

Chapter 14

OIL AND GAS WELL DRILLING*

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ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL**Sec. 14-1. Definitions.**

(a) The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this chapter, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Drilling unit means one contiguous body or block of land composed of one or more tracts or lots of land, comprising a total surface area of 20 acres of land subject to a tolerance of five percent more or less; provided, however, that the separation of such tracts or lots by streets or alleys shall not serve to render such tracts or lots not contiguous for purposes of this chapter.

Permittee means the person to whom a permit is issued for the drilling and operation of a well under this chapter, and his administrators, executors, heirs, successors and assigns.

Person means and includes any person, individual, firm, partnership, association, corporation, club, society, cooperative, trust, municipal corporation or political subdivision whatsoever.

Well means any hole or bore to any sand, formation, strata or depth, which is drilled, bored, sunk, dug, or put down for the purpose of either exploring for or ascertaining the existence of any oil, gas, liquid hydrocarbon or for the purpose of producing and recovering any oil, gas, liquified hydrocarbon.

(b) All technical or oil and gas industry words or phrases used in this chapter and not specifically defined in this section shall have the meaning customarily attributable thereto by prudent operators in the oil and gas industry.

Cross reference—Definitions and rules of construction generally, § 1-3.

Sec. 14-2. Drilling within streets, alleys.

It shall be unlawful to drill any oil or gas well and no well shall be drilled and no permit shall be issued for any well to be drilled at any location that is within any of the streets or alleys of the city. No street or alley shall be blocked or encumbered or closed in any drilling or production operation, except by special permit by order of the city council and then only temporarily.

(Ord. No. 72, § 3, 8-6-1973)

Sec. 14-3. Drilling near dwelling.

No oil or gas well shall be drilled and no permit shall be issued for any well to be drilled at any location that is nearer than 150 feet of any residence, building or structure without the applicant having first secured the written permission of the owner thereof. (Ord. No. 72, § 4, 8-6-1973)

Sec. 14-4. Drilling limited to one well per reservoir.

The drilling, completion and operation of only one oil or gas well to each reservoir may be authorized by permit on each drilling unit within the city limits. It shall be unlawful to drill to each reservoir more than one well on each unit. However, if a well is lost or abandoned as a dry hole, the permittee may relocate the well on the drilling unit involved and drill and complete such relocated well under the permit for the first well by filing a plat and certificate showing the abandonment of the first well and the location of the second well.

(Ord. No. 72, § 5, 8-6-1973)

Secs. 14-5—14-25. Reserved.

ARTICLE II. PERMIT

Sec. 14-26. Required.

It shall be unlawful and an offense for any person, acting either for himself or acting as agent, employee, independent contractor, or servant of any other person, to commence to drill, to drill or to operate any oil or gas well within the city limits or to work upon or assist in any way in the prosecution or operation of any such well without a permit for the drilling and operation of such well having first been issued by the authority of the city council in accordance with the terms and provisions of this chapter.

(Ord. No. 72, § 2, 8-6-1973)

Sec. 14-27. Application; fee; accompanying information and documents; required interest in drilling unit.

(a) Every application for a permit to drill and operate an oil or gas well upon a drilling unit shall be in writing, signed by the applicant or by some person duly authorized to sign on his behalf, and filed with the city secretary and accompanied by a filing fee of \$500.00 in cash as a fee to the city.

(b) No applicant shall request a permit to drill and operate more than one well to each reservoir on a drilling unit, and the application shall contain full information, including the following:

- (1) The date of the application.
- (2) Name of the applicant.
- (3) Address of the applicant.
- (4) Proposed site of the well accompanied by a plat of the drilling unit showing the description of the lots, blocks or tracts owned or controlled by the applicant.
- (5) Name of the fee owner.
- (6) Name of the lease owner.
- (7) Brief description of the land.
- (8) An attached certified or photostatic copy of the deed, oil and gas lease, or drilling contract with the owners of land covering the lot, block or tract in the drilling unit over which the applicant has control, together with abstracts of title or certificate of title satisfactory to the city council, to the end that the application will show what proportion and what parts of the drilling unit the applicant owns in fee, or holds under lease, or drilling contract from the owners.
- (9) Type of derrick to be used.
- (10) Whether the well shall be drilled as an oil or gas well.
- (11) The proposed depth of the well.
- (12) Motive power of rig that is to be used.
- (13) Within 30 days after the completion of a well within the city limits the operator shall submit to the city council copies of state railroad commission forms 2, and 3, and electric log. This data shall be classified as "secret" by the city council for a period of six months.

