

**CERTIFICATE FOR ORDINANCE**

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COLLIN COUNTY  
CITY OF PRINCETON, TEXAS

We, the undersigned officers of the City Council of the City of Princeton, Texas (the "City Council" or "Council"), hereby certify as follows:

1. The City Council convened in a regular meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2025, at the designated meeting place (the "Meeting"), and the roll was called of the duly constituted officers and members of said City Council, to wit:

Eugene Escobar, Jr., Mayor  
Cristina Todd, Place 2  
Ryan Gerfers, Place 4  
Ben Long, Place 6

Terrance Johnson, Place 1  
Bryan Washington, Place 3  
Steve Deffibaugh, Place 5 and Mayor Pro-Tempore  
Carolyn David-Graves, Place 7

and all of said persons were present except Gerfers, thus constituting a quorum. Whereupon, among other business, the following was transacted at the Meeting (the "Ordinance"):

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PRINCETON, TEXAS, AMENDING THE PRINCETON MUNICIPAL CODE, CHAPTER 14, "BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS," ARTICLE I, "IN GENERAL," SECTION 14-14, "CONTRACTOR REGISTRATION," BY REQUIRING ENGINEERS AND SURVEYORS TO SATISFY THE CITY'S REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS TO PERFORM PERMITTED WORK IN THE CITY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, SAVINGS, AND REPEALING CLAUSES; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND CONTAINING OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.**

The Ordinance was duly introduced for the consideration of said City Council. It was then duly moved and seconded that the Ordinance be passed; and, after due discussion, said motion, carrying with it the passage of the Ordinance, prevailed and carried, with all members of said City Council shown present above voting "Aye," except as noted below:


NAYS: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 0

2. That a true, full and correct copy of the aforesaid Ordinance adopted at the Meeting described in the above and foregoing paragraph is attached to and follows this Certificate; that said Ordinance has been duly recorded in said City Council's minutes of said Meeting; that the above and foregoing paragraph is a true, full and correct excerpt from said City Council's minutes of said Meeting pertaining to the adoption of said Ordinance; that the persons named in the above and foregoing paragraph are the duly chosen, qualified and acting officers and members of said City Council as indicated therein; that each of the officers and members of said City Council was duly and sufficiently notified officially and personally, in advance, of the time, place and purpose of the aforesaid Meeting, and that said Ordinance would be introduced and considered for adoption at said Meeting, and each of said officers and members consented, in advance, to the holding of said Meeting for such purpose, and that said Meeting was open to the public and public notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting was given, all as required by Chapter 551, Texas Government

3. The Mayor of said City has approved and hereby approves the aforesaid Ordinance; that the Mayor and the City Secretary of said City have duly signed said Ordinance; and that the Mayor and the City Secretary of said City hereby declare that their signing of this Certificate shall constitute the signing of the attached and following copy of said Ordinance for all purposes.

**ADOPTED AND APPROVED** on this the 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2025.

**CITY OF PRINCETON, TEXAS**

  
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Eugene Escobar, Jr., Mayor  
City of Princeton, Texas

**ATTEST**

  
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Amber Anderson, City Secretary  
City of Princeton, Texas



**CITY OF PRINCETON, TEXAS**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-11-10-02**

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**WHEREAS**, the City of Princeton, Texas (the "City"), is a home rule municipality having full powers of self-government and may enact ordinances relative to its residents' health, safety, and welfare that are not inconsistent with the Constitution and the laws of the State of Texas;

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has previously adopted the City's "Contractor Registration" ordinance for the purpose of, without limitation, (i) ensuring that all contractors who are conducting work pursuant to a City-issued, building-related permit are duly registered with the City; and (ii) promoting the health, safety, morals, and general welfare of the City and its residents;

**WHEREAS**, the City Council hereby desires to make necessary modifications and amendments to Chapter 14, Article I, Section 14-14 of the Princeton Municipal Code (the "Code") as outlined in Section 2 herein below, which modifications and amendments, in pertinent part, require engineering and surveying contractors to satisfy the City's registration requirements to perform permitted work in the City;

**WHEREAS**, upon the Effective Date, all required contractors, including engineers and surveyors, must be duly registered with the City prior to the City's issuance of a building-related permit;

**WHEREAS**, the City Council officially finds and determines that the meeting at which this Ordinance was adopted was open to the public, and public notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting was given, all as required by Chapter 551, Texas Government Code; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds that it is necessary and proper for the good government, peace, and order of the City and its residents to adopt this Ordinance.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PRINCETON, TEXAS:**

**Section 1. Findings.** The above findings are hereby found to be true and correct and adopted as findings of fact, incorporated herein, and operative provisions hereof.

**Section 2. Princeton Municipal Code – Text Amendment.** This Ordinance amends Chapter 14, “Buildings and Building Regulations,” Article I, “In General,” Section 14-14, “Contractor Registration,” of the Code to (i) reflect the changes provided herein below—new language is depicted by bolded and underlined text (**example**) and deleted language is depicted by bolded and strikethrough text (~~example~~)—and (ii) read as provided herein below. In all other respects, said Code, Chapter, and Article shall remain in full force and effect.

**CHAPTER 14 – BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS**

**ARTICLE I – IN GENERAL**

[...]

