



# Taylor County

## Board of County Commissioners'

### Policy Manual

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Policy #:	Title:	Effective Date:
2009-25	Mosquito Spray Procedure for Private Property	09/15/09

#### PURPOSE

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To provide relief to residents whose homes lay outside the effective range of routine spraying by ground adulticide vehicles.

#### REFERENCE

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Chapter 388.0101 F.S.; Chapter 388.181 F.S.

#### POLICY

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Normal mosquito control spray operations (adulticiding) are performed from County roads. The effective swath width of the spray equipment is 300 feet or 150 feet to each side of the spray vehicle, under ideal conditions. Because of the rural nature of our community, many homes lay outside the effective range of the spray vehicle. The intent of this policy is to help control mosquito populations, upon request, by homeowners who are experiencing adult mosquito problems and are unaffected by routine spraying.

Taylor County will enter upon private property to perform adulticide operations under the following terms and conditions:

1. Residents requesting on-property spraying must obtain a Mosquito Spraying Hold Harmless Agreement, review and sign it, and return the document to the Environmental Services office.
2. Upon receipt of the signed Agreement, County Staff will visit the property to inspect for compliance. The following conditions are required:
  - a) The house must be 150 feet or more from the County Roadway.
  - b) There must be an area near the house large enough for the spray vehicle to turn around.
  - c) The driveway/house location must be marked clearly at the County roadway. A house number and/or family name must be prominently displayed and visible to the driver at night.
  - d) The staff will review all other terms and conditions with the homeowner.

- e) The following conditions are in effect for spraying:
  - a. If a property is fenced and/or gated, the gate must be open when the spray truck arrives. Spray drivers WILL NOT open or close gates. Staff will attempt to contact affected homeowners when operations in their area are scheduled. It is the responsibility of the homeowner to give Mosquito Control accurate contact information.
  - b. Dogs are encouraged to be tied up, penned or secured in the house. Drivers WILL NOT approach a house if dogs are loose.
  - c. The driveway and turn around area must be clear of all obstructions such as bicycles, toys, etc.
  - d. Driveway must be in passable condition for a 2-wheel drive vehicle. Drivers will use the same discretion that they currently use on roadways. Standing water, sugar sand or muddy conditions may be cause for a driver not to proceed if he/she feels it is unsafe for the vehicle. Spraying will be limited to the driveway, from the residence to the road. The spray truck MUST remain on the driveway.
  - e. Spray operations during the summer may take place at anytime between the hours of 8 P.M. and 3 AM.
- f) Taylor County Mosquito Control staff will monitor the number of requests and shall review the effect of the number of requests on operations. Should operations become compromised, staff will report back to the Administrator/Board for review/revision of this policy. NOTE: This program is contingent upon availability of funds.
- g) Mosquito Spraying Hold Harmless Agreement attached.

### **RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT**

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Environmental Services – Mosquito Control

**Sunset Date: 09/15/14**