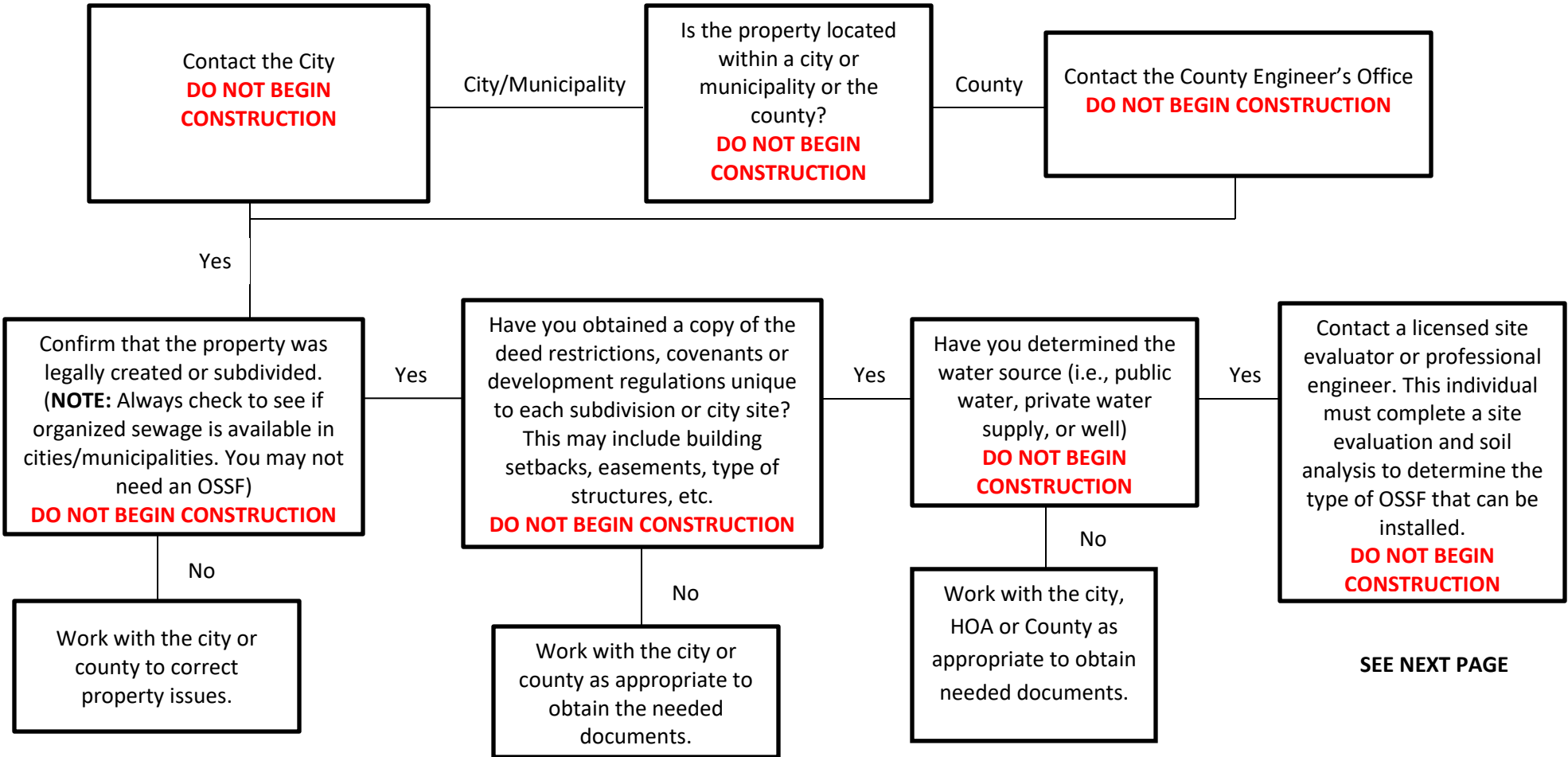


## **ON-SITE SEWAGE FACILITY (OSSF) INFORMATION BELL COUNTY, TEXAS**

The Bell County Public Health District's (BCPHD) Environmental Health Division oversees the public health and safety as it pertains wastewater. This includes overseeing the planning, installation, and verification of proper maintenance on OSSF's. It is important for property owners to be aware of local laws as it pertains to OSSF's to ensure legality. The process for applying for an OSSF permit can take some time, so it is important to initiate the process well in advance of construction to avoid delays. Below you can find the process for applying for a new OSSF permit and installing a new OSSF. It is important to note that these processes are general and that there are a number of variables to consider when planning for an OSSF.

