

# TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATION

## Water Well Drillers Advisory Council

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### APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT

Please print or type. Answer all questions completely.

Name:		Home Phone		
Work Phone:	Fax Phone:		E-mail address:	
Home Address:		City	State	Zip
Employer:				
Employer's Address:				
Present job title and responsibilities:				
What education, experience, or concern qualifies you to serve on this Council?				
What do you feel you can accomplish by serving on this Council?				

### Professional/Civic/Trade Association Membership:

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### List three references with names, addresses and telephone numbers:


**Council Member position for which you are applying:  
Check ✓ the applicable category**

<b>Driller</b> <input type="checkbox"/> State-at-large <input type="checkbox"/> Gulf Coast <input type="checkbox"/> Trans-Pecos <input type="checkbox"/> Central Texas <input type="checkbox"/> Northeast Texas <input type="checkbox"/> Panhandle-South Plains  <b>Public Member</b> _____	Are you a Texas Licensed Water Well Driller? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No  Date and License Number _____
Do you have any experience in educating or providing training in Water Well Drilling or in General Business? _____	
I have read Occupations Code, Title 12, Chapter 1901, Subchapter C, Sections 1901.101-109 above and am familiar with the criteria and duties for appointment to the Water Well Drillers Advisory Council.  _____	
Signature _____	Date _____

**Thank you for your interest in the Electrical Safety and Licensing Advisory Board. Please complete this application in full and return to the address shown. E-mail [water.well@license.state.tx.us](mailto:water.well@license.state.tx.us) or call (512) 475-4765 or (800) 803-9202 if you have any questions.**

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## Occupations Code

### Chapter 1901, Title 12. Practices and Trades Related to Water, Health, and Safety

#### Subchapter C. Texas Water Well Drillers Advisory Council

##### § 1901.101. Council Membership

- (a) The Texas Water Well Drillers Advisory Council consists of nine members appointed by the presiding officer of the commission, with the commission's approval, as follows:
  - (1) six members who are drillers experienced in the well drilling business and familiar with well drilling, completion, and plugging methods and techniques; and
  - (2) three public members.
  
- (b) One member appointed under Subsection (a)(1) must be selected from the state at large and the remaining five driller members must be selected from each of the following geographic areas of the state:
  - (1) Gulf Coast area;
  - (2) Trans-Pecos area;
  - (3) Central Texas area;
  - (4) Northeast Texas area; and
  - (5) Panhandle-South Plains area.
  
- (c) Appointments to the council shall be made without regard to the race, creed, sex, religion, or national origin of the appointee.

##### § 1901.102. Eligibility of Members

- (a) A person is not eligible to serve as a member under Section 1901.101(a)(1) if:
  - (1) the person is employed by or owns an interest in a company, firm, or business association engaged in any phase of the well drilling business; and
  - (2) a member serving under Section 1901.101(a)(1) is employed by or owns an interest in the same company, firm, or business association.
  
- (b) A person is not eligible for appointment as a public member of the council if the person or the person's spouse:
  - (1) is licensed by an occupational regulatory agency in the field of well drilling; or
  - (2) is employed by, participates in the management of, or has, other than as a consumer, a financial interest in a business entity or other organization related to the field of well drilling.

### **§ 1901.103. Membership and Employee Restrictions**

- (a) An officer, employee, or paid consultant of a trade association in the well drilling industry may not be a council member or an employee of the department connected with the administration of this chapter.
- (b) A council member or an employee of the department connected with the administration of this chapter may not be related within the second degree by affinity or consanguinity to a person who is an officer, employee, or paid consultant of a trade association in the well drilling industry.
- (c) A person may not serve as a member of the council if the person is required to register as a lobbyist under Chapter 305, Government Code, because of the person's activities on behalf of a trade or professional association in the well drilling industry.

### **§ 1901.104. Terms**

Council members serve six-year terms expiring September 15.

### **§ 1901.105. Presiding Officer**

The presiding officer of the commission, with the commission's approval, shall appoint a member of the council to serve as presiding officer of the council for two years.

### **§ 1901.106. Grounds for Removal**

It is a ground for removal from the council that a member:

- (1) does not have at the time of appointment the qualifications required by Section 1901.101 or 1901.102;
- (2) does not maintain during service on the council the qualifications required by Section 1901.101 or 1901.102;
- (3) violates a prohibition established by Section 1901.103; or
- (4) is absent from more than half of the regularly scheduled council meetings that the member is eligible to attend each year.

### **§ 1901.107. Meetings; Quorum**

- (a) The council shall hold meetings at the call of the presiding officer.
- (b) The council shall conduct meetings in compliance with Chapter 551, Government Code.
- (c) A majority of the council constitutes a quorum.

### **§ 1901.108. Per Diem; Reimbursement**

- (a) A council member is entitled to a per diem as set by legislative appropriation for each day the member engages in the business of the council.
- (b) A council member may be reimbursed for travel expenses, including expenses for meals and lodging. A member is entitled to reimbursement for transportation expenses as prescribed by the General Appropriations Act.

### **§ 1901.109. Council Powers and Duties**

- (a) The council may propose rules for adoption by the commission relating to the regulation of drillers registered under this chapter.
- (b) The council shall advise the department on the contents of licensing examinations.
- (c) The council may:
  - (1) recommend standards for continuing education programs, including standards relating to:
    - (A) the qualifications of program providers and instructors; and
    - (B) the amount of program fees; and
  - (2) recommend topics to be covered in a continuing education course.
- (d) The council shall assist the commission in evaluating continuing education programs.