

What is a Municipal Setting Designation?

A Municipal Setting Designation (MSD) is an official state designation which certifies that a property's groundwater will never be used as potable (drinking) water. This designation is for shallow groundwater that does not have contact with people or wildlife and will not flow into deep aquifers.

Why do we need MSDs?

- Contaminated groundwater impedes property development.
- Remediation to raise the property to drinking water standards can be costly and time-consuming.
- Ensures contaminated groundwater is not used for consumption or other uses that threaten human health.

What is the City of Fort Worth MSD Program?

MSD applicants must request a resolution and ordinance from the City of Fort Worth City Council to prohibit the use of the groundwater on a single property. This evidence of support is then presented to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) as a part of the application for the official state designation.

Why is Fort Worth raising the MSD Fee?

There have been no increases to the \$2,000 fee since implementation in 2005. Increased costs of the required notifications, mailings, public meetings and public hearings necessitate an increase in the application fee to recoup the costs of the program. The fee will increase to \$7,500 effective October 1, 2024.

Who will this Fee Increase affect?

Property owners or developers applying for a MSD with the TCEQ will pay a \$7,500 fee per application. Tax payers will not be affected by the fee increase.

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