

#### REGULAR MEETING

TAKE NOTICE THAT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF EDCOUCH WIL BE HELD AT 211 W. SOUTHERN AVE., EDCOUCH, TEXAS, ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 06,2025 COMMENCING AT 6:00 P.M.

# AGENDA

- A. Call Meeting to Order
- B. Roll Call
- C. Pledge of Allegiance
- D. Invocation
- E. Public Comments
- F. Consent Agenda
  - 1. Approval of Minutes 01/16/25
- G. Presentation of Delinquent Tax Collection Report for the period of October 01, 2024 through December 31, 2024 presented by Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP (Kelly R Salazar).
- H. Discussion and possible action to Order an Election for the General Election to be held on Saturday, May 3, 2024, to increase from a 2-year term to a 4-year term as allowed by Article XI, Section 11, of the Texas Constitution.
  - I. Discussion and possible action to request qualifications and proposals for citywide solid waste collection and recycling services Residential and Commercial.
  - J. Discussion and possible action to add Interstate Towing and Almaraz Towing recovery service companies to rotation.
  - K. Discussion and possible action to limit to three tow truck companies in rotation for the City of Edcouch.
  - L. Discussion and possible action for the development and implementation of the Police Academy Cadet Sponsorship Program.

- M. Discussion and possible action on the approval of an interlocal agreement with Hidalgo County Constables Precinct 4 for the transfer of units to the City of Edcouch.
- N. Discussion and possible action to amend the Police Department policy concerning the minimum volunteer hour requirements for Reserve Officers to remain active on our department roster.
- O. Discussion and possible action on approving the request from the Hidalgo County Elections Department to use the Sgt. Juan Rodriguez Community Center for the 2025 Election Cycle.
- P. Discussion and possible action to approve Municipal Resolution in opposition to Texas House Bill 1683
- Q. Adjournment

# NOTICE OF ASSISTANCE AT THE PUBLIC MEETING

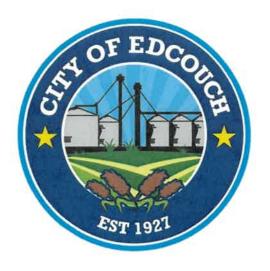
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I, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that the above notice of said Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Edcouch was posted on the main entrance to Edcouch City Hall on the 3<sup>RD</sup> day of FEBRUARY 2025 at 5:00 pm and will remain posted continuously for at least 72 hours prior to the scheduled time of said meeting, in compliance with Chapter 551 of the Government Code, Vernon's Texas Codes, Annotated (Open Meetings Act).

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL, THIS 3RD DAY OF FEBRUARY 2025.

Marisela Aguilar City Manager





# Regular Meeting February 6, 2025

# F. Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes 01/16/2025



#### **REGULAR MEETING**

# TAKE NOTICE THAT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF EDCOUCH WIL BE HELD AT 211 W. SOUTHERN AVE., EDCOUCH, TEXAS, ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 16,2025 COMMENCING AT 6:00 P.M.

# **AGENDA**

Present

- A. Call Meeting to Order: Meeting was called to order at 6:00pm
- B. Roll Call

Mayor Virginio Gonzalez Jr Mayor Pro-Tem John I. Chapa Alderman Place 1 Joel Medina Jr. Alderman Place 2 Lorenzo Cabrera Alderman Place 4 Robert Gutierrez Alderwoman Place 5 Selma G Morales

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**Absent** 

City Manager Marisela Aguilar
Chief Victor Nieves
City Attorney Roel Gutierrez
Asst City Manager Andrew Perez

Mayor, we have a quorum. 1 absent.

- C. Pledge of Allegiance: Pledge was done by Alderwoman Selma G. Morales
- D. Invocation: Invocation was done by Marisela Aguilar
- E. Public Comments: No Public Comment
- F. Consent Agenda:
  - 1. Approval of Minutes for meeting on 1/2/2025

City Manager Marisela Aguilar: Mayor, in your packet you will find the minutes for the meeting that took place on January second. It is available for your review and I recommend approval.

A motion to approve Minutes for meeting 1/2/2025 was made by Mayor Pro-Tem John I. Chapa, a second motion was made by Alderman Joel Medina. All in favor signify by saying Aye. Opposed. Motion carried

## 2. City Manager Report

City Manager Marisela Aguilar: Mayor, council members, I am giving you my first report for the year. I did give you guys a little rundown in your packet if you open to tab 2. You can read it whenever you guys have time I am just going to go through it very quickly. My first item I want to welcome our new assistant city manager Mr. Andrew Perez. I have him here present today. Andrew has become a very good asset in the short time that he has been here. He literally hit the ground running because as soon as he came in the first thing that he did was bring us the watch tower at the pavilion due to an incident that occurred there. The very next day he got on the phone and got us a watch tower. That watch tower has turned into a great asset to the city. They report directly to him. They have actually noticed suspicious activity all the way over by Nixon and the tower is right here on Railroad. So that is very impressive. They also noticed some illegal dumping caught by the camera so that was awesome. It is a big recourse. Another thing he was able to do was get in contact with the Santa Rosa city manager and as you guys are going to see later on, we were able to come up with an interlocal agreement to help with animal control as you guys know we do have a big issue here in the city and that was what Andrew did here in the short two weeks that he's been here. So if you guys want to welcome him, he's right here.

Mayor Virginio Gonzalez Jr.: Welcome Andrew. Welcome aboard.

Mayor Pro-Tem John I Chapa: Thank you

Alderman Lorenzo Cabrera: Thank you sir, for what you do for oue city.

Mayor Virginio Gonzalez Jr.: Real quick Marcy, can you get a price on a tower like that. How much it would cost us to operate.

Mayor Virginio Gonzalez Jr.: Yes, yes I can.

Mayor Virginio Gonzalez Jr.: I know that that might offset some stuff. Just so you can get an idea of how much those towers to utilize here in the city.

City Manager Marisela Aguilar: Of course. Moving on, we did pass and approve two units for the police department in our last meeting. We are already in our final stages for that. The city has already done our part. We already submitted the finances that they requested. We submitted the application the minutes and all that good stuff. The only thing that we are pending is the decals that I now the commissioner is working with the police department. Commissioner Medina is working with the police department to come up with those decals. That way we can turn them in and we can get it going. I do know that once they do receive the trucks it will be about six weeks from the moment that we receive the trucks to the moment that we get them because they are going to be turn key ready. Ready to go loaded, equipped, and ready for our officers to hit the road. As we continue, the pavilion, like I did state earlier there was an incident at the pavilion which urged Mr Perez to get that watch tower so the first thing that we were going of do was get a quote to fence that area immediately. Because it is a fairly new area that we have, we needed to keep in mind any future project that we might bring to that facility so Eddie is working on giving us a diagram so we can fence it correctly keeping in mind that we will be doing parking

spaces and maybe a splash pad or whatever we decide to do with that. So that is something that is in the works. We should get our final quote early next week so we can start working on fencing that up and then that would fall under city ordinances where parks have to be closed and locked up by 10 pm. As we continue "Keep Edcouch Beautiful" is one of the initiatives that we have taken recently. It is a two-phase initiative. On the first phase we have our Public Works Department that is also ran by Mr Perez, who actually does field operations. We have identified problem dumpsite areas, illegal dumping areas. We sent out our Public Works to go pick up all of that mess. That is what we are doing at the moment, we are picking up all the mess, that is Phase 1. In Phase 2, we are actually going to go and place surveillance cameras and those cameras will be linked to the police department and the city manager's office that way we can be aware of who it is that is doing the illegal dumping and eventually cite them. I feel like once we start citing people, once people get a disciplinary action for their wrong doing it is going to minimize this. So this is something that we are working on rigorously. We have been working on it throughout the week and it is going to continue for the next couple of weeks. As you guys are aware dumping is a big issue in Edcouch, especially illegal dumping but we are working on it and I feel 1 like if we continue going at the pace that we are going. We will get there soon enough. As we continue, the water department continues to work diligently. We just recently did have a TCEO inspection and there was a couple of findings on that inspection, but we are at a point that as long as we do a corrective action for those findings there will not be a fine. So Eddie, Andrew, and the water department are working intensely on getting these items corrected and we should get them corrected maybe, mid-next week.

#### **Assistant City Manager Andrew Perez**: That is correct.

City Manager Marisela Aguilar: We already met with Eddie and the water department so there is already a plan in action. So that is for the water department. The detention pond. The detention pond is one of the biggest item here in Edcouch. There is a lot of excitement for this because once this project does get going, it is going to alleviate the flooding on the northwest side of the city which is all where the school district facilities are at, Nixon and all of those areas. As you guys are aware we were awarded 850,000 by the Office of Vicente Gonzalez. We are currently in talks with them to see what is the next step to get those monies released to us. We also did meet with the Edcouch Elsa School District yesterday. We presented the item to them and they requested that we do a workshop with all the entities that are going to help us with this project so we could get it going. We already worked on getting this workshop scheduled so everything should be on the up and up. Grants. We are currently working on several grants. I know that the police department is currently working on grants that you have already passed for example the Local Border Security and what is the other one.

Assistant City Manager Andrew Perez: There is Operation Stone Garden

City Manager Marisela Aguilar: And Border Star. So we have already approved those grants. I know that they are going out for the bodycam and the , what the rifle one?

