

Leon County has been participating in the National Flood Insurance Program (N.F.I.P.), since 1995. Recently, the Leon County Flood Plain Administrator, County Judge Byron Ryder, was advised by representatives of the Texas Water Development Board that since Leon County has yet to receive a "Flood Hazard Boundary Map" from FEMA designating which geographical areas of Leon County are within the "100 Year Flood Plain"; all of Leon County must be considered as a possible location for the purposes of Title 44 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

As a result of the above, any person or entity desiring to develop land, or construct improvements thereon, in the unincorporated areas of Leon County must apply for and obtain a "Flood Plain Development Permit". Applications may be obtained from the Leon County Judge's office located in the old courthouse on the square in Centerville, Texas.

According to Leon County Flood Plain Administrator, County Judge Byron Ryder, "these application/permits are mandated by statute, and are required if we are to remain compliant with the Nation Flood Insurance Program regulations and continue to be eligible for the sale of flood insurance in our county."

Contact Leon County Judge Byron Ryder at 903-536-2331 with respect to any questions or additional questions regarding the above.