

# I would like to develop in Hays County.

## Where should I begin?

NOTE: This guide is for development in the unincorporated areas of Hays County, including ETJs.

Are you planning to build a...

Residential Structure/  
Development

Commercial Structure/  
Development

Residential & Residential  
Small Multifamily

Residential & Residential Large  
Multifamily\*\* & Public Building  
Development

Single Family Residence, Duplex,  
Triplex, Town Home, Guest House, Pool  
, Barn, Detached Garage, Personal  
Shop, Covered Patio/Deck, Carport,  
Shed

Quadplex, 5-Plex or Larger, Church,  
School, Government Building,  
Library, Conference/Event Center,  
Museum

Restaurant

I am building a new  
restaurant; do I need a  
food permit\*?

A Food Establishment Permit  
may be required based on the  
type of food being sold.

Please reach out to Hays  
County Development Services  
to discuss your menu.\*

\*If preparing or cooking food that requires time/temp safety controls or serving drinks in non-single use containers (e.g., glass), **you will need a Food Establishment Permit**

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**YES – Any large multifamily  
development, public building,  
and public access development will  
require permits from the Hays  
County Fire Marshal**

\*\*Multifamily and commercial developments may require a Pre-Development Meeting (PDM) prior to any application submittals. Please contact a County Planner for more information.

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