(c) The applicant must own in fee or hold under lease or drilling contract from the owners over 50 percent of the acreage within a drilling unit before a permit may be issued.

(Ord. No. 72, § 6, 8-6-1973)

Sec. 14-28. Notice of filing application required.

(a) Notice of the filing of each application for the permit required under this article shall be given by the applicant as provided in this subsection. At least ten days prior to the date of hearing on the application, a copy of the notice in the form prescribed shall be sent by registered mail to each owner and lessee of a lot, block and tract in the drilling unit not owned by or under lease to the applicant, addressed to the last known address of such landowner or lease owner, if known to the applicant. A copy of such notice shall likewise be published at the cost of the applicant in every issue of an official paper of the city for ten days prior to the date of such hearing. If the official paper is published weekly, the publication shall be made in one issue thereof before the date of the hearing. Such notice shall state the lot and block number on which the applicant is asking for a permit to drill and the date and place of hearing and shall be in words and figures as follows:

"Notice is hereby given that _____ acting under and pursuant to the terms and provisions of A CHAPTER REGULATING THE DRILLING, COMPLETION AND OPERATION OF OIL WELLS WITHIN THE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF SHEPHERD, TEXAS, AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLIC SAFETY IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, being chapter no. _____, did, on the _____ day of _____, _____, file with the City Secretary of the City of Shepherd an application for a permit to drill a well for oil and/or gas upon Lot No. _____, Block No. _____, Shepherd Townsite, in a drilling unit of _____ acres described as follows:

(Description)

A hearing upon such application will be held in the office of the City Secretary of the City of Shepherd, Texas, at _____ on the _____ day of _____, _____, at _____M.

Applicant"

(b) Proof of notice shall be made by the applicant by filing with the city secretary an affidavit of the printer or publisher of the paper in which the notice is published containing a copy of the

notice and stating the issue in which and period of time during which the notice was published and an affidavit of the applicant showing the date and persons to whom and the addresses to which the notice was mailed by the applicant and proof that such addresses are the last addresses of the persons involved known to the applicant.

(c) At the time fixed in the notice a hearing on such application shall be held in the office of the city secretary.
(Ord. No. 72, § 7, 8-6-1973)

Sec. 14-29. Issuance or denial; conditions.

(a) The city council, within 30 days after the filing of the application for a permit to drill and operate an oil or gas well, shall determine whether or not the application complies in all respects with this chapter. If it does, the city council shall issue a permit for the drilling and operation of the well applied for conditioned upon the applicant filing, before commencement of drilling operations thereunder, the surety bond or surety instrument prescribed in section 14-32 of this article.

(b) The city council shall have the power and reserves the authority to refuse any application for a permit when, because of location of the proposed well and the character and value of the permanent improvements already erected on the drilling unit in question or adjacent thereto and the use to which the land and surroundings are adapted for civic purposes or for sanitary reasons, the drilling of an oil or gas well will be a serious disadvantage to either the health, safety, morals or welfare of the city and its inhabitants.

(c) Each permit issued under this article shall:

- (1) By reference have incorporated therein all the sections of this chapter with the same force and effect as if this chapter were copied verbatim in such permit;
- (2) Specify the well location with particularity to lot number, block number, name of addition or subdivision, or other available correct legal description;
- (3) Contain and specify that the terms of such permit shall be for a period of six months from the date of the permit, and

as long thereafter as the permittee is engaged in continuous drilling or reworking operations or oil or gas is produced in commercial quantities from the well drilled pursuant to such permit. However, if at any time after discovery of oil or gas the production thereof in commercial quantities shall cease, the term shall not terminate if the permittee commences additional reworking operations within six months thereafter, and if they result in the production of oil or gas, so long thereafter as oil or gas is produced in commercial quantities from such well;

- (4) Contain and specify such conditions as are authorized by this chapter;
- (5) Specify the total depth to which the well may be drilled; and
- (6) Contain and specify that no actual drilling operations shall be commenced until the permittee shall file and have approved an indemnity bond in the designated principal amount and conditioned as specified in section 14-32 of this article.

(d) Such permit, in duplicate originals, shall be signed by the city secretary and prior to delivery to the permittee shall be signed by the permittee, with one original to be retained by the city and one by the permittee. When so signed the permit shall constitute the permittee's drilling and operating license and the contractual obligation of the permittee to comply with the terms of such permit, and such bond, and this chapter.