Assistant City Manager Andrew Perez: The Ballistic Shields

City Manager Marisela Aguilar: Right, so we are working on all of those grants. We also met Mr Joseph Morones. Joseph Morones works for UTSA and he is a resource finder for grants. We actually had a meeting with him today and what he does is, we give him our plans for the city or our needs for the city and he goes out and finds every single grant available out there for us. There is no charge for him to do this for us because he is paid through a different grant to help small cities to find these recourses. So we gave him four different projects that we want to work with here. Its going to be more funding for the detention pond project, a public safety building, that one is really a wishlist ut if it happens, it happens. A public safety building would house police, fire and the dispatch. So he is going to go out there and look for that. City beautification, we would work on the parks for example, the pavilion. The pavilion we were able to do the basketball court and the restrooms but we weren't able to do the landscaping or any of the jungle gyms or anything else that we would want to have in there. So he's going to go out and look for grants of that kind and of course water and sewer improvements. Anything that we would need in the water plant and sewer plant for example renovations, software updates which would include the SCADA and development of the Masterplan. For you commissioners that are new and don't know, we do have a masterplan. The masterplan describes all the items that we need in our water plant and sewer plant. Pumps, software, lift stations, areoators. Anything that we need is in that masterplan. The price of that masterplan in order to get it all completed is four million dollars. So I gave it over to him and I said, ook if you can find us the funding, bring it to us an we'll apply. The worst they can tell us is no. That is our plan right now, we are going to apply for everything and if we only get one of them, its already a win. Then the audit. We are currently working on the 21-22 audit. It is scheduled to be completed in the beginning of February, maybe mid-February. As far as I know, and I have spoken to the auditors, we are on schedule. So we should be good. Immediately after we finalize that audit we will continue with the 22-23 and so on giving each audit about four months for completion. If we are able to keep this schedule we will be current and up to date with all audits by December of this year. So this is my report. There is more that will be reported but I am going to go ahead and leave it to Andrew and Victor. If you guys have any questions for me.

Mayor Virginio Gonzalez Jr.: Thank you, this is very detailed. One of the things that I wanted to do too was finding a way to keep our community informed of all the different things that we are doing. Future projects and then to check them off as completed that way they hold us accountable for time and they know exactly what's coming up. I know that there is a lot of stuff that we have for short term and long term projects.

City Manager Marisela Aguilar: So as far as that, we do have several ways that we do keep people informed. As you guys know we did have to start a new Facebook page and we are building it up. That is one of the ways that we use to keep the people informed. A different way is we have text messaging from the water department. Any message that we give her to give, she sends it out. I think she already sent out the reminders for the trash cans, for the brush, reminder that their bill is going to be due. Just little reminders that we all need because life is busy and a little text message always helps. So we are working on finding different ways to get the information out. We might bring the newsletter back but

then you really discouraged me when you said you get you water bill and you throw it away.

Mayor Virginio Gonzalez Jr.: Most bills

City Manager Marisela Aguilar: The newsletter was a big success. The older residents that don't have Facebook and aren't on the phone. They really appreciated it, so yes we are working on different ways to communicate with community members.

Alderman Lorenzo Cabrera: Did we ever get more officers hired

City Manager Marisela Aguilar: So we are currently working on getting more officers hired. It is a hit and miss. We do have our police department and you know how every officer knows ten officers. So everybody is doing word of mouth. We did post on Facebook. We are going to post on the newspaper. We are rigorously working to find people commissioner, but it is hard. It is very hard especially because if another agency pays twenty-something dollars an hour and we cant get to twenty-something dollars an hour, it's going to be very difficult but we are working on it sir, and it will get done.

#### 3. Police

Victor Nieves: Mayor, the police report is in the packet. Unfortunately, the police department had something come up and they had to go work on a case. If you had any questions we would gladly pass it on to the police chief. His monthly report is there from August all the way to December and I guess some activity that happens throughout the month. I know Andrew might have information on it because I know he works hand in had with them. So Im going to pass it over to the assistant city manager Andrew. If you guys have any questions.

#### 4. Fire

Victor Nieves: Hello council, as you know Im the fire chief. I also brought with me today Alonzo Arellano, he is my Assistant Fire Chief. In case I am not not available, which I usually am but in the event that I am not he will be here presenting too if you have any questions. He is also my right hand man. He is also an EMT and in the process of getting his Advanced EMT as well and going to the STC Fire Academy as well. So I jut wanted to present him. This is for the month of December and kind of a yearly report as well. So the month of December service calls. In 2024 we had a total 971 calls. A record high for the City of Edcouch. So in the hundred years of existence, this is the most calls that we have ever had was 971 calls. It is extremely high for our small little city and of course every year we don't anticipate it to get lower. It might be within that range but we have been able to keep up with it. All volunteers have been responding to these calls. So its amazing that we have been able to keep up with this call volume. We currently still assist La Villa with their fire calls. We are still providing the automatic mutual aid and that could be a workshop later on where we would discuss that topic. We did provide eight mutual aid calls. We assisyed eight times to other cities. We had nine county calls and there are the cities listed. We did participate in some events with the city which was the Christmas parade for Edcouch Elsa, Monte Alto, and La Villa. Our total revenue for county calls is on the side.

So in 2023, 2024, our total was \$126,313 and then the fire fees collected which is collected by the water department for us was around twenty thousand dollars. We are working on some grats. We do write our own grants and submit our own grants. We submitted for a five thousand work out equipment grant. We also submitted for a 1.1 million dollar grant through the federal government, the AFG, assistance to firefighters grant. That is going to be for the big ticket items. That is going to be for our SCVAs, our tankers, and the radio. So the tanker is not an additional unit, that would be a replacement. The old tanker that it will be replacing will be decommissioned. It would no longer be a fire apparatus according to federal law.

Mayor Virginio Gonzalez Jr.: What is the fire fee that we charge per bill?

**Victor Nieves**: 1.50 and that is across the board for residential and commercial. That is something that probably should be discussed because it hasn't been changed since like 2013. So of course, rates have increased. Diesel has increased.

Mayor Virginio Gonzalez Jr.: What do we do with this fire fee?

Victor Nieves: That supplements the fire department budget.

Mayor Virginio Gonzalez Jr.: What

Victor Nieves: It goes into our budget.

Mayor Virginio Gonzalez Jr.: And we use it for what?

City Manager Marisela Aguilar: Maintenance and operations.

Mayor Virginio Gonzalez Jr.: Maintenance and operations mainly.

Victor Nieves: Currently we have 3 firefighters training for fire inspector course. Myself, Alonzo Arellano, and another fire fighter are training for fire inspection. So eventually that will open another avenue for another revenue stream for the fire department and the city. So we would be able to do our own in-house fire inspections so we would not longer have to out source to the county. That revenue will stay with the city to be added to the budget. We are continuing with the EMT training as well. We are continuing to send people to EMT. Currently, we are the only ones running an FRO Program in the area. So we are going to continue doing our EMT training sending them two at a time to minimize the cost to the city. We did get some Urban County Funds from 2023, I believe, that will be used to purchase some fire fighter equipment that was to much for our budget but Urban County is going to assist the budget. If you have any questions.

Mayor Virginio Gonzalez Jr.: Thank you, Chief.

City Attorney Roel Gutierrez: Chief, was there any response? I know you were missing some tools. The rescue tools. Was there any response to that?

**Victor Nieves**: There was no response. So, we sent out some tools to get fixed about a year ago through a company called MES Equipment, they service our equipment. I have been trying to contact them, they did reply four months ago and they let us know, hey, we're so sorry, we're working on your tools. We will have them ready for you. They never responded back to me after that. So I went ahead and talked to the city manager I went ahead and talked to our legal. I forwarded both of them the emails and information of this company and I think it would be time to go to the next step in taking legal action.

Mayor Virginio Gonzalez Jr.: How much are those tools worth?

**Victor Nieves**: Brand new right now those tools are worth between forty nine and fifty nine thousand dollars. Obviously ours is a used set but I believe that they are putting the lives in jeopardy of our residents in danger because we don't have those tools here with us. Thankfully we have a spare tool that we are using.

**Mayor Virginio Gonzalez Jr.**: And what is that?

**Victor Nieves**: The jaws of life, the spreaders, the cutters, the rim. So basically, anybody gets trapped or even in a house, if a structure collapses, we don't have those tools available to us because they neglected to communicate with us, they neglected to reach back out to us, or just fix them and give them back to us. Or just say, hey, we can't fix it.

Mayor Virginio Gonzalez Jr.: How long has it been that you turned in those tools for repair?

Victor Nieves: Over a year

Mayor Virginio Gonzalez Jr.: Roel, do us a draft letter so we can send them.

City Manager Marisela Aguilar: Mayor, Im sorry. The police department is here ready to present if you would like.

Mayor Virginio Gonzalez Jr.: we're good.

### 5. Public Works

Assistant City Manager Andrew Perez: Good evening mayor, council, Andrew Perez, the assistant city manager, also community members. Thank you guys for welcoming me as well. Just briefly I just want to talk to you guys real quick before I report I've had a great on-board experience these past couple of weeks. Im still getting settled in. Im still getting to speak to department heads and working together closely with staff members. So I got to meet with the staff on day one. We had a good meeting. I talked about working together, I talked about standards and expectations. What we expect and how we need to take care of our community. I have been a public servant my whole career. I am a Texas Peace Officer and I was a police captain here a year ago at the Edcouch Police Department. We did pretty good. I worked very well with personal there and I look forward to work in this capacity as

the assistant city manager. We have a lot of things going on. We have a vision and our goal is to work together. Work together, stay united, and take care of our personel. Provide resources, tools equipment so they can effectively do their job each and everyday. My job is to hear community needs. Prioritize your guys' needs as well as commissioners as leaders and most importantly the organizational needs. What we need here at the city to provide the tools so they can do their job everyday. I am very pleased with the staff. I got to oversee Public Works and the Water Department these past couple of weeks and let me tell you I commend them. I commend everybody here. They have been working hard each and every day. They are very positive. They have a positive attitude and I know they look forward to the future. That's important as public leaders, don't take that lightly. People elect us into office and they have high expectations for us to do good. So I'm all about procommunity. Taking care of the people. I like to remind our staff to not forget that.

