

1-1 By: Springer S.B. No. 1947
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 12, 2021; April 1, 2021, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Local Government;
1-4 May 11, 2021, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 9,
1-5 Nays 0; May 11, 2021, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-8	<u>Bettencourt</u>	X		
1-9	<u>Menéndez</u>	X		
1-10	<u>Eckhardt</u>	X		
1-11	<u>Gutierrez</u>	X		
1-12	<u>Hall</u>	X		
1-13	<u>Nichols</u>	X		
1-14	<u>Paxton</u>	X		
1-15	<u>Springer</u>	X		
1-16	<u>Zaffirini</u>	X		

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the time for the issuance of municipal building
1-20 permits.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Section 214.904, Local Government Code, is
1-23 amended by amending Subsections (b) and (d) and adding Subsection
1-24 (e) to read as follows:

1-25 (b) Not later than the 45th day after the date an
1-26 application for a permit is submitted, the municipality must:

1-27 (1) grant or deny the permit; or

1-28 (2) provide written notice to the applicant stating
1-29 the reasons why the municipality has been unable to grant or deny
1-30 the permit application in the time required by this subsection [~~or~~

1-31 ~~(3) reach a written agreement with the applicant~~
1-32 ~~providing for a deadline for granting or denying the permit].~~

1-33 (d) If a municipality fails to comply with this section
1-34 [grant or deny a permit application in the time required by
1-35 Subsection (c) or by an agreement under Subsection (b)(3)], the
1-36 municipality:

1-37 (1) may not collect any permit fees associated with
1-38 the application; and

1-39 (2) shall refund to the applicant any permit fees
1-40 associated with the application that have been collected.

1-41 (e) A municipality may not:

1-42 (1) deny a permit solely because the municipality is
1-43 unable to comply with this section; or

1-44 (2) require an applicant to waive the requirements of
1-45 this section.

1-46 SECTION 2. Section 214.904, Local Government Code, as
1-47 amended by this Act, applies only to a municipal building permit
1-48 application that is submitted on or after the effective date of this
1-49 Act. An application submitted before the effective date of this Act
1-50 is governed by the law in effect on the date the application was
1-51 submitted, and the former law is continued in effect for that
1-52 purpose.

1-53 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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