(e) If the permit for the well is refused or if the applicant notifies the city council in writing that he does not elect to accept the permit as tendered and wishes to withdraw his application or if the bond or surety instrument of the applicant is not approved and the applicant notifies the city council in writing that he wishes to withdraw his application, upon the happening of any of such events the cash deposit provided for to be filed with the application shall be returned to the applicant, except there shall be retained therefrom by the city \$100.00 as a processing fee.

(f) Except in an emergency in which event an operator may proceed without notice, any operator desiring to rework a well shall give the city council written notice of his intent prior to the commencement of operations.

(Ord. No. 72, § 8, 8-6-1973)

Sec. 14-30. Major interest holder entitled to permit; rights of other owners.

(a) If an application for a permit for the drilling, completion and operation of a well for oil or gas shall be made by any person not owning or not holding oil and gas leases or drilling contracts from the owners of all lots, blocks or parcels of land included in or embraced within a drilling unit, a permit shall be issued to such applicant only upon the following conditions in addition to such other conditions as may be provided in other sections of this chapter: The applicant shall be free to enter into such contracts and agreements with the owners of such other lots, blocks or tracts as he may be able to make. If agreements are not reached with all owners of lots, tracts and blocks within the drilling unit, the owner of any given lot, block or tract shall have the right or option, by notice to the permittee given in writing within 30 days after the issuance of a permit for a well on the drilling unit involved, either to:

- (1) Treat his interest as a working interest and contribute toward the actual cost and expense of drilling, completing and operating such well with all necessary appurtenances currently each month in the proportion that the number of square feet in area owned by him in the drilling unit bears to the number of square feet embraced in the unit, and thereupon receive the same proportion of the oil produced and saved from such well or its value at the well at the option of the permittee and a like proportion of natural gas produced, saved and used or sold or the value of such at the well at the option of the permittee; or
- (2) Treat his interest as a royalty interest and receive delivered free of cost in the pipeline to which the well may be connected a share of all oil produced and saved from such well equal to one-eighth of the proportion of the whole quantity of oil so produced and saved that the number of square feet in the area owned by him bears to the number of square feet in such drilling unit or at the election of the permittee to receive such proportion of the value at the well of the oil so produced, and to receive a like proportion of the gas and casinghead gas produced, saved and used

or sold, or at the election of the permittee the value at the well of such proportion of gas or casinghead gas produced, saved and used or sold.

(b) If any owner does not exercise the right and option provided, the obligation shall then be upon the permittee to make settlement with such owner on the terms provided in option 2 in subsection (a)(2) of this section, providing for the payment of a one-eighth royalty. If the owner of a lot, block or tract shall exercise option 1 in subsection (a)(1) of this section and treat his interest as a working interest, as provided, the permittee shall be entitled to reimburse himself for such owner's proportionate part of the costs out of such owner's proportionate part of the oil, gas and casinghead gas or the value thereof before making deliveries of products or settlement for the value thereof. If option 1 in subsection (a)(1) of this section is exercised by the owner of any lot, block or tract, such owner shall, within the time provided for notice of his election set forth in this section, file with the city secretary a bond or other obligation executed by such owner as principal and by an authorized surety company as surety, in which such principal and surety agree, bind and obligate themselves to pay to the permittee currently each month that proportion of the actual and necessary costs and expenses involved in the drilling, completion and operation of such well that the number of square feet embraced within the lot, block or tract of such owner bears to the total of square feet in such drilling unit, such bond to be approved by the mayor and held by the city secretary for the benefit of the beneficiaries therein. Permits shall be issued in all such cases upon the condition that the permittee shall make settlement in accordance with this section.
(Ord. No. 72, § 9, 8-6-1973)

Sec. 14-31. Termination for failure to commence drilling.

When a permit has been issued pursuant to this article, it shall terminate and become inoperative without any action on the part of the city unless within six months from the date of issuance actual drilling of the well designated therein shall have commenced. The cessation for a like period of the drilling or reworking operations or the cessation of the production of oil or gas from the well after production shall have commenced shall operate to

terminate and cancel the permit, and the well shall be considered as abandoned for all purposes of this chapter. Thereafter, it shall be unlawful to continue the operation or drilling of such well without the issuance of another permit.

(Ord. No. 72, § 10, 8-6-1973)

Sec. 14-32. Bond.