## Alderman Lorenzo Cabrera: Thank you staff.

Assistant City Manager Andrew Perez: Yes, they have done a great job. Working together with Public Works I can tell you these last couple of weeks they have been out on the field. We have had wet weather conditions these past couple of weeks and we expect some more next week. They have been doing community clean ups. City manager Ms Aguilar, she came up with different phases throughout Edcouch. Obviously she advised that there is an issue with illegal dumping so I have worked together with the police department and tasked them with upcoming projects ahead for the police department so they can actively be involved in their department. They have to be actively involved, investigate crime, and provide a service to the community. Im really big about that and Public Works has gone out there to do the community clen up. We have been working very hard. We pressure washed several things here at the city and just picked up a lot of stuff. We will continue to do that and they have done a great job. The water department as well, they are preparing you know, the pressure gauges, insulating them for the cold weather that is expected. We got prepared with heat lamps to be prepared. The chemical rooms, the chlorine, etc. so that way we wont have any issues. We are really trying our best. They have done just a great job. They have kept me informed. My weakness here is inexperience in the job that they do everyday but Im quick learner and I can adapt to change. In my job like I told them, I am going to learn from you. You are going to teach me what you know and that is how we are going to work together. That is how you become an effective leader. I have tasked supervisors and the department heads to actually be supervisors. To actually do their job and be able to handle their crew and to make good decisions. We are bound to make mistakes and poor decisions but that is how we learn. So I have to open the door to them to make those decisions and they have done great. The supervisors and Public Works and the Water Department Marcy did mention that we got some violatios with TCEQ and they have been working very hard. We have been working together with Eddie the engineer. We were actually able to submit the violations this past week back to Harlingen and get that squared away. We need to come up with a formal letter so we can send that response back and just continue to improve. The main purpose is the City of Edcouch and make sure we are in compliance. We are working very hard and they have done a great job but we are preparing for the cold weather, shelters, etc., the Fire Chief Victor has been on top of it. Like I tell you, all staff has been working very hard and we are going to get prepared and we are going to continue to move forward.

Mayor Virginio Gonzalez Jr.: Any questions for Mr Perez.

#### 6. Water

City Manager Marisela Aguilar: I Have Ms Pamela Martinez. She will present.

Water Clerk Pamela Martinez: So you do have the rest of the reports from September to current. We are going to do current. December was really low in collections. All the cistomers came with the, Its Christmas ma'am, we need presents ma'am. So we turned off the late fees and all of that. So the new years starts late fees and all of that. We even did disconnects. We are doing disconnects right now.

Mayor Virginio Gonzalez Jr.: Can I make a recommendation? The disconnects, what time are they happening?

**Water Clerk Pamela Martinez:** The way it works is the bills go out on the 27<sup>th</sup>. They get a text message and an email.

Mayor Virginio Gonzalez Jr.: But what time are we disconnecting? The time of day?

Water Clerk Pamela Martinez: Durning the day. We disconnect in the morning. Everyone was disconnected by 1:30.

Mayor Virginio Gonzalez Jr.: Ok

Water Clerk Pamela Martinez: It gives them enough time to pay.

Mayor Virginio Gonzalez Jr.: That's like the latest.

Water Clerk Pamela Martinez: Then we do it in the middle of the week to give them two business days before Friday.

Mayor Virginio Gonzalez Jr.: Perfect.

Water Clerk Pamela Martinez: Then we call, we text, we everything. So I like she says, we do many outlets to get them to come pay but if they don't want to pay. Right now we are still doing meter change outs and fixing the ones that are broken. We are still doing the ones for the school. We are changing the schools as we go. Our next school. I believe is JRG. I also got told that we need to put in a meter in all the city facilities. The city hall, the casita, all that. We are doing that too. In order to track the water loss.

Mayor Virginio Gonzalez Jr.: Any reccommnedations that you have for us?

Water Clerk Pamela Martinez: No. We did the text messages. They are working. We just let them know anything new, I am able to send anybody that is in the system with an updated number, a text message. Also for the trash cans, I know that we had said but to those customers I send them a text message, hey take out your trash.

Mayor Virginio Gonzalez Jr.: When you send a message out do you get a report as to how many were not delivered?

Water Clerk Pamela Martinez: I don't get a report and if you opted out of the text messages you are no longer going to receive any text messages. So I did get customers say, I don't receive any messages. I ask them, well did you opt out? Yes I did.

**Alderwoman Selma Garcia Morales**: I did get a phone call of trash cans, some of them are broken. Do they just call over here?

Water Clerk Pamela Martinez: Yes, all they have to do is call the city and then I have to send an email to Paula from All Valley Waste because she wants to come and service the cans? So that is why I have to tell the customers, you need to allow me time to send an email, that way she can come and service your can. Because we were just going to go replace it with one that we have but in order to keep track of them, she has to come and service them herself. So if you do have people with broken cans, tell them to call the city and we will send the email to service it.

Mayor Virginio Gonzalez Jr.: I need one. My lid broke off.

#### 7. Court

Municipal Clerk Lylian Gonzalez: In court the numbers have been pretty much the same. December was slow as well. We were not being Grinches here. If you look at September we were able to collect four thousand, October was five thousand five hundred and fifty one, November four thousand eight hundred and forty five, December three thousand eight hundred and eleven, and currently I believe we are at about three thousand right now in the middle of the month.

Mayor Virginio Gonzalez Jr.: How many courts do we have per month?

Municipal Clerk Lylian Gonzalez: Court we run Monday thru Friday. So usually the officer write their tickets, write the ten business days and they will set that court date.

Mayor Virginio Gonzalez Jr.: When does the judge get here. Like how often does he come for court?

Municipal Clerk Lylian Gonzalez: I run court Monday thru Friday. Since I am the inhouse judge, I will see people whenever they come in. So if they cant make it for their court date, they just call and schedule a time with me.

Mayor Virginio Gonzalez Jr.: What is your recommendation to us so that we can maximize funds?

Municipal Clerk Lylian Gonzalez: Really there is no recommendation. I am still waiting for the thing with the software. I know Roel was going to look into that. That is pretty much it. I think omce we get that going we can start the whole warrant fees and get everything going. Right now, the software that I have is behind, old, but once we get that going the court should pick-up a lot.

#### 8. Finance

City Manager Marisela Aguilar: The last one is finance, if you open your binder you will find a register of our expenses that we have made throughout the month. If you guys have any questions I do have Ms Marcy Ledezma who is here. She doesn't really like to talk so I can probably answer.

# G. Discussion and possible action on approving Interlocal Agreement with the City Santa Rosa in reference to Animal Control.

**Victor Nieves:** Mayor, me and Andrew actually went to go meet with the city manager of the City of Santa Rosa. We discussed with him the shelter. We discussed with him the animal control. So they have actually lower fees than the City of Weslaco. We are stil going to keep the City of Weslaco for back-up but we want to add an interlocal with the City of Santa Rosa. Sometimes Weslaco pushes us back saying were overfull and to capacity. Then we would have the option with Santa Rosa. It would work the same way it works with Satta Rosa that it works with Weslaco. Very similar interlocal, very similar fees but the fees are going to be a lot more economical in the City of Santa Rosa.

Alderman Lorenzo Cabrera: How much is that?

Victor Nieves: Fifty dollars per dog as opposed to one hundred and fifty dollars in Weslaco.

Alderman Lorenzo Cabrera: That's good.

**Victor Nieves:** Yes. So we were able to speak to the city manager and he just gave us some pointer, and some trainings, and some classes to be able to assist our Public Works as well. So it was a very very informative meeting as well that me and Andrew had with the City of Santa Rosa.

Mayor Virginio Gonzalez Jr.: What are some of the concerns with this agreement?

Victor Nieves: I personally don't have any concerns. I think it's a good deal. I know that we have had an issue with dogs and we have been proactive. I know our city manager, Ms Marcy Aguilar, did have a dog round up. Its kind of hard to publicize that because then we have fifty percent that say, Yes! But then we have fifty percent that say, you don't like animals. So its very very hard to go out in public and say we did this because we are going

to have mixed reactions from the community but we have been doing dog round ups with the City of Weslaco but unfortunately it is really really expensive for the city. I believe the last one cost us a good amount. But we have been proactive that's why we found this solution with Saanta Rosa and we will be able to go with them. Same drive. Same distance.

Mayor Virginio Gonzalez Jr.: Roel, any questions?

City Attorney Roel Gutierrez: No, I drafted this agreement in conjunction with staff and the only thing I see is in the last page. The very first sentence: The parties agree that in the event Santa Rosa can not provide services to Edcouch, it is missing the word, IT is not obligated to do so. So if we can include that word.

Mayor Virginio Gonzalez Jr.: Recommendation is?

Victor Nieves: Recommend to approve.

A motion to approve Interlocal Agreement with the City Santa Rosa in reference to Animal Control was made by <u>Alderwoman Selma Garcia Morales</u>, a second was made by <u>Alderman Lorenzo Cabrera</u>. All in favor signify by saying Aye/ Neigh. Motion carries.

