

# OIL WELL DRILLING COUNTER PERMIT

**KERN COUNTY PLANNING AND  
NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT  
2700 "M" Street, Suite 100  
Bakersfield, CA 93301**

As provided in Section 19.98.030 of the Ordinance Code of Kern County, the undersigned applicant, acting as  Owner  Lessee  Agent, hereby requests a "counter permit" for the drilling of \_\_\_\_\_ oil well(s) on the following-described property located in an \_\_\_\_\_ District and submits the following information as evidence of the proposed drilling project:

Property Owner: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Legal Description: \_\_\_\_\_

Property Address or Description for Locating Site for Inspection: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Proposed Drilling Operation: \_\_\_\_\_

## APPLICANT'S AFFIDAVIT

I, \_\_\_\_\_, the undersigned am the applicant requesting this Oil Well Drilling Counter Permit. The foregoing statements and answers herein made and all data, information, and evidence herewith submitted are in all respects, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true and correct.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** File in duplicate, together with one plot plan showing the following: (1) Property boundaries and dimensions; (2) Distance from well(s) to property line, to any existing building on subject site, to any existing County road, or to any residence within 200 feet of the well site; and (3) Filing fee.

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NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

Ord Sec. \_\_\_\_\_ Zone Map # \_\_\_\_\_ Case # \_\_\_\_\_

Date Filed \_\_\_\_\_ CUP: Required \_\_\_\_\_ Not Required \_\_\_\_\_

**CONDITIONS (Section 19.98.050, Ordinance Code of Kern County)**

- A. No oil or gas well shall be drilled within one hundred (100) feet of any public highway or building not necessary to the operation of the well, or within one hundred and fifty (150) feet of any dwelling, or within three hundred (300) feet of any building used as a place of public assembly, institution, or school, or within fifty (50) feet of any building utilized for commercial purposes constructed prior to the commencement of such drilling, without the written consent of the owner of such structure.
- B. All drilling and production activities shall conform to all applicable fire and safety regulations, and firefighting apparatus and supplies required by the Kern County Fire Department shall be maintained on the site at all times during drilling and production operations.
- C. No signs, other than directional and warning signs and those required for identification of the well, shall be constructed, erected, maintained, or placed on the premises or any part thereof, except those required by law or ordinance to be displayed in connection with the drilling or maintenance of the well.
- D. Sanitary toilet and washing facilities, if required by the Kern County Environmental Health Services Department or other governmental agencies, shall be installed and maintained in a clean and sanitary condition during drilling operations, and at such other times as specified by these agencies.
- E. Proven technological improvements generally accepted and used in drilling and production methods shall be employed as they may become available if they are capable of reducing nuisances or annoyances.
- F. All derricks, boilers, and other drilling equipment employed pursuant to this section, to drill any well hole or to repair, clean out, deepen, or redrill any completed or drilling well, shall be removed within ninety (90) days after completion of production tests following completion of such drilling, or after abandonment of any well, unless such derricks, boilers, and drilling equipment are to be used within a reasonable time, as determined by the Director of the Planning Department, for the drilling of another well or wells on the premises.
- G. Within ninety (90) days after any well has been placed in production, or after its abandonment, earthen sumps used in drilling or production or both (unless such sumps are to be used within a reasonable time as determined by the Director of the Planning Department for the drilling of another well or wells) shall be filled and the drilling site restored as nearly as practicable to a uniform grade. Temporary earthen sumps may be used for clean-out or remedial work on an existing well or other production facility. However, these sumps shall be filled and the site restored as nearly as practicable to uniform grade within ninety (90) days after the clean-out or other remedial work is completed. Such restoration work shall comply with all applicable regulations of the California Division of Oil and Gas.
- H. Any derrick used for servicing operations shall be of the portable type, provided, however, that upon presentation of proof that the well is of such depth or has such other characteristics, or for other cause, that a portable-type derrick will not properly service such well, the Director of the Planning Department may approve the use of a standard-type derrick.
- I. Whenever oil or gas is produced into and shipped from tanks located on the premises, such tanks, whenever located within five hundred (500) feet of any dwelling or commercial building, shall be

surrounded by shrubs or trees, planted and maintained so as to develop attractive landscaping, or shall be fenced in such a manner as to, insofar as practicable, screen such tanks from public view. Such fencing shall comply with the requirements of the California Division of Oil and Gas.

- J. Whenever a well is located within five hundred (500) feet of an existing dwelling unit, except in case of an emergency, no materials, equipment, tools, or pipe used for either drilling or production operations shall be delivered to or removed from the drilling site, except between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., unless otherwise required by the California Division of Oil and Gas.
- K. Pumping wells shall be operated by electric motors or muffled internal combustion engines.
- L. The height of all pumping units shall not exceed thirty-five (35) feet and the units shall be painted and kept in neat condition.
- M. All vehicle parking and maneuvering areas shall be treated and maintained with oiled sand or a similar dust-binding material.
- N. After production begins and a pump is installed on the wellhead, a fence at least six (6) feet in height shall be installed around the pump site or drilling island for public safety. This fence shall be constructed of chain link with wood or metal slats or other screening fence as may be approved by the Director of the Planning Department. This fencing and screening requirement shall apply only to those pump sites located within five hundred (500) feet of any dwelling. Such fencing shall comply with the requirements of the California Division of Oil and Gas.
- O. All required federal, State, and County rules and regulations shall be complied with at all times, including, but not limited to, the rules and regulations of the following agencies:
  - 1. California Division of Oil and Gas
  - 2. Kern County Fire Department
  - 3. Kern County Environmental Health Services Department
  - 4. Regional Water Quality Control Board
  - 5. Air Pollution Control District
  - 6. Kern County Engineering and Survey Services Department

**COUNTER PERMIT - OIL WELL DRILLING**

COUNTER PERMIT NO. \_\_\_\_\_, MAP NO. \_\_\_\_\_, is hereby approved, subject to strict compliance with Conditions A through O, inclusive, as more specifically set forth on pages 2 and 3 of this application, which conditions are made a part hereof with the following approved exceptions:

Approved by the Director of the Planning Department under authority of the Board of Zoning Adjustment

Approved by official action of the Board of Zoning Adjustment in regular meeting

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Director of the Planning Department

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Secretary

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<u>Date</u>	<u>By</u>	
_____	_____	1. Bond filed
_____	_____	2. Letter acknowledging receipt
_____	_____	3. Bond transmittal to Clerk of the Board
_____	_____	4. Bond release request filed
_____	_____	5. Letter to Board recommending release of bond
_____	_____	6. Notice of bond release received
_____	_____	7. File closed