(a) If a permit is issued by the city council under the terms of this article for the drilling and operation of a well, no actual drilling operations shall be commenced until a surety bond, duly executed by the permittee, as principal, and by a reliable surety company authorized to do business in the state, as surety, in the amount and upon the conditions prescribed in this section shall be filed with and approved in writing by the city secretary or until an instrument executed by the surety as prescribed in this section is filed with and approved in writing by the city secretary which makes the drilling and operation of such well subject to the terms and conditions of two surety bonds totaling \$200,000.00 in the aggregate previously filed by the permittee. Such bond filed by the applicant shall be in the sum of not less than \$100,000.00 and shall run to the city for the benefit of the city and all persons concerned, conditioned that the permittee will comply with the terms and conditions of this chapter in the drilling and operation of the well; that the permittee will promptly restore the streets and sidewalks and other public property of the city which may be disturbed or damaged in the operations to their former conditions, as near as practicable; that the permittee will promptly clear all premises of all litter, trash, waste, and other substances used, allowed or occurring in the drilling or producing operations, and will grade, level and restore such property to the same surface conditions, as near as practicable, as existed when operations for the drilling of the well were first commenced; and that the permittee will pay to the owners of any buildings, improvements, goods or chattels located on the property any extra cost of insurance of such property imposed because of the granting of the permit, or the operations carried on thereunder; and that the permittee will promptly pay and discharge any liability imposed by law for damages on account of injury to property, either public or private, or bodily injury, including death, received or suffered

by any person whomsoever and resulting from the drilling operations, production, and maintenance of such well, equipment, facilities or appurtenances thereto; and that the permittee will indemnify and hold the city harmless from any and all liability growing out of or attributable to the granting of such permit. Any such bond filed by a permittee shall become effective on or before the date filed with the city secretary and shall remain in force and effect until the expiration of the term of the permit issued; subject, however, to the right of the surety company to cancel the bond after 30 days' written notice of such intention has been given to the city secretary; but the privilege of cancellation shall not affect any liability which may have arisen under this chapter up to the time the bond is actually cancelled. The permittee, if the surety bond is cancelled, shall automatically suspend his right to operate under his permit until such time as the permittee shall furnish another bond as required by this section. Each bond shall accrue to the benefit of any person with reference to the conditions stated in this section and may be sued upon by him.

(b) If in accordance with this section a permittee has filed with the city two surety bonds of \$100,000.00 to cover the drilling and operation of wells under this chapter, such permittee may drill and operate an additional well without filing any additional surety bond as specified in this section, provided the permittee files with the city secretary an instrument and obtains written approval thereof by the city secretary duly executed by the surety company named as surety, in each of the permittee's bonds on file with the city, agreeing that such bonds are in full force and effect in the aggregate sum of \$200,000.00 and that the terms and conditions of each bond shall thereafter likewise apply to the drilling and operation of the additional well named therein. (Ord. No. 72, § 11, 8-6-1973)

Secs. 14-33—14-50. Reserved.

ARTICLE III. REGULATIONS

Sec. 14-51. Appointment, duties of inspector.

The city council may at any time appoint an oil and gas inspector, and his compensation shall be set by the city council.

Such inspector can be removed at the will of the city council. If and when appointed, it shall be the duty of the oil and gas inspector to enforce this chapter.

(Ord. No. 72, § 12, 8-6-1973)

Sec. 14-52. Derrick and rig.

It shall be unlawful for any person to use or operate in connection with the drilling or reworking of any oil or gas well within the city limits any wooden derrick or any steam-powered rig, and all engines shall be equipped with adequate mufflers approved by the city council, or to permit any derricks to remain on the premises or drilling site for a period longer than 30 days after completion or abandonment of the well. At all times from the start of erection of a derrick or a mast or a gin-pole, until the well is abandoned and plugged or completed as a producer and enclosed with a fence as provided in section 14-66, the permittee shall keep a watchman on duty on the premises.

(Ord. No. 72, § 13, 8-6-1973)

Sec. 14-53. Slush tanks.

Only portable slush tanks for mud or water shall be permitted in connection with the drilling and reworking operation of an oil or gas well. Such tanks and their contents shall be removed from the premises and the drilling site within ten days after completion of the well.

(Ord. No. 72, § 14, 8-6-1973)

Sec. 14-54. Casing—Test strength.

The productive string of an oil or gas well shall be new pipe and shall have a mill test of 2,100 pounds for wells 6,000 feet or less in depth. The surface casing shall be new pipe and shall have a mill test of 1,100 pounds.