# H. Discussion and possible action regarding the consideration of the removal of municipal judges.

City Manager Marisela Aguilar: Mayor, if you guys open your binder to tab H. you will find a listing of the current judges we have in our city. You will have a list of active judges which is the judges we currently use. You have emergency judges which is Jorge Salinas and John Rigney which we just brough into the city and then I am recommending that we remove Judge Juan Ramos and Victor Hugo De La Cruz from the City of Edcouch Municipal Court.

A motion to remove municipal court judges Juan J Ramos and Victor H De La Cruz was made by <u>Alderwoman Selma Garcia Morales</u>, a second was made by <u>Mayor Pro-</u><u>Tem John I. Chapa</u>. All in favor signify by saying Aye/ Neigh. Motion carries.

# I. Discussion and possible action to appoint Rosa M. Schmalzried to the EDC.

City Manager Marisela Aguilar: Mayor, this is a pretty self-explanatory item. We wanted to go ahead and bring in new members into the EDC after looking and contemplating who we could bring in we have decided to try and bring in Ms Rosa Schmalzried into the EDC and I recommend for approval.

A motion to appoint Rosa M. Schmalzried to the EDC made by <u>Alderwoman Selma Garcia Morales</u>, a second was made by <u>Mayor Pro-Tem John I. Chapa</u>. All in favor signify by saying Aye/ <u>Neigh Alderman Lorenzo Cabrera</u>. Motion carries.

: No

**Mayor Virginio Gonzalez Jr.**: Three yess, one no. Motion carries. So then we will ask Rosa Schmalzried, do you want to be in our EDC?

Rosa Schmalzried: Sure

Mayor Virginio Gonzalez Jr.: Thank you

J. Discussion and possible action to appoint Guadalupe V. Garcia to the Planning and Zoning Committee.

City Manager Marisela Aguilar: Mayor, Guadalupe Garcia is a very resourceful person who is also very well known by the community. I definitely recommend to approve that we appoint her in to the Planning and Zoning Committee.

A motion to appoint Guadalupe V. Garcia to the Planning and Zoning Committee made by <u>Mayor Pro-Tem John I Chapa</u>, a second was made by <u>Alderwoman Selma Garcia Morales</u>. All in favor signify by saying Aye/ <u>Neigh Alderman Lorenzo Cabrera</u>. Motion carries.

Alderman Lorenzo Cabrera: Is she even here?

City Manager Marisela Aguilar: No sir, she is not present.

### K. Discussion and possible action to approve Resolution 2025-01.

**Victor Nieves:** Mayor, Resolution 2025-01 is to approve an MMA Agreement with TxDot. It is a Municipal Maintenance Agreement with TxDot so that mean that they would maintenance all our highways that are within city limits. It would mainly affect Hwy 107, FM 1015, and Mile 4 is actually considered a state highway as well. So its just a resolution that we are goingt o go into an agreement with them. The next item is going to be the actual agreement with TxDot. This is something that should have been approved a couple months ago but unfortunately we weren't able to make quorum but its good to go already and TxDot is still currently maintaining them but we don't want them to stop maintain our streets.

Mayor Virginio Gonzalez Jr.: So the first one is our resolution?

A motion to approve Resolution 2025-01 was made by <u>Mayor Pro-Tem John I Chapa</u>, a second was made by <u>Alderman Lorenzo Cabrera</u>. All in favor signify by saying Aye/ <u>Neigh</u>. Motion carries.

# L. Discussion and possible action to approve Municipal Maintenance Agreement with TxDot.

A motion to approve Municipal Maintenance Agreement with TxDot was made by Mayor Pro-Tem John I Chapa, a second was made by Alderwoman Selma Garcia Morales. All in favor signify by saying Aye/ Neigh. Motion carries.

## M. Discussion and presentation by Linebarger.

City Manager Marisela Aguilar: Mayor, unfortunately, the representatives from Linebarger were not able to attend today. They did ask to schedule them to present in our next meeting. So if we can table this item.

A motion to table presentation by Linebarger was made by <u>Mayor Pro-Tem John I</u> <u>Chapa</u>, a second was made by <u>Alderman Lorenzo Cabrera</u>. All in favor signify by saying Aye/ <u>Neigh</u>. Motion carries.

## N. Discussion on pending legal cases.

City Attorney Roel Gutierrez: I recommend that we discuss in Executive Session because it contemplates litigation.

Council shall convene into Executive Session at **6:40pm** 

Council Reconvened from Executive Session at 6:55pm

### N.Discussion on pending legal cases.

City Attorney Roel Gutierrez: Yes mayor, I am making a recommendation to authorize me to send out a demand letter the that company MES, which has our rescue tools and to demand that they be returned and to threaten them with litigation if they don't do so by a certain deadline. I also have the recommendation that you authorize me to continue speaking with the District Attorney's office regarding the two properties on 107 so that we can continue negotiating whether they are going to gift them to us or propose a trade or some sord of sale.

A motion to authorize city attorney to send out a demand letter to MES and to continue negotiating with the District Attorneys office regarding the two properties on 107 was made by Mayor Pro-Tem John I Chapa, a second was made by Alderwoman Selma Garcia Morales. All in favor signify by saying Aye/ Neigh. Motion carries.

City Attorney Roel Gutierrez: As a note mayor, just to let everybody aware that discussion that we have in Executive Session are confidential and it can not be shared with others without proper authorization.

**Victor Nieves**: Mayor before we adjourn I just want to give you a quick update. So the freeze is coming there is a 90% chance it actually coming and being an artic blast. So I know that we discussed Warming Shelters that are going to be available. We have tested the generators. Me and Andrew have at the water department and the generator at the fire station so we can be better prepared for this freeze. So we should be good to go on this freeze and we are going to have those shelters pending just in case we do need to open them up.

Mayor Virginio Gonzalez Jr.: And this starts when?

Victor Nieves: Roughly from the 18<sup>th</sup> to the 24<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Virginio Gonzalez Jr.: Give me a day

Victor Nieves: Tuesday to Saturday

City Manager Marisela Aguilar: I also wanted to ask you guys really quickly, and I don't know if I can because it is not in the agenda but the warming shelters, we usually open the warming shelter upon request and usually we will get like 1 family, maybe Rambo or whatever. It was brought to our attention that the school district will not be having a warming shelter because they cant use it because of the gym. What do you guys think about opening it up to Edcouch Elsa residents?

Mayor Pro-Tem John I Chapa: Yes, Im good.

City Manager Marisela Aguilar: I aas long as

City Manager Marisela Aguilar: We will stay in capacity.

City Manager Marisela Aguilar: And if we start exceeding we know where else to go. I recommend that as soon as we open it we let the Red Cross know.

**Victor Nieves:** Tomorrow we can send an email to the American Red Cross and let them know that we are potentially going to open up a shelter. I will get with the Hidalgo County Emergency Management as well and notify them. I believe I received an email today from TDEM, the Texas Department of Emergency Management, in reference to this freeze.

City Manager Marisela Aguilar: Did you guys do the second motion?

Mayor Pro-Tem John I Chapa: Motion for what?

City Manager Marisela Aguilar: Properties

**Mayor Pro-Tem John I Chapa**: Yes, we did them both together. Victor, if we need more generators I have some at the warehouse.

# O. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn at 6:59 pm was made at by Alderman <u>Segura</u>, a second motion was made by Alderman <u>Chapa</u>. All in favor signify by saying Aye. Opposed. Motion Carried

## NOTICE OF ASSISTANCE AT THE PUBLIC MEETING

City Hall is Wheelchair accessible & accessible parking spaces are available. Request for accommodations or interpretive services must be made 48 hours prior to this Meeting. Please contact the City Secretary's Office at 956-262-2140 or Fax 956-262-2920 for further information. Braille is not available.

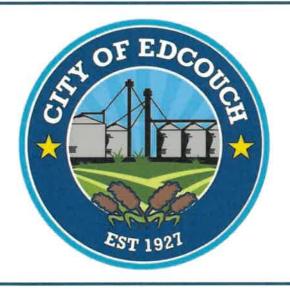
If during the course of the meeting, The City Council should determine that a Closed Session or meeting is authorized by section 551.071, 551.072, 551.074, 551.075, 551.076, 551.084, 551.086 of the Government Code or Vernon's Texas Codes Annotated, notice of Closed or Executive Session will be given after the commencement of the meeting covered by this notice pursuant to Section 551.101 of the Local Government Code. Should any final motion, decision, or vote be required in the opinion of the council with regards to any item during the meeting, then such final action, decision, or vote shall be made during the open meeting covered by this notice upon the reconvening of the Public Meeting.

I, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that the above notice of said Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Edcouch was posted on the main entrance to Edcouch City Hall on the 13th day of January 2025 at 6:00 pm and will remain posted continuously for at least 72 hours prior to the scheduled time of said meeting, in compliance with Chapter 551 of the Government Code, Vernon's Texas Codes, Annotated (Open Meetings Act).

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL, THIS 13th DAY OF JANUARY 2025.

