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Requests for Opinions

RO-0508-KP

Requestor:

The Honorable Paul Bettencourt

Chair, Senate Committee on Local Government

Texas State Senate

Post Office Box 12068

Austin, Texas 78711-2068

Re: Whether a tax rate increase election under Tax Code section 26.07 authorizes a municipality to "earmark" use of a voter-approved increase in its Maintenance and Operation property tax revenue for purposes other than maintenance or operations; and if not, may an increase in a municipality's Maintenance and Operation property tax be transferred to a local government corporation (created pursuant to Transportation Code chapter 431, subchapter D) be used for debt service on debt issued by the local government corporation (RQ-0508-KP)

Briefs requested by May 18, 2023

RO-0509-KP

Requestor:

The Honorable Renee Ann Mueller

Washington County Attorney

100 East Main, Suite 200

Brenham, Texas 77833

Re: Whether the District Attorney's Office located in a stand-alone building with no other courts or court offices is a building that houses the operations of a district, county, or justice court for purposes of an expenditure from the courthouse security fund (RQ-0509-KP)

Briefs requested by June 12, 2023

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