(Ord. No. 72, § 15, 8-6-1973)

Sec. 14-55. Same—Setting, cementing.

No oil or gas well shall be drilled within city limits without:

- (1) Properly setting the surface casing to a minimum depth of 2,000 feet.

- (2) Cementing the surface casing by the pump and plug method with sufficient cement to completely fill all of the annular space behind such casing to the surface of the ground.
 - (3) Cementing the production string by the pump and plug method with sufficient cement to completely fill all the annular space behind the production string to at least 600 feet above the highest oil or gas bearing horizon.
 - (4) If a protection string of casing is used, without cementing the protection string by the pump and plug method with sufficient cement to completely fill all the annular space behind the protection string to at least 600 feet above the highest oil or gas bearing horizon.
- (Ord. No. 72, § 16, 8-6-1973)

Sec. 14-56. Blowout preventers, valves.

No oil or gas well shall be drilled within the city limits without properly equipping the surface casing when set with at least two ram-type blowout preventers, one of which shall be equipped with blind rams and the other with pipe rams. On each well drilled, a valve cock or kelley cock shall be installed on the kelley used. Each blowout preventer shall be tested at least once every 24-hour period, and all control equipment shall be in good working condition and order at all times. Drilling fluid return lines shall be equipped with flow valves where the return line is connected below the top blowout preventer.

(Ord. No. 72, § 17, 8-6-1973)

Sec. 14-57. Drilling fluid.

Every operator of an oil or gas well shall be required to drill with fluid of sufficient weight to exceed the formation pressure anticipated in the Shepherd Townsite.

(Ord. No. 72, § 18, 8-6-1973)

Sec. 14-58. Drill stem tests.

It shall be unlawful for any person in connection with the drilling and reworking operations of any oil or gas well within the city limits to take and to complete any drill stem test except

during daylight hours, and then only if the well effluent during the test is produced through an adequate oil and gas separator to storage tanks, and the effluent remaining in the drill pipe at the time the tool is closed is flushed to the surface by circulating drilling fluid down the annulus and up the drill pipe.
(Ord. No. 72, § 19, 8-6-1973)

Sec. 14-59. Tubing.

All tubing used in any oil or gas well within the city limits drilling to a depth of 6,000 feet or less shall be J-55.
(Ord. No. 72, § 20, 8-6-1973)

Sec. 14-60. Bradenhead.

Each oil or gas well drilled within the city limits shall be equipped with a bradenhead with a test pressure of not less than 6,000 pounds per square inch. Bradenheads shall not be welded. The bradenhead installed on the surface casing shall be equipped with fittings having a test pressure rating of not less than 6,000 pounds per square inch. The bradenhead pressure shall be checked at least once each calendar month, and if pressure is found to exist, proper remedial measures shall be immediately taken to eliminate the source and the existence of the pressure.
(Ord. No. 72, § 21, 8-6-1973)

Sec. 14-61. Christmas tree and well head connections.

(a) The Christmas tree and all well head connections on each oil or gas well drilled within the city limits shall be as follows:

- (1) On all wells completed at a depth of not more than 4,000 feet, the Christmas tree and well head connections shall have at least a minimum working pressure of 2,000 pounds per square inch and a minimum test pressure of at least 4,000 pounds per square inch;
- (2) On all wells completed to a depth of from 4,001 to 7,000 feet, the Christmas tree and well head connections shall have at least a minimum working pressure of 3,000 pounds per square inch and a minimum test pressure of at least 6,000 pounds per square inch; and

- (3) On all wells completed below a depth of 7,000 feet, the Christmas tree and well head connections shall be at least a minimum working pressure of 5,000 pounds per square inch and a minimum test pressure of at least 10,000 pounds per square inch.

(b) If the surface shut-in pressure of any well in the city limits exceeds 2,000 pounds per square inch, the flow string of the Christmas tree shall be equipped with an automatic closing safety valve in addition to the regular control valves.

(Ord. No. 72, § 22, 8-6-1973)

Sec. 14-62. Sanitation of premises.

The premises of an oil or gas well shall be kept in a clean and sanitary condition, free from rubbish of every character, to the satisfaction of the health officer and the city at all times drilling operations or reworking operations are being conducted and as long thereafter as oil or gas is being produced therefrom.

(Ord. No. 72, § 23, 8-6-1973)

Sec. 14-63. Mufflers required.