Marisela Aguilar City Manager

G. Presentation of Delinquent Tax Collection Report for the period of October 01, 2024 through December 31, 2024 presented by Linebarger Goggin & Sampson, LLP (Kelly R. Salazar)





# DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTION REPORT FEBRUARY 05, 2024



## LINEBARGER GOGGAN BLAIR & SAMPSON, LLP

ATTORNEYS AT LAW

1512 S. Lone Star Way ★ Edinburg, Texas 78539 Tel: (956) 383-4500 Fax: (956) 383-7820

February 05, 2025

Honorable Virginio Gonzalez, Mayor
Honorable Joel Medina, Alderman Place 1
Honorable Lorenzo "Lencho" Cabrera, Alderman Place 2
Honorable John Chapa, Alderman Place 3
Honorable Robert Gutierrez, Alderman Place 4
Honorable Selma Morales, Alderman Place 5
City of Edcouch
211 Southern Avenue
Edcouch, Texas 78538

RE: Delinquent Tax Collections for the period of October 01, 2024 through December 31, 2024

**Dear Mayor Gonzalez and City Commission:** 

The Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP Report highlights our delinquent ad valorem tax collection program on behalf of the City of Edcouch. Our collection results, as noted herein, continue to be successful for the City of Edcouch.

Please know that we truly appreciate the opportunity to represent the City of Edcouch on all delinquent ad valorem tax matters. As always, we will continue to provide the City of Edcouch with quality representation, consistent results, and an ample experienced staff of attorneys and legal assistants dedicated to servicing your account. We are available to address any questions you may have or to discuss any concerns that interest you at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Kelly R. Salazar Capital Partner



Our delinquent tax collection program for the City of Edcouch continues to emphasize two basic premises: to work with individual taxpayers to collect taxes owed to the City and to only use the tool of litigation as a final option. We listen and continually adapt to your changing needs to ensure that we are providing the best possible service and deliver customized collection programs that yield the best possible results. The following information is an overview of our collections efforts during this reporting period.



Our extensive mailing program is designed to advise people who have not paid their delinquent taxes to the City of Edcouch. During the course of the fiscal year, we send delinquent notices, with varying degrees of intensity to every delinquent taxpayer. The intensity of the notice varies on factors such as: time of year, type of property and the particular needs of the jurisdiction.

# 1 Demand Mailing - 56 Statements Mailed



Our comprehensive collection services provide a wide scope of exceptional assistance to the City of Edcouch and its taxpayers. Equipped with multi-skilled representatives, we create and manage flexible payment plans for taxpayers experiencing any financial hardship. During this reporting period we made 14 outgoing calls, received 18 incoming calls and 3 payoff requests. We also knocked on 8 doors in the City of Edcouch informing delinquent taxpayers of their outstanding amounts owed.



Filing a lawsuit to collect delinquent taxes is used as a final resort; only after diligent efforts to contact and work with taxpayers have been fully exhausted. Once the decision to file suit has been made, a complete property title search is conducted, the property is physically identified and all interested parties, including all lien holders, are also identified and served with notice of the lawsuit.

<b>Litigation Activity</b>	Cases	Base, Penalty and Interest
Lawsuits Filed	2	\$4,937
Judgments Taken	2	\$2,212
<ul> <li>Pending Litigation as of 02/2025</li> </ul>	22	\$32,956

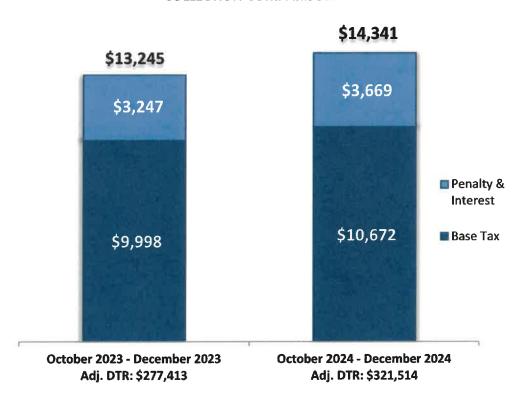


Our office regularly monitors the delinquent tax roll for the City of Edcouch. The following information provides a summary of the top 25 delinquent accounts.

Status	Number of Accounts	Base Tax Due
Deferrals	19	\$108,111
Judgment	2	\$13,441
Struck Off	1	\$33,768
In-Suit	1	\$5,123
Exempt	1	\$4,157
Clear	1	\$3,136
Total	25	\$167,736



# 2024 – 2025 1<sup>ST</sup> QUARTER COLLECTION COMPARISON



**Source: Hidalgo County Tax Office Reports** 

#### **FUTURE OVERVIEW**

Our office is committed to making necessary adjustments to our collection procedures to best advocate for the City of Edcouch. We will continue to offer flexible payment options for taxpayers experiencing financial hardship.

#### Review of Pending Judgments and the Filing of Additional Lawsuits

We will continue to work pending lawsuits for full payment or payment agreements. We will also continue researching the delinquent tax roll for possible new lawsuits; both real and personal property accounts.

#### **Continued Monitoring of Bankruptcy Accounts**

As a continuation of our standard operating practice, we will actively monitor and verify accounts in bankruptcy for the payment of taxes, penalties, and interest owed to the City.

#### **Mailing Program**

We have implemented a compassionate letter program directed to taxpayers who are otherwise nonresponsive to phone calls. These compassionate letters inform the delinquent taxpayer of available payment options.

#### **Scheduling of Property Sales**

As properties are taken to judgment, they will be reviewed and checked for payment. Those judgments with no taxpayer response will be further reviewed and scheduled for possible tax sale.

Execution of the work plan established for the City of Edcouch will include the constant monitoring of collection figures in order to adjust resources and enforce the collection of delinquent taxes. Our collection efforts will also include prosecuting pending suits to conclusion, mailing monthly letters, and filing new suits in order to maximize the collection of taxes. We will continue to work closely with you and your administrative staff to provide assistance and advice on all property tax matters, including changes in the law brought about by amendments to the Texas Property Tax Code.

# **QUESTIONS ABOUT** PROPERTY TAXES?

The Hidalgo County Tax Assessor's Office and Hidalgo County Appraisal District Office, in partnership with Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP, are offering a series of educational presentations about property taxes and vou are invited to attend!

In this **free presentation**, Hidalgo County Tax Assessor Collector Paul Villarreal, Jr., Hidalgo County Tax Office Chief of Operations Eva Mireles, Hidalgo County Appraisal District Chief Appraiser Rolando Garza, Hidalgo County Appraisal District Assistant Chief Appraiser Jorge Gonzalez and Capital Partner Kelly R. Salazar from Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP will explain each aspect of property tax and will take questions from the public.

# YOU'RE INVITED!

**THURSDAY** 

CITY OF WESLACO CITY HALL - COUNCIL CHAMBERS

FEB. 13, 2025 255 S. KANSAS AVE 5:30pm - 7:00pm

TIME

For more information contact Rodger Gonzales, 956-289-7931

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# PREGUNTAS SOBRE **IMPUESTOS?**

La Oficina de Impuestos del Condado de Hidalgo y la Oficina del Distrito de Evaluacion del Condado de Hidalgo, en asociación con Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP, están ofreciendo una serie de presentaciones informativas sobre impuestos a la propiedad y usted está invitado a asistir.

En esta presentación gratuita, el Recaudador de Impuestos del Condado de Hidalgo, Paul Villarreal, Jr., la Jefa de Operaciones de Impuestos del Condado de Hidalgo Eva Mireles, el Evaluador Jefe del Distrito de Evaluacion del Condado de Hidalgo, Rolando Garza, el Evaluador Jefe Adjunto del Distrito de Evaluacion del Condado de Hidalgo, Jorge González, y el Socio de Capital Kelly R. Salazar de Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP explicará cada aspecto del impuesto a la propiedad y responderá las preguntas del público.

# **ESTAS INVITADO!**

**JUEVES** 

CITY OF WESLACO CITY HALL - COUNCIL CHAMBERS

FEB. 13, 2025 255 S. KANSAS AVE 5:30pm - 7:00pm

**TIEMPO** 

For more information contact Rodger Gonzales, 956-289-7931

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H. Discussion and possible action to Order an Election for to be held on Saturday, May 3, 2024, to increase from a 2 year term to a 4 year term as allowed by Article XI, Section 11. Of the Texas Constitution.

I. Discussion and possible action to request qualifications and proposals for citywide solid waste collection and recycling services Residential and Commercial.

### CITY OF EDCOUCH

# **REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

#### "SOLID WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES"

The City of Edcouch is seeking Request for Proposals (RFP) from qualified Solid Waste Collection Companies to provide "SOLID WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES" to the City of Edcouch. The Legal Notice and RFP specifications will be available on Monday FEBRUARY 10, 2025, and may be picked up at 211 W. Southern Avenue, Edcouch, TX 78538, or you may call (956) 262-2140.

Request for Proposals must be properly addressed to MARISELA AGUILAR, Edcouch City Manager, and submitted at 211 W. Southern Avenue, Edcouch, TX 78538, or you may call (956) 262-2140.

ONE (1) ORIGINAL AND ONE (1) COPY OF ALL RFPs ARE REQUIRED with the proper

notation clearly written on the lower left-hand corner of the envelope: Request for Proposals –

"CITY OF EDCOUCH - "SOLID WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES". The deadline for submitting an RFP is on Wednesday, FEBRUARY 21, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

NO FACSIMILES, EMAILS OR LATE ARRIVALS WILL BE ACCEPTED. ANY REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) RECEIVED AFTER THE SUBMITTAL DEADLINE WILL NOT BE OPENED AND WILL BE RETURNED.

OVERNIGHT MAIL MUST ALSO BE PROPERLY LABELED ON THE OUTSIDE OF EXPRESS ENVELOPE OR PACKAGE IN REFERENCE TO RFP.