**Sec. 14-14 – Contractor Registration.**

Prior to the issuance of any building, mechanical, electrical, plumbing, ~~or~~ irrigation, **or other permit under this Chapter**, the building official shall verify that all required contractors, as listed herein, have a current registration with the city **and maintain the same throughout the duration of the permit.**

(1) *Contractor registration required:*

- a. *Issuance of permits.* **Except as otherwise provided by law**, general, plumbing, mechanical, electrical, ~~and~~ irrigation, **engineers, surveyors, and all other** contractors **under this Section**, as well as backflow testers, shall not be eligible to receive a permit within the city unless they are registered with the city. Backflow testers shall not be eligible to approve test reports for backflow devices unless they are registered with the city.
- b. *Registration requirements.* Contractors must submit the following required information to the city prior to receiving a registration permit and pay the registration fee as set forth in appendix A of this Code, **except as otherwise provided by law:**
  1. *General contractor.* General contractors are required to submit the following information:
    - (i) A completed contractor registration application supplied by the city.
    - (ii) A valid driver's license of the owner or officer of the company issued by his home state. The owner or officer of the company must register in person or submit a notarized document allowing another person to register in his name.
  2. *Plumbing contractor.* Plumbing contractors are required to submit the following information:
    - (i) A completed contractor registration application supplied by the city.
    - (ii) A valid master plumber's license issued by the state. The master plumber must register in person or submit a notarized document allowing another person to register in his name.
    - (iii) A valid driver's license of the master plumber issued by his home state.

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3. *Irrigation contractor.* Irrigation contractors are required to submit the following information:
    - (i) A completed contractor registration application supplied by the city.
    - (ii) A valid irrigator's license issued by the state. The licensed irrigator must register in person or submit a notarized document allowing another person to register in his name.
    - (iii) A valid driver's license of the licensed irrigator issued by his home state.
  4. *Backflow tester.* Backflow testers are required to submit the following information:
    - (i) A completed contractor registration application supplied by the city.
    - (ii) A valid backflow tester certification issued by the state. The certified backflow tester must register in person or submit a notarized document allowing another person to register in his name.
    - (iii) A valid driver's license of the certified backflow tester issued by his home state.
    - (iv) A document verifying that the test gauges have been calibrated within the past 12 months.
  5. *Mechanical contractor.* Mechanical contractors are required to submit the following information:
    - (i) A completed contractor registration application supplied by the city.
    - (ii) A valid mechanical license issued by the state. The licensed mechanical contractor must register in person or submit a notarized document allowing another person to register in his name.
    - (iii) A valid driver's license of the licensed mechanical contractor issued by his home state.
  6. *Electrical contractor.* Electrical contractors are required to submit the following information:
    - (i) A completed contractor registration application supplied by the city.
    - (ii) A valid master electrician's license issued by the state department of licensing and regulation on or after September 1, 2004. The master electrician must register in person or submit a notarized document allowing another person to register in his name.
    - (iii) A valid driver's license of the master electrician issued by his home state.
  7. **Professional Engineers.** Professional engineer contractors are required to submit the following information:
    - (i) **A completed contractor registration application supplied by the city.**
    - (ii) **A valid professional engineering license issued by the state. The professional engineer must register in person or submit a notarized document allowing another person to register in his name.**
    - (iii) **A valid driver's license of the professional engineer issued by his home state.**
  8. **Professional Surveyors.** Professional surveyor contractors are required to submit the following information:
    - (i) **A completed contractor registration application supplied by the city.**
    - (ii) **A valid professional surveying license issued by the state. The professional surveyor must register in person or submit a notarized document allowing another person to register in his name.**
    - (iii) **A valid driver's license of the professional engineer issued by his home state.**
- c. **Insurance requirement.** In addition to the requirements listed in Section 14-14(1)(b) above, all contractors, except as otherwise provided by law, must (i) accompany their contractor registration application with sufficient proof of valid general liability insurance covering their designated scope of work, and (ii) maintain the same throughout the duration of the permit.

(2) *Suspension of registration.*

- a. The contractor fails to request and obtain a final inspection prior to the expiration of the permit; or
- b. The contractor allows use or occupancy of the structure for which a permit was obtained without first obtaining the required authorization from the city; or
- c. The contractor has been found by the building official, in his sole discretion, to have been grossly negligent in the performance of his work; or
- d. The contractor has, as solely determined by the building official, jeopardized the safety of the general public, or those at the construction site by actions or inactions of the company; or
- e. The contractor has a history of violating ordinances, whether related to building, mechanical, electrical or plumbing safety, or otherwise; or
- f. A license that is a requirement to register as a particular contractor has expired, been suspended or revoked; or
- g. The contractor has submitted any false or misleading information to the city in the registration process; or
- h. The contractor fails to maintain the required insurance, as provided in Section 14-14(1)(c) above.

**Section 3. Severability.** Should any section, provision, or part of this Ordinance be held unconstitutional, illegal, or invalid, or the application to any person or circumstance thereof ineffective or inapplicable, such unconstitutionality, illegality, invalidity, or ineffectiveness of such section, provision, or part shall in no way affect, impair, or invalidate the remaining portion or portions thereof; but as to such remaining portion or portions, the same shall be and remain in full force and effect and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable.

**Section 4. Savings / Repealing.** All provisions of any ordinance in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent they are in conflict. Any remaining portions of said ordinances shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section 5. Prerequisites Satisfied.** All prerequisites for the adoption of this Ordinance have been duly satisfied, conducted, and completed, including, without limitation, all public notices, procedures, and publications as required by law, including, without limitation, the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

**Section 6. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall be in full force and take effect immediately upon its adoption (the "Effective Date").

**AND SO IT IS ORDAINED.**

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