1. The Biden Administration has committed to abortion access in every zip code, even in states like Texas where abortion has already been declared illegal. The proposed ordinance seeks to close as many of these loopholes as possible to prevent Biden’s radical abortion agenda from becoming a reality in the unincorporated area of Lubbock County.

2. Texas women are being trafficked across our Texas–New Mexico border by abortion traffickers who are often funded by abortion trafficking organizations still operating in the State of Texas. The proposed ordinance seeks to put an end to the roads of the unincorporated area of Lubbock County being used for abortion trafficking.

3. Men and women are being hurt and traumatized by abortion across our Texas–New Mexico border and sent back to Texas for our cities to deal with the aftermath in our homes, schools, universities, churches, women’s organizations, and our hospitals throughout the State of Texas. The proposed ordinance seeks to protect these institutions by putting safeguards in place to protect the unincorporated area of Lubbock County for years to come.

4. The ordinance is enforced the same way the Texas Heartbeat Act, through a private enforcement mechanism. This mechanism proved to be successful by shutting down half of the abortions in the State of Texas. The Lubbock Ordinance, which also was enforced by the same private enforcement mechanism, shut down abortion entirely in their city from the point of conception. Both the Texas Heartbeat Act and the Lubbock Ordinance survived court challenges and are still in effect today. This means that the County Government will not be enforcing any provision of this ordinance, but if violations do occur, citizens will have the ability to file a lawsuit against those in violation of the ordinance.

The proposed Lubbock County Ordinance would . . .

1. **Prohibit Performing Elective Abortions and Aiding or Abetting Elective Abortions Within the Unincorporated Area of Lubbock County (Section 2A)**

   “It shall be unlawful for any person to procure or perform an elective abortion of any type and at any stage of pregnancy in the unincorporated area of Lubbock County, Texas. The prohibition in this section applies to drug-induced abortions in which any portion of the drug regimen is ingested in the unincorporated area of Lubbock County, Texas, and to all elective abortions in the unincorporated area of Lubbock County, regardless of where the person who performs or procures the abortion is located . . . It shall be unlawful for any person to knowingly engage in conduct that aids or abets an elective abortion.” The proposed Lubbock County Ordinance extends Texas Heartbeat Act’s Private Enforcement provision to the point of conception for all elective abortions in the unincorporated area of Lubbock County.

2. **Prohibit Elective Abortions On Residents of the Unincorporated Area of Lubbock County Regardless of Location (Section 2B)**

   “It shall be unlawful for any person to knowingly perform an elective abortion or knowingly engage in conduct that aids or abets an elective abortion if the abortion is performed on a resident of the unincorporated area of Lubbock County, regardless of the location of the abortion,
regardless of the law in the jurisdiction where the abortion occurred, and regardless of whether the person knew or should have known that the abortion was performed or induced on a resident of the unincorporated area of Lubbock County.”

3. **Prohibit Abortion-Inducing Drugs (Section 2C)**

   “It shall be unlawful for any person to: Manufacture, possess, or distribute abortion-inducing drugs in the unincorporated area of Lubbock County; Mail, transport, deliver, or provide abortion-inducing drugs in any manner to or from any person or location in the unincorporated area of Lubbock County; Engage in any conduct that would make one an accomplice to the conduct described.”

4. **Prohibit Abortion Trafficking (Section 2D)**

   “It shall be unlawful for any person to knowingly transport any individual for the purpose of providing or obtaining an elective abortion, regardless of where the elective abortion will occur. This section shall apply only if the transportation of such individual begins, ends, or passes through the unincorporated area of Lubbock County.” The proposed ordinance also prohibits aiding or abetting abortion trafficking, stopping abortion traffickers from using the roads of the unincorporated area of Lubbock County for illegal abortion trafficking operations.

5. **Prohibit the Transport of the Remains of Unborn Children Killed by Elective Abortions from Abortion Providers and Prohibits the Disposal of the Remains of Unborn Children Killed by Elective Abortions from Abortion Providers (Section 2E)**

   “It shall be unlawful for any person to transport the remains of an unborn child who was killed by an elective abortion from any abortion provider into the unincorporated area of Lubbock County, or to dispose of such remains in the unincorporated area of Lubbock County.”

6. **Prohibit Criminal Organizations from Doing Business in the Unincorporated Area of Lubbock County (Section 2F)**

   “It shall be unlawful for any criminal organization described . . . to operate or do business in Lubbock County.”

**Helpful Resources:**

**ARTICLE:** [Texas Scorecard: West Texas County Restricts Abortion Trafficking On Its Highways](https://www.texasscorecard.com/west-texas-county-restricts-abortion-trafficking-on-its-highways) (September 29, 2023)

**ARTICLE:** [The Texan: County on Texas-New Mexico Border Outlaws Abortion and Abortion Trafficking](https://thetexan.net/2023/09/29/texas-county-outlaws-abortion-trafficking/) (September 29, 2023)

**ARTICLE:** [Live Action: Third Texas county outlaws abortion and use of roads for ‘abortion trafficking’](https://liveaction.org/abortion-trafficking) (September 29, 2023)

**ARTICLE:** [Human Defense Initiative: New Texas Ordinances Seek to Ban Abortion Trafficking](https://humandefenseinitiative.org/new-texas-ordinances-seek-to-ban-abortion-trafficking/) (September 12, 2023)