etc.

75 feet from 681 foot contour for single-family residential; 100 feet from 681 contour for all other.

#### 3. Post-Construction Water Quality Measures. (Applies only in aquifer recharge areas and watersheds of water supply/flood control reservoirs.)

- Based on current LCRA requirements.
- Must provide structures or controls that remove 70% of certain pollutants. Requirement increases up to 90% for development on slopes or on lake shore.

**PROCEDURAL RULES** (Applies to earlier of preliminary plan or final plat application.)

1. Must obtain any required Corps of Engineers waterway permit or U.S. Fish and Wildlife endangered species permit before Travis County will approve application.
2. Must have signed agreement with utility for water and (if onsite sewage facilities not used) wastewater service before application can be filed.
3. Must include electronic copy of plan or plat with application.