

# City of Cleburne

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## Background:

The Texas Legislature adopted **House Bill 1656** requiring the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to adopt rules for Landscape irrigators for the purpose of conserving water.

The TCEQ subsequently revised **chapter 344 of the TEXAS ADMINISTRATIVE CODE** and now requires all new landscape irrigation systems and certain altered systems to comply with the new rules. The complete Chapter 344 is available at [http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/assets/public/compliance/compliancesupport/regulatory/irrigation/forms li/rulesforregguid\\_063008.pdf](http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/assets/public/compliance/compliancesupport/regulatory/irrigation/forms/li/rulesforregguid_063008.pdf)

Cities over 20,000 population, including Cleburne, are required to enforce the minimum standards and specifications for designing, installing and operating irrigation systems in accordance with section 1903.53, Occupations Code, and any rules adopted by the TCEQ under that section.

## Therefore the following are Cleburne requirements

**Effective January 1, 2009:**

### Policy:

- 1. A permit is required before beginning to install or alter an irrigation system. Fee is \$35.25 for permit and \$45.00 for plan review=\$80.25**
- 2. Post permit card.** Card shall remain posted on the property on an **approved sign board** until project is complete, paperwork filed and final approval is granted by the city inspector.
- 3. Plans shall be submitted with any permit application per section 344.61 of the TCEQ Rules.** City will review plans to verify all the required information is shown. Note Ordinance 11-2008-79 requires rain and freeze sensors.
- 4. Prior to final inspection of the system the following must be submitted:**
  - (1) Double check assembly device only allowed; device must be tested upon installation and annually.
  - (2) Copy of the final "walk through" check list signed by irrigator and the owner.
  - (3) An "as built" plan of the irrigation system must be filed with the Building Official if any changes are made from original plans.
  - (4) Rough in inspection is required before cover up.
  - (5) Must install a lockable isolation valve between water meter and double check assembly device.
- 5. Final inspection (Residential Systems);** will be administratively approved when the above are received.
- 6. Final Inspection (Commercial Systems):** In addition to the Residential requirements, Commercial systems will be inspected by Inspector for landscaping requirements.
- 7. Any violations** discovered due to complaints or other causes will be investigated and called to the attention of the owner or manager of the property as well as the contractor.