

Gas Well Permitting Process

Any Operator wishing to drill in the City of Arlington must go through a two step process. The first is approval of a Specific Use Permit (SUP) and the second is approval of a gas well permit. The processes can run concurrent; however the SUP must be approved prior to issuance of a gas well permit.

SUP (for gas drilling) Process

Review and approval of a SUP is typically a 12 week process once the SUP application is submitted. The applicant is required to have a neighborhood meeting to let property owners know about the upcoming zoning request. SUP requests must go to the Planning and Zoning Commission for recommendation for approval and then to City Council for approval.

If the SUP is approved, it will expire within two years if no drilling occurs and within five years if drilling occurs on the site.

Gas Well Permit Process

Once the SUP is approved, the operator must submit a gas well permit application to conduct drilling activities on the site. The gas well process typically takes 12 weeks once the application is submitted. The applicant is required to host a neighborhood meeting prior to the request being heard at City Council. Unlike the SUP for gas well drilling, the gas well permit only goes before City Council for consideration.

If gas well permit is approved, it will expire 180 days if no drilling occurs or if an extension is requested. An extension will also expire 180 days if no drilling occurs.

Additional gas well permits requested can be administratively approved as long as they are within the previously approved drilling zone.