CITY OF EDCOUCH RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REFUSE AND REJECT ANY AND ALL RFPs AND TO WAIVE ANY AND ALL FORMALITIES OR TECHNICALITIES, OR TO ACCEPT THE RFP CONSIDERED THE BEST AND MOST ADVANTAGEOUS TO THE CITY OF EDCOUCH.

Marisela Aguilar City Manager, City of Edcouch J. Discussion and possible action to add Interstate Towing and Almaraz Towing recovery service companies to rotation.



#### TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATION

#### VEHICLE STORAGE FACILITY LICENSE

#0658628VSF

INTERSTATE TOWING & RECOVERY LLC. #1
FELIPE EBAN GARZA
3308 VISTA BONITA DR STE B
EDINBURG TX 78542-4031

Be it Known That:
INTERSTATE TOWING & RECOVERY LLC. #1
FELIPE EBAN GARZA

Located at: 3308 VISTA BONITA DR STE B EDINBURG TX 78542-4031

Has paid the required fee, satisfied the prerequisites for a license as a TEXAS VEHICLE STORAGE FACILITY under the Vehicle Storage Facility Act, and has agreed to comply with its provisions. The license is issued on February 5, 2025 and shall expire on July 18, 2025.

This license is NON-TRANSFERABLE and NON-ASSIGNABLE



# TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATION

# VEHICLE STORAGE FACILITY LICENSE

#0654447VSF

ALMARAZ TOWING AND AUTO RECOVERY DANIEL ALMARAZ 5626 MILE 12 MERCEDES TX 78570-4837

# Be it Known That: ALMARAZ TOWING AND AUTO RECOVERY DANIEL ALMARAZ

Located at: 5626 MILE 12
MERCEDES TX 78570-4837

Has paid the required fee, satisfied the prerequisites for a license as a TEXAS VEHICLE STORAGE FACILITY under the Vehicle Storage Facility Act, and has agreed to comply with its provisions. The license is issued on December 2, 2023 and shall expire on January 7, 2025.

This license is NON-TRANSFERABLE and NON-ASSIGNABLE

K. Discussion and possible action to limit the three tow truck companies in rotation for the City of Edcouch.

L. Discussion and possible action for the development and implementation of the Police Department Academy Cadet Sponsorship Program.

### **Edcouch Police Department**

Date:
Potential Employee PO Box City, State, Zip
Dear Employee,
I am pleased to inform you that the Edcouch Police Department has selected you for the position of Police Cadet. Your academy start date will be
As a Police Cadet, your initial compensation will be \$13.46 per hour while you are still attending the academy. This rate will increase once you have become fully licensed by TCOLE.
Please be aware that your employment is contingent upon your adherence to the terms and conditions outlined in your employment contract, the rules of the police academy, and the policies and procedures of the Edcouch Police Department. You must familiarize yourself with these guidelines and uphold them at all times.
Additionally, you will be on probationary status until you have completed one full year of patrol duties. This period is an essential phase of your employment, during which your performance and conduct will be closely evaluated to ensure alignment with our department's standards and values.
We look forward to your successful completion of the academy training and your subsequent contributions to our department.
Congratulations on your selection, and welcome to the Edcouch Police Department. We are confident that you will excel in your new role and become a valuable member of our team.
Sincerely,
Mark Leal Chief of Police Edcouch Police Department

Chief of Police Mark Leal 211 Southern, Edcouch, TX 78538 Phone: 956.262.3004

## EDCOUCH POLICE DEPARTMENT PRE-EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

This Agreement is entered into on the date shown below between
, and the City of Edcouch, Texas (hereinafter referred to as CITY).
WITNESSETH:
WHEREAS, has expressed interest in becoming a police officer in the Edcouch Police Department; and
WHEREAS, understands that should he/she be hired as a police officer in the Edcouch Police Department, the CITY will incur various expenses, including but not limited to costs of administering tests and conducting interviews; costs of performing background investigations; costs of medical, psychiatric, drug screening, and other employment-related examinations; cost of providing uniforms and equipment; costs for the TCOLE approved, Basic Peace Officer Academy and for training sessions conducted by the Edcouch Police Department; and, salary paid to police officers during their training; and
WHEREAS, the CITY is willing to assume the various costs associated with the examination, interviewing, and investigation of prospective police officers and the provision of uniforms and equipment, training, and salary during training for newly-hired police officers, provided the CITY receives a commitment from an applicant that he or she will remain in the Edcouch Police Department for a minimum period of thirty-six (36) months; and
WHEREAS, the CITY seeks to have well-trained police officers in the Edcouch Police Department; and
WHEREAS, understands and acknowledges that should he/she be hired as a police officer for the Edcouch Police Department, he/she will be expected to remain in the employment of the CITY for a minimum of thirty-six (36) months or else reimburse the CITY for the expenses incurred by the CITY in testing, interviewing, equipping, and training him/her.
<b>NOW, THEREFORE,</b> in consideration of the mutual promises and covenants contained herein below, the parties do freely and voluntarily enter into this Agreement.

**SECTION 1.** 

The recitals above are incorporated as part of this Agreement.

#### **SECTION 2.**

The CITY agrees:
A. To consider for employment as a police officer for the Edcouch Police Department;
B. To administer various examinations in order to determine whether is an appropriate candidate for employment as a police officer for the Edcouch Police Department;
C. To provide initial uniforms and equipment;
<ul> <li>D. To provide such training and instruction as the CITY, in its sole discretion deems appropriate; and</li> </ul>
E. To pay his/her full wages during any period in which is being trained.
SECTION 3.
agrees that should he/she be hired as a police officer for the Edcouch Police Department, he/she will remain in the employment of the CITY as a police officer for a minimum of thirty-six (36) months from the date of hire. If he/she does not remain in the employment of the CITY as a police officer for a minimum of thirty-six (36) months from the date of hire, he/she will reimburse the CITY for any and all costs incurred as enumerated in SECTION 4 below at the following rate:
A. 100%, if resignation or termination is prior to eighteen (18) months having elapsed from the date of hire;
B. 50%, if resignation or termination occurs prior to the time thirty-six (36) months, but more than eighteen (18) months have elapsed.
SECTION 4.
Schedule of costs to be incurred by CITY:
A. Interviews
B. Background Investigations

- C. Medical, Psychiatric, Drug-screening, and Other Employment-Related Examinations
- D. Uniforms and Equipment issued by CITY
- E. Basic Peace Officer Academy
- F. Travel expenses for Basic Peace Officer Academy training
- G. Salary paid during Field Training Sessions and Basic Law Enforcement Training

#### **SECTION 5.**

This agreement shall terminate after the completion of thirty-six (36) months from the date of hire.

#### **SECTION 6.**

understands that employment with the Edcouch Police Department is
ontingent upon his/her completion of a probationary period of twelve (12) months, after
uccessful completion of the Basic Peace Officer Academy, and continued performance to
ne satisfaction of the Edcouch Police Department. Nothing contained herein shall be
onstrued as a promise or agreement by either the Edcouch Police Department of the CITY
retain as a police officer for the Edcouch Police Department for
nirty-six (36) months or any portion thereof.
understands that during the probationary period, the City may
erminate the employment of at any time if the City determines that
performance has been unsatisfactory. After the completion of the
robationary period, the City may terminate for good cause as
etermined by the Chief of Police. The decision to terminate may be appealed to the City
Manager.

#### SECTION 7.

The CITY and the Edcouch Police Department do not, by this Agreement, waive any rights, privileges, or prerogatives they possess pursuant to Wage and Hour laws, the State of Texas, or the rules and regulations of the CITY and the Edcouch Police Department now in effect or as may be altered or modified in the future.

#### **SECTION 8.**

agrees that should it become necessary for the CITY to file suit in order to collect the cost as enumerated in SECTION 4, he/she will pay all costs of said suit,

including reasonable attorney's fees and all interest allowed at the legal rate on the amount which is owed.

SECTION 9.	
agrees that the CITY shall retain any money from his/her including but not limited to payment for any unused vacation, sick leave, and com time, to satisfy, either in full or in part, payment of the cost enumerated in SECTI authorizes the CITY to retain monies from his/her paycheck these payments. In addition	pensatory ON 4 and
agrees that the retainage authorized by this section shall not waive the right of the CITY to commence legal proceedings against him/her to reoutstanding balance.	-
SECTION 10.	
acknowledges that he/she has examined this Agreement the has read and understands this Agreement, and he/she has the right to consult as prior to entering this Agreement.	
SECTION 11.	
Any notice that may be required by this Agreement shall be sent to the part addresses below:	es at the
Applicants Name  Marisela Aguilar City Manager	
P.O. Box 100	

#### **SECTION 12.**

Applicants Address

City, State, Zip

The invalidity of any portion of this Agreement will not and shall not affect the validity of any other provisions. In the event that any provision of this Agreement is held to be invalid, the parties agree that the remaining provisions shall be deemed in full force and effect as if they had been executed by both parties subsequent to the expungement of the invalid provision.

City Address

City, State, Zip

Edcouch, TX. 78538

#### **SECTION 13.**

No modification of this Agreement shall be binding unless evidenced in writing and signed by both parties.

#### **SECTION 14.**

Tl an	nis document and its intent were d I executed this instrument my	e explained to me and I have full knowledge of its purpose y own free will and accord.
Ap	plicant Signature	Marisela Aguilar, City Manager
W	itnessed:	-
Attest:		
Date of hir	e:	

M. Discussion and possible action on the approval of an interlocal agreement with Hidalgo County Constables Precinct 4 for the transfer of units to the City of Edcouch.

