

1-1 By: Springer S.B. No. 560
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed January 23, 2023; February 17, 2023,
 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Local Government;
 1-4 May 16, 2023, reported adversely, with favorable Committee
 1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 16, 2023,
 1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-15	X			
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1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 560 By: Parker

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to the time for processing a municipal building permit
 1-22 application.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Section 214.904, Local Government Code, is
 1-25 amended by amending Subsections (b) and (d) and adding Subsections
 1-26 (e) and (f) to read as follows:

1-27 (b) Not later than the 45th day after the date an
 1-28 application for a permit is submitted, the municipality must:

1-29 (1) grant or deny the permit;

1-30 (2) provide written notice to the applicant stating
 1-31 the reasons why the municipality has been unable to grant or deny
 1-32 the permit application in the time required by this subsection; or

1-33 (3) for a commercial building permit only, reach a
 1-34 written agreement with the applicant providing for a deadline for
 1-35 granting or denying the permit.

1-36 (d) If a municipality fails to comply with this section
 1-37 [grant or deny a permit application in the time required by
 1-38 Subsection (c) or by an agreement under Subsection (b)(3)], the
 1-39 municipality:

1-40 (1) may not collect any permit fees associated with
 1-41 the application; and

1-42 (2) shall refund to the applicant any permit fees
 1-43 associated with the application that have been collected.

1-44 (e) A municipality may not:

1-45 (1) deny a permit solely because the municipality is
 1-46 unable to comply with this section; or

1-47 (2) require an applicant to waive the requirements of
 1-48 this section.

1-49 (f) In this section, "commercial" has the meaning assigned
 1-50 by Section 214.211.

1-51 SECTION 2. Section 214.904, Local Government Code, as
 1-52 amended by this Act, applies only to a municipal building permit
 1-53 application that is submitted on or after the effective date of this
 1-54 Act. An application submitted before the effective date of this Act
 1-55 is governed by the law in effect on the date the application was
 1-56 submitted, and the former law is continued in effect for that
 1-57 purpose.

1-58 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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