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### To Whom It May Concern:

Garland County does not have a Planning Board or Commission nor has the Quorum Court elected to assume the powers, duties and functions of a Planning Board or Commission. The county does not issue any type of Certificate of Occupancy. However, the Quorum Court has adopted several ordinances that relate to development issues in the unincorporated areas.

The Department of Emergency Management issues all new residential and commercial addresses. The DEM is located at 401 Mid America Blvd., Hot Springs, AR (The Old Armory Building). The telephone number is 501-767-3911.

On May 24, 1990, the Quorum Court adopted Ordinance 0-90-8 which enacted flood damage prevention controls consistent with the regulations of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). The county now requires individuals and developers to apply for construction permits through the Assessor's Office. However, if the construction is outside a flood hazard area, the Assessor's Office will issue an exemption certificate and it will not be necessary to meet the standards of the county's flood management regulations. Development in the flood hazard areas must be constructed to ensure that construction materials and methods will be used to minimize flood damage. Questions concerning the flood permit application process should be directed to the Garland County Assessor's Office at 622-3730.

In addition, the Quorum Court has adopted regulations which set forth the procedure and minimum standards of design for the construction of public roads to be turned over to the county for maintenance. O-98-17, O-03-8, O-13-55 and O-13-65. These regulations set the minimum design standards to be followed by individuals, corporations and developers who wish to construct a road and turn the road over to the county for perpetual maintenance. A copy of these regulations is posted at [www.garlandcounty.org](http://www.garlandcounty.org). Also, persons, firms or corporations desiring to make a cut within the right of way of a county road must first obtain a permit or may be required to post a bond (Ordinances O-98-17 and O-03-08).

Several ordinances concerning the environment apply in the unincorporated areas. On September 9, 1996, the Quorum Court passed an Ordinance (O-96-29) requiring that junkyards, salvage yards, automobile graveyards or similar types of establishments be properly screened so they are not visible from highways and roadways in Garland County.

The Quorum Court has also enacted a series of ordinances requiring residences and businesses to participate in Garland County's Solid Waste Collection Service. On December 9, 1996, The Garland County Solid Waste Management Ordinance of 1996 (O-96-36) was enacted. This Ordinance was established to regulate all solid waste generated by residents or commercial entities within the boundaries of the county and outside the corporate city limits. Each residential and commercial unit or address shall participate in the refuse solid waste collection program. To establish this service, you will need to contact the Environmental Services Department (House to House Pickup) located in the Tax Collector's office at 200 Woodbine, Hot Springs, AR or by phone at 501-622-3652.

In order to comply with state and federal regulations for Municipal Separate Stormwater Sewer (MS4), on April 12, 2004 the Quorum Court passed Ordinance O-04-21 to approve the implementation and adoption of a Storm Water Management Plan (SWMP) and a Notice of Intent (NOI) to be submitted to and enforced by the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ). ADEQ requires all activity within the county that disturbs one acre or more, to have a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) as part of their Storm Water Permit prior to work beginning. After the 2000 census Garland County met the designated population limit stated by federal storm water permitting mandates that require us to begin our SWMP and NOI. Garland County has until May of 2009 to implement our NOI as defined in our General Storm Water Permit # ARR040014 with ADEQ. The county's responsibility is to educate the public, review all MS4 permits, and monitor MS4 activities and assure the proper implementation of all required Best Management Practices (BMP) at each permitted site within the county.

Garland County does not have a zoning program, nor does it restrict the placement of manufactured housing on any un-platted parcel within the County. Garland County is not responsible for any restrictive covenants that have been placed upon the land.

If you have further questions, please let us know.

Sincerely,



Rick Davis  
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