

1-1 By: Bettencourt S.B. No. 1450  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 19, 2025; March 6, 2025,  
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Local Government;  
1-4 March 24, 2025, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 7,  
1-5 Nays 0; March 24, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6	COMMITTEE VOTE			
1-7		Yea	Nay	Absent
1-8	Bettencourt	X		PNV
1-9	Middleton	X		
1-10	Cook	X		
1-11	Gutierrez	X		
1-12	Nichols	X		
1-13	Paxton	X		
1-14	West	X		

1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to third-party review of development documents and  
1-18 inspection of improvements required to be approved by a political  
1-19 subdivision.

1-20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-21 SECTION 1. Section 247.002, Local Government Code, as added  
1-22 by Chapter 654 (H.B. 14), Acts of the 88th Legislature, Regular  
1-23 Session, 2023, is amended to read as follows:

1-24 Sec. 247.002. THIRD-PARTY REVIEW OR INSPECTION REQUIRED.

1-25 (a) If a regulatory authority does not approve, conditionally  
1-26 approve, or disapprove a development document, including a  
1-27 development permit, by the 15th day after the date prescribed by a  
1-28 provision of this code for the approval, conditional approval, or  
1-29 disapproval of the document, any required review of the document  
1-30 may be performed by a person:

1-31 (1) other than:

1-32 (A) the applicant; or

1-33 (B) a person whose work is the subject of the  
1-34 application; and

1-35 (2) who is:

1-36 (A) employed by the regulatory authority to  
1-37 review development documents;

1-38 (B) employed by another political subdivision to  
1-39 review development documents, if the regulatory authority has  
1-40 approved the person to review development documents; or

1-41 (C) an engineer licensed under Chapter 1001,  
1-42 Occupations Code.

1-43 (b) If a regulatory authority does not conduct a required  
1-44 development inspection by the 15th day after the date prescribed by  
1-45 a provision of this code for conducting the inspection, the  
1-46 inspection may be conducted by a person:

1-47 (1) other than:

1-48 (A) the owner of the land or improvement to the  
1-49 land that is the subject of the inspection; or

1-50 (B) a person whose work is the subject of the  
1-51 inspection; and

1-52 (2) who is:

1-53 (A) certified [~~to inspect buildings~~] by the  
1-54 International Code Council;

1-55 (B) employed by the regulatory authority as a  
1-56 building inspector;

1-57 (C) employed by another political subdivision as  
1-58 a building inspector, if the regulatory authority has approved the  
1-59 person to perform inspections; or

1-60 (D) an engineer licensed under Chapter 1001,  
1-61 Occupations Code.

(c) A political subdivision is not liable for a review or inspection performed by a third party under this chapter.

SECTION 2. Section 247.002(a), Local Government Code, as amended by this Act, and Section 247.002(c), Local Government Code, as added by this Act, are intended to clarify rather than change existing law.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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