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF HIDALGO §

#### INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN HIDALGO COUNTY CONSTABLES PRECINCT 4 AND THE CITY OF EDCOUCH

THIS Agreement is made on and entered into, effective as of the XX day of February, 2025, by and between the COUNTY OF HIDALGO by and through its HIDALGO COUNTY CONSTABLES PRECINCT 4, hereinafter referred to as ("County"), and THE CITY OF EDCOUCH hereinafter referred to as ("CITY OF EDCOUCH"), collectively referred to as ("Parties"), pursuant to the provisions of the Texas Interlocal Cooperation Act ("Act"), Chapter 791, et seq., Texas Government Code and Texas Local Government Code Chapter 263.

#### **WITNESSETH:**

WHEREAS, the CITY OF EDCOUCH is a municipality defined as a "Political Subdivision" under the Interlocal Cooperation Act, a political subdivision organized under the laws of the State of Texas;

WHEREAS, the County is defined as a "Local Government" under the Interlocal Cooperation Act, a political subdivision organized under the laws of the State of Texas;

WHEREAS, the Interlocal Cooperation Act, Chapter 791 Texas Government Code, provides authorization for a local government to contract with one or more local governments to perform governmental functions and services under the terms of the Act;

WHEREAS, County may dispose of surplus property by donating it to a civic or charitable organization located in the county, pursuant to Tex. Loc. Gov't Code § 263.152(4)(B), if it serves a public purpose;

**WHEREAS**, the surplus items identified in the attached Exhibit "A" is no longer needed by County for any purpose;

WHEREAS, County will transfer the surplus equipment identified in the attached Exhibit "A" to CITY OF EDCOUCH to serve a joint public purpose of maintaining the City and County's, shared, current and future infrastructure and maintain the health and safety of its constituents;

WHEREAS, the surplus equipment will be utilized by CITY OF EDCOUCH to properly train cadets with the equipment that is utilized in Law Enforcement agencies, and upon graduating their services will benefit the health and safety of the constituents and citizens of Hidalgo County; and

**NOW THEREFORE**, for good and sufficient consideration, PARTIES hereby agree as follows:

- 1. County hereby declares that the items identified in the attached Exhibit "A" is surplus property.
- 2. County hereby finds that the transfer of the surplus items as identified in the attached Exhibit "A" to CITY OF EDCOUCH serves a public purpose.
- 3. County hereby transfers the surplus items identified in the attached Exhibit "A" to CITY OF EDCOUCH
- 4. CITY OF EDCOUCH hereby accepts the transfer of the surplus items identified in the attached Exhibit "A."
- 5. CITY OF EDCOUCH accepts the transferred Equipment in "as-is" condition and acknowledges that County makes no warranty in any manner as to the working condition for any purpose.
- 6. In consideration for the transfer of the equipment identified in the attached Exhibit "A", CITY OF EDCOUCH agrees that County shall have no further financial responsibility for any relocation, transportation, repair, maintenance or upkeep expenses related to the equipment being transferred.
- 7. CITY OF EDCOUCH will be responsible for obtaining any title transfer and/or insurance on the equipment being transferred.
- 8. This Agreement is not intended to extend the liability of the Parties beyond that provided by law. Neither County nor CITY OF EDCOUCH waive, nor shall be deemed to have hereby waived, any immunity or defense that would otherwise be available to it against claims arising from third parties.
- 9. This Agreement represents the entire agreement between County and CITY OF EDCOUCH and this Agreement supersedes all prior negotiations, representations or agreements, either written or oral between the Parties. This Agreement may be amended only by written instrument signed by the governing bodies of both County and CITY OF EDCOUCH or those authorized to sign on behalf of those governing bodies.
- 10. The validity of this Agreement and of any of its terms or provisions, as well as the rights and duties of the Parties, shall be governed by the laws of the State of Texas.
- 11. In the event that any portion of this Agreement shall be found to be contrary to law, it is the intent of the Parties that the remaining portions of this Agreement shall remain valid and in full force and effect to the extent possible.
- 12. The undersigned officer or agent is the properly authorized official who has the necessary authority to execute this Agreement, and each party hereby certifies to the other that any necessary resolutions extending said authority have been duly passed and are now in full force and effect.

(Signature Page to Follow)

EXECUTED IN DUPLICATE COPIES, EACH OF WHICH SHALL HAVE THE FULL FORCE AND EFFECT OF AN ORIGINAL, TO BE EFFECTIVE AS STATED HEREIN, BUT MINISTERIALLY SIGNED ON THE DATES INDICATED BELOW.

APPROVED BY COMMISSIONER'S COURT	ON FEBRUARY XX, 2025.
AGENDA ITEM No. XXXXX	EXECUTIVE OFFICE:
CITY OF EDCOUCH	
By:	Date:
Virginio Gonzalez, City Mayor	
HIDALGO COUNTY: County Judge	
By:	Date:
Hon. Richard F. Cortez, County Judge	
HIDALGO COUNTY: Constable Precinct 4	
By:	Date:
Atanacio Gaitan, Hidalgo County Constable Po	ct. 4
APPROVED AS TO FORM:	ATTEST:
Office of the Criminal District Attorney, Toribio "Terry" Palacios	
ADA, Assistant District Attorney	Arturo Guajardo Jr., County Clerk

#### **EXHIBIT "A"**

#### **SURPLUS PROPERTY**

#### **Description of Items:**

i.	2016 Ford Explorer u400	Vin No. 1FM5K8AR2GGA19044
ii.	2015 Ford Explorer u409	Vin No. 1FM5K8AR4GGA19045
iii.	2015 Ford Taurus	Vin No. 1FAHP2MK3FG175581
iv.	2015 Ford Taurus	Vin No. 1FAHP2MK7FG173025

N. Discussion and possible action to amend the Police Department policy concerning the minimum volunteer hour requirements for Reserve Officers to remain active on our department roster.



## EDCOUCH POLICE DEPARTMENT



211 Southern Ave, Edcouch Texas | Phone # (956) 262-3004 | Fax # (956) 262-4953 |

To: City Leaders

From: Chief of Police

I would like to inform you that I have lowered the minimum standard of 16 hours a month as per "The Edcouch Police Department Policy and Procedures" to 10 hours a month. This will be more achievable for the reserve officers to meet our expectations and meet the needs of the department.

#### Edcouch Police Dept. Policy and Procedures 4.8 C-3

- C. Training and Performance Standards
- 1. Reserve police officers serve at the discretion of the Chief of Police and may be called into service at any time the chief or his designee considers it necessary to have additional officers.
- 2. Reserve police officers shall be considered "on duty" when they are
- a. performing "assigned duty"
- b. representing or identifying himself/herself as a peace officer for the purpose of taking enforcement action or discharging legal duties.
- 3. All reserve police officers must serve a minimum of 16 hours of duty per calendar month. Officers who are unable to meet this requirement must submit a written request through the chain of command to the Chief of Police for an approved leave of absence.

Chief Mark, A. Leal #901

# EDCOUCH POLICE DEPT.

#### **EDCOUCH POLICE DEPARTMENT**

#### Policy 4.8 Reserve Officer Program

Effective Date: Replaces:

Approved: Mark Leal
Chief of Police

Reference: TBP 3.07 and 7.27

#### I. POLICY

It is the policy of the Edcouch Police Department to maintain the highest standards of professional law enforcement services. Volunteers for reserve police officers must meet the same standards as other members of the organization. Reserve police officers should fulfill two primary functions. First, reserve officers serve as auxiliary manpower in situations as needed. Second, they provide an additional interactive link between the community and the police department. Reserve officers are subject to all the applicable rules and regulations that govern regular sworn personnel.

#### II. PURPOSE

The purpose of this order is to describe the Police Reserve Unit, and outline its objectives, responsibilities, and operation.

#### III.RESERVE PROGRAM (TBP: 7.27)

#### A. Requirements and certification

- 1. Requirements for age, education, and experience are the same as that for regular sworn personnel.
- 2. Applicants must meet all minimum requirements set forth by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education (TCLOE).
- 3. The selection process for reserve officer applicants is the same as for regular officers outlined in Policy 4.1 and 4.2.

#### B. Certification and reserve officer levels

1. Apprentice Reserve Officers. Active reserve police officers who have obtained required peace officer training but have not completed field training.

- 2. Reserve Officer. Active reserve officers who have successfully completed basic peace officer certification, have completed field training, and hold basic peace office license.
  - a. Reserve officers will be assigned their duties on the reserve schedule by the reserve commander.
  - b. Reserve officers shall report to the supervisor or ranking officer for assignment duties and/or training.
  - c. The on-duty patrol supervisor may, at his/her discretion, reassign the officer when personnel are required to assist in other areas.
- 3. "Inactive reserve status" refers to reserve police officers who are no longer able to serve at the minimum required level. Inactive status may be temporary or permanent at the discretion of the reserve supervisor as approved by the Chief of Police.

