

ORDER NO. 2021-05

**ORDER EXTENDING SUSPENSION OF PARTS OF DISTRICT RULES & REGULATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES WITHIN DISTRICT JURISDICTION**

WHEREAS in REGULAR session of the DeWitt County Drainage District No. 1 on **June 17, 2019**, the District enacted Order No. 2019-02 "Adopting Master Drainage Plan, Rules & Regulations and Drainage Criteria Manual" as authorized by Texas Water Code §49.211, with said Plan, Regulations and Criteria Manual having been updated periodically since that time; and

WHEREAS in REGULAR session of the DeWitt County Drainage District No. 1 on **March 30, 2021**, the District adopted 2021-01, Order Extending Suspension of Parts of District Rules & Regulations for Development Activities Within District Jurisdiction, and found it appropriate to suspend some Regulations, set to expire as of June 30, 2021, for the following reasons:

- The District has been unable to secure interlocal agreements with the City of Cuero and the County of DeWitt, and this lack of intergovernmental cooperation has caused confusion to numerous developers; and
- The current COVID-19 pandemic has greatly depleted District personnel resources, and the District finds at this time that it cannot in a timely manner carry out the following: process development regulations, answer questions from prospective developers or participate in lengthy pre-development meetings, work on items which would clarify and simplify the process for the general public, check building sites for conformity with District regulations, send out legal notices when necessary, and keep the District website continually updated with the latest developer information; and

WHEREAS in REGULAR session of the DeWitt County Drainage District No. 1 on **June 22, 2021**, the District finds it necessary to extend the suspension of Order No. 2021-01 for the same reasons as stated above;

NOW THEREFORE, in the interest of public health and welfare, this limited-duration amendment to the District's Rules & Regulations is to be extended to expire on **September 30, 2021**.

THIS ORDER IS ENACTED AND APPROVED AT A PUBLIC MEETING OF THE DEWITT COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 1, HELD IN COMPLIANCE WITH CHAPTER 551 OF TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE (TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT), ON THIS THE 22<sup>nd</sup> DAY OF JUNE 2021.



Doug Sethness, President



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