

Hey ChatGPT – What Texas laws regarding selling non-profit's assets?

In Texas, the **sale of nonprofit assets** is governed by a combination of state nonprofit corporation law (primarily **Texas Business Organizations Code, Title 2, Chapter 22**) and, in some cases, federal rules (IRS requirements for 501(c) entities). The key points depend on whether the transaction is **ordinary** (day-to-day operations) or a **fundamental change** (sale of substantially all assets). Here's a breakdown:

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## 1. Routine Sale of Assets

- A nonprofit corporation may sell or lease assets **in the regular course of business** if authorized by its **board of directors** (unless restricted by the certificate of formation, bylaws, or special statutes).
  - Example: Selling office furniture or surplus equipment does not usually require member approval.
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## 2. Sale of Substantially All Assets

- If the nonprofit plans to **sell, lease, exchange, or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all of its assets** (not in the ordinary course of business):
  - **Board of Directors** must first adopt a resolution approving the sale.
  - If the nonprofit has **voting members**, the board must submit the resolution to the members for approval.
  - **Approval Requirements:**
    - Typically, a **two-thirds vote of members present** (unless the bylaws or certificate of formation set a different threshold).
    - If the nonprofit has no voting members, the **board alone** may authorize.
  - Notice must be given to members in advance, describing the proposed transaction.

(Citation: *Tex. Bus. Orgs. Code* § 22.251 – § 22.256)

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