#### C. Training and Performance Standards

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  - a. performing "assigned duty"
  - b. representing or identifying himself/herself as a peace officer for the purpose of taking enforcement action or discharging legal duties.
- 3. All reserve police officers must serve a minimum of 16 hours of duty per calendar month. Officers who are unable to meet this requirement must submit a written request through the chain of command to the Chief of Police for an approved leave of absence.
- 4. Depending on the level of training and experience, reserve officers may perform the same duties as other full-time, sworn personnel or be assigned to work with a regular officer.
- 5. All reserve police officers are subject to the same rules, regulations, and orders as regular sworn personnel.
- 6. All reserve police officers must successfully complete the basic and intermediate reserve officer course required by TCOLE and obtain their license as a peace officer.
- 7. All active reserve police officers must successfully complete the police training officer program under the supervision and evaluation of a departmentally approved field training officer. Upon the successful completion of training, reserve officers will assume duties as designated by the reserve commander.
- 8. For training and evaluation purposes, all active reserve officers will work one tour of duty with a field training officer within the first six months of each calendar year.

O. Discussion and possible action on approving the request from Hidalgo County Elections Department to use the Sgt Juan Rodriguez Community Center for the 2025 Election Cycle.



#### **ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT**

County of Hidalgo

#### 2025 Election Cycle

Early Voting and Election Day Request(s)



January 31, 2025

To: Marcy Aguilar, City Secretary City of Edcouch

211 Southern Ave, Edcouch, TX 78538

Via: marcya@cityofedcouch.org

Dear Ms. Aguilar,

We are requesting the use of your facility(s) as an Early Voting and/or Election Day polling location(s) for the upcoming 2025 Election Cycle. Please review the dates below and add to your calendar.

Please note that your location will not be required during the Local Entities Election(s) if your entity is not on the ballot or requested by another entity. Additional note, due to HB 357, the Runoff Dates have been modified and will be confirmed by the Texas Secretary of State as the election approaches.

Reminder emails will be sent once the election approaches, but if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out at any time.

#### **Upcoming 2025 Elections**

Election	Early Voting	Election Day
May Local Entities Elections	April 22, 2025 - April 29, 2025	Saturday May 3, 2025
May Local Entities Runoff Elections	May 27, 2025 – June 3, 2025	Saturday, June 7, 2025
November General Election	Oct. 20, 2025 – Oct. 31,2025	Tuesday, November 4, 2025
General Runoff (Local Entities ONLY)	TBD	TBD

Please complete the separate request form and return by fax, or email by March 7, 2025. I know this may require approval from your board, so if you could provide an email response confirming the use of the location(s), that will allow us to continue with our preparations for the 2025 Election Cycle.

We truly appreciate you and the partnership we have in providing great polling locations to the voters of Hidalgo County.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Eberto A. Gauna Division Manager II

Office: (956)318-2570 ext. 5730

Fax: (956) 393-2039

Email: eberto.gauna@co.hidalgo.tx.us

Visit our website https://www.hidalgocounty.us/105/Elections-Department

Register & Vote!



## 2025 Election Cycle Early Voting and/or Election Day

#### Polling Location Request Form

Facility Re	equested: S	gt. Rodriguez	Comm. Center -	- 320	W. Santa Rosa A	ve. Edcou	ch, TX
Designated	Designated Voting Area    Early Voting   Election Day						
Contact Info	ormation						
Contact #1	Name:			Title:			
Phone #:			Email:				
Contact #2	Name:			Title:			
Phone #:	I.		Email:				
Contact #3	Name:			Title:			
Phone #:	I i		Email:				
		*					
Please check	ALL that ap	ply				YES	NO
Is the Hidalg	o County Elec	tions Departmen	t authorized to use	this fa	cility?		
Can the follo	wing be provi	ded:				YES	NO
• Table	es and Chairs						
• Facili	ity restrooms (	stocked with han	d soap, paper tow	els, and	toilet paper)		
• Wate	r fountains						
Break	croom, if avail	able					
• Parki	ng for Election	n Judge and Clerl	ks				
Has the staff	of the building	g been informed	of the usage for th	is upco	ming election?		
-		uthority to author on this form is tru		polling	location for the Ele	ection(s) list	ted. I
Signature PLEASE FAX	X/EMAIL TH		Print Name	BLE		Date	
Hidalgo Coun eberto.gauna@	•	· /	393-2039 ATTN	ELEC	CTIONS SURVEY	OR	

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# 2025 Election Cycle Polling Location Safety Questionnaire Polling Location Safety and Emergency Management

Contact Information	
Building Coordinator/Manager/Director	Name:
Phone Number:	Email:
May contact if structural changes are needed for A	Accessibility.
Director of Maintenance or Facilities	Name:
Phone Number:	Email:
May contact if structural changes are needed for A	Accessibility.
Contact #1 (Key Holder)	Name:
Phone Number	Email:

Phone Number:		Email:				
May contact to gain access to the buil	May contact to gain access to the building if locked.					
Contact #2 (Ke	Name:					
Phone Number:		Email:				
May contact to gain access to the buil	lding if locke	d.				
Safety Information						
Law Enforcement Department	Entity:					
Contact #1:			Contact #2:			
Law enforcement that responds to this	s location.					
Security Present at Location (Ch	heck one plea	ise)			YES	NO
Schedule:	Entity:					
Fire Department	Entity:					
Fire Department that responds to this	location.					
Fire Extinguisher Present					YES	NO
<b>Requested Documents</b>						
Fire Exit Map available for Vot	ing Area (	Check one pleas	e)		YES	NO 🔙
Additional Emergency Procedu	res (Check d	one please)			YES	NO 🗔
Please attach ALL documents if availa						
Schools please submit ALL Emergency Procedures Available.						

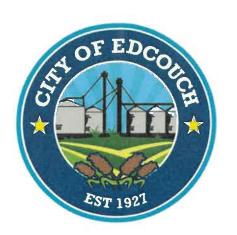


# 2025 Election Cycle Polling Location Safety Questionnaire Voting Area

Trash Disposal & Facility Management	YES	NO
1. Will the designated voting area be cleared out for poll worker setup?		
2. Will you be providing trash cans and trash bags at the polling location?		
3. Can your facilities management visit twice daily to dispose of trash?		
a. If NO, how many times can they visit?		

Facility Protocols Note: This would only apply to Hidalgo County Elections Staff	YES	NO
1. Is there a check in process required for Cage drop-off or pick-up? Please fill below.		
2. Is there a designated entry for us to use?		
3. Can you provide a list of procedures to better prepare for the delivery of supplies? If applicable.		
If there is additional information to provide, please list below or attach to return.		

P. Discussion and possible action to approve Municipal Resolution in opposition to Texas House Bill 1683.





Mayor, Virginio Gonzalez Jr.
Mayor Pro Tem/Alderman Place 3: John Chapa
Alderman Place 1: Joel Medina Jr.
Alderman Place 2: Lorenzo Cabrera
Alderman Place 4: Roberto Gutierrez
Alderwoman Place 5: Selma Garcia Morales

City Manager: Marisela Aguilar

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2025-02**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMAN AND ALDERWOMAN OF THE CITY OF EDCOUCH IN OPPOSITION TO TEXAS HOUSE BILL 1683

WHEREAS on December 20, 2024, House Bill 1683 was filed with the Texas Legislature; and

WHEREAS the bill, as written, amends Texas Transportation Code 252.301(a) and mandates Counties with a population of 870,000 or more and located on an international border to adopt a centralized County Road System; and

WHEREAS Hidalgo County has historically and by statute maintained county-owned roads and bridges through the authority of individual Commissioners answerable to the constituents in their respective precincts including its many municipalities; and

WHEREAS in 2024, Hidalgo County spent more than \$31 million maintaining in excess of 2,046 miles of roads with Precinct 1 maintaining 879 miles; Precinct 2 maintaining 110 miles; Precinct 3 maintaining 525 miles; and Precinct 4 maintaining 532 miles – much of this benefitting smaller communities; and

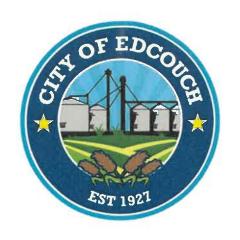
WHEREAS other Texas counties may benefit from consolidating the road and bridge functions into a single decision making unit, Hidalgo County is unique among other large counties in that there are 22 separate municipalities with the four largest being of roughly equal size so that no centralized population center exists among the municipalities; and

WHEREAS the historic and statutory precedent of having County Commissioners oversee county road and bridge functions in Hidalgo County benefits the County by allowing the elected officials to be responsive to and in close contact with the transportation needs of all municipalities and constituents in their respective precincts, and has particularly benefitted smaller municipalities within the county jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS Texas Transportation Code 252.301, as currently written, permits the adoption of a County Road System; and

WHEREAS House Bill 1683 would restrict Texas counties and have the State mandate how these counties will maintain their roads and bridges, to the detriment of smaller communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT that The City of Edcouch strongly opposes House Bill 1683 in its current form, because it removes any discretion that may be exercised by the duly elected Commissioners Court with input from local municipalities and mandates a course of action that disregards the unique balance of population centers that are encompassed in the 22 municipalities of Hidalgo County, to the detriment of many communities, and to a possible disastrous effect to the smaller communities who have benefitted from the existing oversight and funding formulas employed by the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court.





Mayor, Virginio Gonzalez Jr.
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Alderman Place 1: Joel Medina Jr.
Alderman Place 2: Lorenzo Cabrera
Alderman Place 4: Roberto Gutierrez
Alderwoman Place 5: Selma Garcia Morales
City Manager: Marisela Aguilar

THEREFORE, THE DESCRIBED HEREIN IS HEREBY PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 6th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2025.

ARREST:	APPROVED:
MARISELA AGUILAR, CITY MANAGER	VIRGINIO GONZALEZ, JR., MAYOR
CITY OF EDCOUCH, TEXAS	CITY OF EDCOUCH, TEXAS
SEAL:	

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