Motive power for all oil or gas well operations after completion of drilling operations shall be electric or properly muffled gas or gasoline engines. Such mufflers shall be approved by the city inspector. All pumping wells shall be equipped with electric motors.

(Ord. No. 72, § 24, 8-6-1973)

Sec. 14-64. Storage tanks.

All crude oil storage tanks shall be located outside the city limits.

(Ord. No. 72, § 25, 8-6-1973)

Sec. 14-65. Rights-of-way.

In order to enable the holder of each oil or gas well permit to remove oil, gas, water or other products from each drilling unit within the city limits to a point beyond the city limits, the holder of each permit issued under this chapter for the drilling and

operation of a well for oil or gas is granted rights-of-way and easements on, over, under, along, or across the city streets, sidewalks, alleys, and other city property for the purpose of constructing, laying, maintaining, repairing, replacing and removing pipelines so long as production or operations may be continued under any permit issued pursuant to this chapter. However, permittees shall not interfere with or damage existing water, sewer, or gas lines or the facilities of public utilities located on, under, or across the course of such rights-of-way. All crossings for pipelines under all paved or blacktopped streets shall be bored or jacked.

(Ord. No. 72, § 25, 8-6-1973)

Sec. 14-66. Fence required.

Any person who completes any oil or gas well as a producer shall have the obligation to enclose such well, together with its surface facilities, by a substantial smooth net wire fence sufficiently high and properly built so as to ordinarily keep persons and animals out of the enclosure, with all gates thereto to be kept locked when the permittee or his employees are not within the enclosure.

(Ord. No. 72, § 26, 8-6-1973)

Sec. 14-67. Venting of gas prohibited.

No person engaged in drilling or operating any oil or gas well shall permit gas to escape or be vented into the air within the city limits.

(Ord. No. 72, § 28, 8-6-1973)

Sec. 14-68. Abandonment and plugging.

Whenever any oil or gas well is abandoned, it shall be the obligation of the permittee and the operator of the well to set a cast iron bridge plug in the top of all the remaining completion and protection casing sections and a 100-foot cement plug pumped below and above each such bridge plug, and to set a cast iron bridge plug as low as possible in the surface casing and a 100-foot cement plug pumped below and above such bridge plug. No surface string or conductor string of casing may be pulled and

removed from a well. The production string of casing may be removed from a point 100 feet or more above the shoe of the protection string. The protection string of casing may be removed from a point 100 feet or more above the shoe of the surface string of casing. Whenever any such well is abandoned and plugged, it shall be the further obligation of the permittee and the operator of the well to cut the surface casing off at least six feet below the surface of the ground, to place at least a 25-foot cement plug in the top of the casing, and to weld the top of the casing completely shut with the resulting hole being completely filled to the surface of the ground and duly tamped. Any additional provisions or precautionary measures prescribed by the state or the state railroad commission in connection with abandonment and plugging of a well shall be complied with by the permittee.
(Ord. No. 72, § 29, 8-6-1973)

Sec. 14-69. Disposal of saltwater.

A permittee of an oil or gas well shall make adequate provisions for the disposal of all saltwater or other impurities which he may bring to the surface, such disposal to be made in such manner as not to contaminate the water supply, present or prospective, or to injure surface vegetation.
(Ord. No. 72, § 30, 8-6-1973)

Sec. 14-70. Violation of laws or regulations.

Any violation of the laws of the state or any rules, regulations or requirements of any state or federal regulatory body having jurisdiction in reference to drilling, completing, equipping, operating, producing, maintaining, or abandoning an oil or gas well or related appurtenances, equipment or facilities, fire protection, blowout protection, safety protection, or convenience of persons or property shall also be a violation of this chapter and shall be punishable in accordance with this chapter.
(Ord. No. 72, § 32, 8-6-1973)

Sec. 14-71. Penalty.

(a) It shall be unlawful and an offense for any person to violate or neglect to comply with any section of this chapter, irrespective of whether or not the verbiage of each section contains the specific language that such violation or neglect is unlawful and is an offense.

(b) Any person who shall violate any of the sections of this chapter or any of the provisions of a drilling and operating permit issued pursuant to this chapter or any condition of the bond filed by the permittee pursuant to this chapter or who shall neglect to comply with the terms of this chapter shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall, on conviction thereof, be punished as provided in section 1-5 of this Code.

(Ord. No. 72, § 33, 8-6-1973)

