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Protection

Integrity

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CRIMINAL TRESPASS PROGRAM

1. In December of 2023 the Beeville Police Department created a program to address our citizens and businesses who must deal with trespassers on their property.
2. This program allows BPD officers to arrest persons found in violation of Texas Penal Code, section 30.05 CRIMINAL TRESPASS, a Class B Misdemeanor.
3. For such arrests to be legal under state law, private property must be adequately posted with a BPD approved NO TRESPASSING sign(s) provided by the Department at no cost to the property owner or tenant.
4. These signs shall be conspicuously displayed to the public on the property owned or controlled by the person(s) requesting such enforcement.
5. The mounting or attachment to the property will be made by the City of Beeville.
6. The sign must be readably visible to the public from outside the property line of the building.

What Must I Do to Register?

1. The Department has created an **Authorization to Enforce Form** that must be completed and notarized by the property owner or person in care, custody, and control of the property.
2. This notarized document allows officers to make warrantless custodial arrests of trespassers on behalf of the property owner or other person having a superior property interest and control of the described private property, an example would be a tenant.
3. The original Authorization Form will be kept in BPD Communications for reference and confirmation by patrol officers when they encounter a trespasser.
4. You can download the form from this website, then fill it out legibly, have it notarized, and then send or deliver the completed form to the Beeville Police Department, 8am to 5pm, Monday through Friday with the exception of City Holidays.

How Does This Work?

Once the program requirements are met (Notarized Authorization Form) Metal signage will be erected on the property provided free of charge by the City of Beeville. Please NOTE, once mounted do not move them. These signs remain the property of the Beeville Police Department and may be taken back if they are used improperly

1. Once erected, any person found in violation of the posted signage will be issued **one (1) written warning** and BPD communications will be advised for documentation of the issuance of the warning.
2. Subsequent violations will result in a custodial arrest of the violator for Criminal Trespass.

Complete the Form:

1. Click the link below to fill out the form
2. Once completed, save the form to your computer
3. Print out the form and get it notarized
4. Send or deliver the completed form to the Beeville Police Department at 402 N. Washington Street between 8 am and 5 pm, Monday through Friday, except on City Holidays.

[Click here](#) to fill out the Criminal Trespass Form