



## BRAZORIA COUNTY FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT

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### DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATION RECREATIONAL VEHICAL PARK (RV PARK)

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All Development Permits for RV Parks will be approved by the Brazoria County Environmental Health Department, Fire Marshall and the drainage district in which the structure will be erected. If no drainage district exists for that area, then the person SHALL provide the building plans and specifications to a Texas professional engineer to prepare a site study and then submit the site study to the Brazoria County Engineer's Office for approval before the actual permit will be issued.

**Zone X** (Non-hazardous area or 500 year floodplain with no elevation required).

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Please supply the following:

1. File a Development Permit Application and pay a \$150.00 filing fee and an additional \$10.00 for each RV site. Expansion of RV Park requires a \$10.00 fee for each site expanded.
2. Attach a copy of the approval letter from the drainage district or County Engineer's office with drainage/site plan.
3. Attach a copy of the OSSF Permit approval with site plan from Environmental Health.
4. Attach a copy of the approval letter from the County Fire Marshall.

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**Zone AE / A / AO / VE** (Areas of 100 year and Hazard Velocity floodplain with elevation requirements stated on permit.)

Please supply the following:

1. File a Development Permit Application and pay \$150.00 filing fee plus \$75.00 inspection fee and an additional \$10.00 for each RV site. Expansion of RV Park requires a \$10.00 fee for each site expanded and a \$50.00 inspection fee for entire expansion.
2. Certification of elevation on natural ground or plat showing elevations.
3. Attach a copy of the approval letter from the drainage district or County Engineer's office with drainage plan.
4. Attach a copy of the OSSF Permit approval with site plan from Environmental Health.
5. Attach a copy of the approval letter from the County Fire Marshall.

After permit is issued, the permittee shall provide a registered surveyor's certificate for the RV Park as to its elevation above mean sea level. This can be provided on the plat indicating elevations. The top of the pads are required to be no more than 27 inches below the base flood elevation requirement. This requirement shall be submitted to the Floodplain Administrator at the time the park is ready for an inspection.

## 6. RECREATIONAL VEHICLES

- a. Any recreational vehicle remaining at one location in excess of 180 days shall be permitted and elevated above the base flood elevation required. All recreational vehicles shall be tied down to resist floatation.
- b. Any person, who moves a recreational vehicle from a location in order to avoid having to permit, elevate and tie down as required in these regulations, must remove the recreational vehicle for a period in excess of 24 hours. If the vehicle is removed for a period consisting of 24 hours or less, then the permitting requirements will apply and the property owner will be required to comply with the requirements set forth in "a" above. (*Adopted October 24, 2006*).
- c. Any recreational vehicle that is being used as a residence must be permitted, elevated and tied down in the same manner as required for manufactured homes and the above 24 hour rule does not apply. (*Adopted October 24, 2006*).
- d. All recreational vehicles shall be capable of evacuation under its own power or if dependent of external power, the vehicle shall be in running condition.
- e. Egress of recreational vehicles shall not be prevented by stored or fixed items such as stairs, porches, storerooms, etc.
- f. In a coastal high hazard area (velocity zone), all recreational vehicles shall be evacuated at such time as the storm is located within the area of 90° longitude and 22° latitude. The first warning will be issued when the storm is within 85° longitude and 20° latitude.
- g. Recreational vehicles stored on a homeowner's lot where the house already exist are exempt from the 180 day permit regulations subject to other ordinances or restrictions. These vehicles must be unoccupied and not connected to water or sewer facilities. It must have current license, inspection sticker, and be capable of highway use.

**Note:** RV parks must submit a log every 6 months to Brazoria County Building Permit Department of the following:

1. RV Park name / location / address / phone number(s) / owner(s)
2. Per month – Renters name(s) / RV tag number / Condition of tires
3. Per month - Renter(s) -- name / address / phone number / arrival and departure date

**Note:** If a RV park uses an RV for the office they must include it in the log.