

ABANDONED WELL PROCESS

FOR SUBDIVISION & DEVELOPMENT IN SASKATCHEWAN

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The City of Lloydminster requires that applicants for new subdivisions or development permits provide information about abandoned oil and gas wells on the subject property. Before an application for either subdivision or development can be considered, applicants **MUST** provide this information to the City for review. The following chart outlines the process for determining what information is required depending on whether abandoned wells are located on the property in question.

1

Check the Digital Well Log Database to determine if any wells are located on the subject property

YES – abandoned wells are found



NO- Abandoned wells are NOT found:

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The applicant must provide the following as part of their application:

- A statement that no abandoned wells are located on property; and
- The map from the Digital Well Log Database of the property.

2

The Applicant must contact all well Licensees identified by the Digital Well Log Database as affecting their property to confirm the following:

- Exact location of each abandoned well; and
- Setback distance required by the Licensee from each well

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The Applicant must provide the following as part of their application:

- The map from the Digital Well Log Database of the property;
- A list of all abandoned wells, including the surface coordinates;
- A sketch of the proposed development showing the required setback area of each abandoned well; and
- Any additional information from the Licensee(s) that led to a change in the setback.

Related Information

- [Digital Well Log Database](#)
- [Subdivision Application](#)
- [Development Permit Application](#)
- [Statement Regarding Abandoned Wells – No Wells Located on Property](#)
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Where can I access the Digital Well Log Database?

<http://www.dwd.gov.sk.ca/>

Is this process going to cause additional cost for the landowner?

No, the cost associated with locating any abandoned oil and gas wells is the responsibility of the licensee. This process may however add additional time in the preparation of the application so please keep this in mind when planning your project.

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Frequently Asked Questions:

1. Can an agent sign the statement on behalf of the landowner or does it have to be filled out and signed by the registered owner of the property?

An agent can sign the required statement on behalf of the registered landowner. An agent acting on behalf of an owner or the owner themselves can sign the statement and provide the written confirmation.

2. If there is an abandoned well on the subject property being subdivided, what is the proper procedure that should be followed? What is required from the licensee and the registered owner?

The landowner, or agent acting on behalf of the landowner must contact all licensees in the affected property. The licensee is then required to physically locate the abandoned well(s). In order to ensure this has occurred, the City will require the following information be submitted with applications for Development Permits:

- GPS coordinates of the well sites; and
- A sketch of the site showing the exact location of the well(s) on the site and the required setback distance from the well site(s).

THIS INFORMATION MUST BE PROVIDED BY THE LICENSEE

3. What does a landowner or their agent do if an abandoned well license no longer exists or is defunct?

The Saskatchewan Oil and Gas Orphan Fund, when contacted by the owner or the agent, go out and locate abandoned wells on the property as per the regular responsibility of licensees. Further information on the Saskatchewan Oil and Gas Orphan Fund can be found on their website: www.economy.gov.sk.ca/OG-orphan-fund/

4. Does all this information need to be provided before an application for subdivision or development can be processed?

Yes. The City of Lloydminster and its subdivision authority cannot open new applications until all relevant information regarding abandoned oil and gas wells has been provided by the owner/applicant.

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