

# Important Information for Tomball Homeowners

## New State Energy Laws: What You Need to Know

The Texas Legislature has passed two new laws, Senate Bills 1202 and 1252, to streamline the process for installing home backup power systems like generators, solar panels, and battery storage. These changes went into effect on September 1, 2025.

## What does this mean for you as a homeowner

**Faster Reviews (SB 1202):** A qualified third-party professional, such as a licensed electrician, can now review your project documents and perform inspections. This is intended to significantly speed up the approval process, allowing you to begin your project sooner.

**Uniform Standards (SB 1252):** This law restricts municipalities from creating their own conflicting ordinances for residential energy backup systems, creating a more consistent set of rules across the state.

## Homeowner Responsibility and Due Diligence

While these laws are intended to simplify the process, your responsibility as a homeowner has not changed.

**Building Codes Still Apply:** All residential backup power installations must still comply with the City of Tomball's building codes and ordinances.

**You are Responsible:** As the homeowner, it's essential to make sure all work complies with city codes. If a system is installed incorrectly, any necessary corrections would be the homeowner's responsibility.

**Be Prepared:** Before hiring an installer, ensure due diligence by verifying their proper licensing, familiarity with local regulations, and commitment to safety and correct workmanship.

*For more information on Tomball's building codes and compliance, please contact the City of Tomball's Building Division. (281) 290-1400*