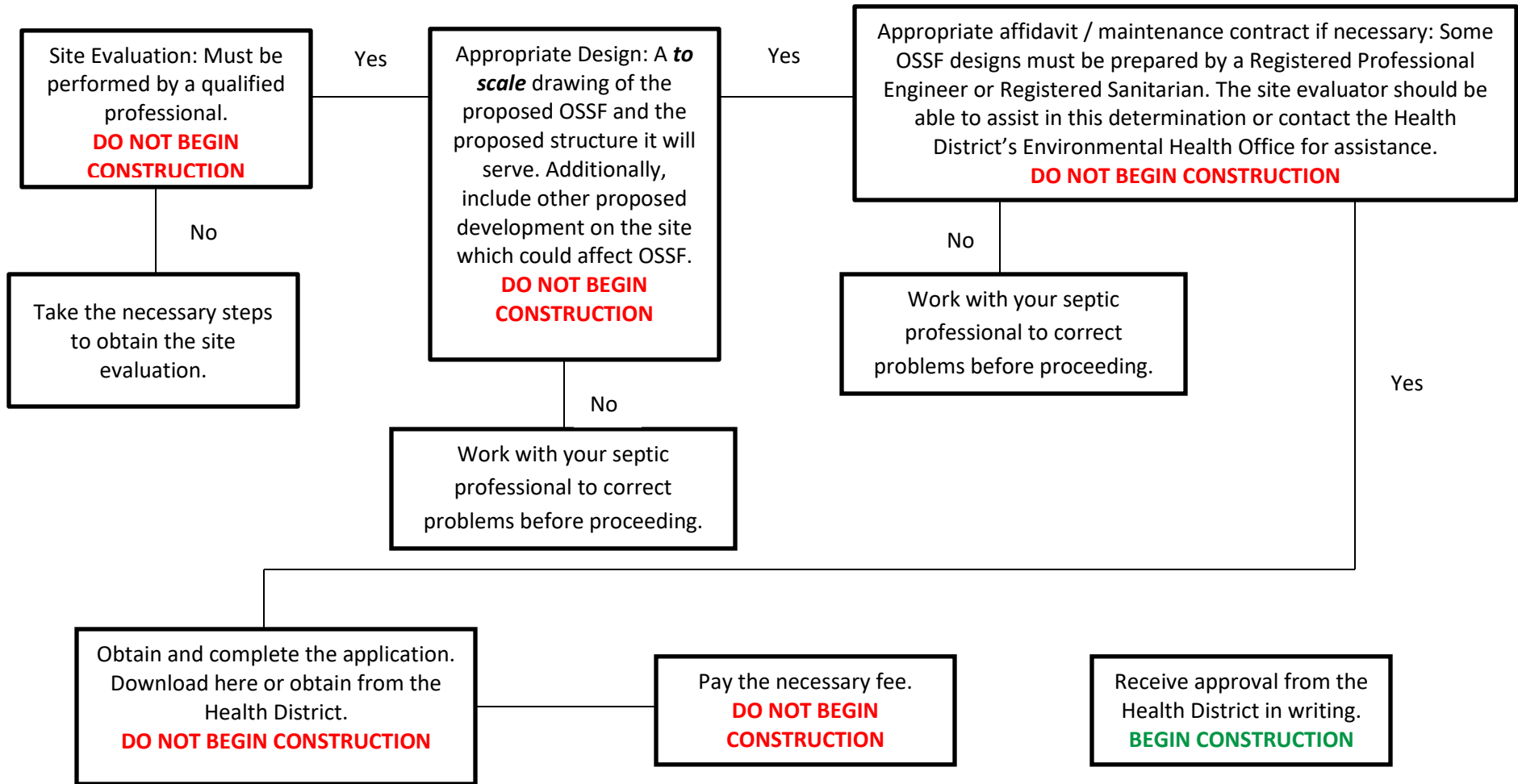
Bell County requires all OSSF's be permitted regardless of lot size or acreage.

**INSTALLING A NEW ON-SITE SEWAGE FACILITY (OSSF)  
(Septic Systems)**



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## APPLYING FOR A PERMIT FOR A NEW ON-SITE SEWAGE FACILITY (OSSF)



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