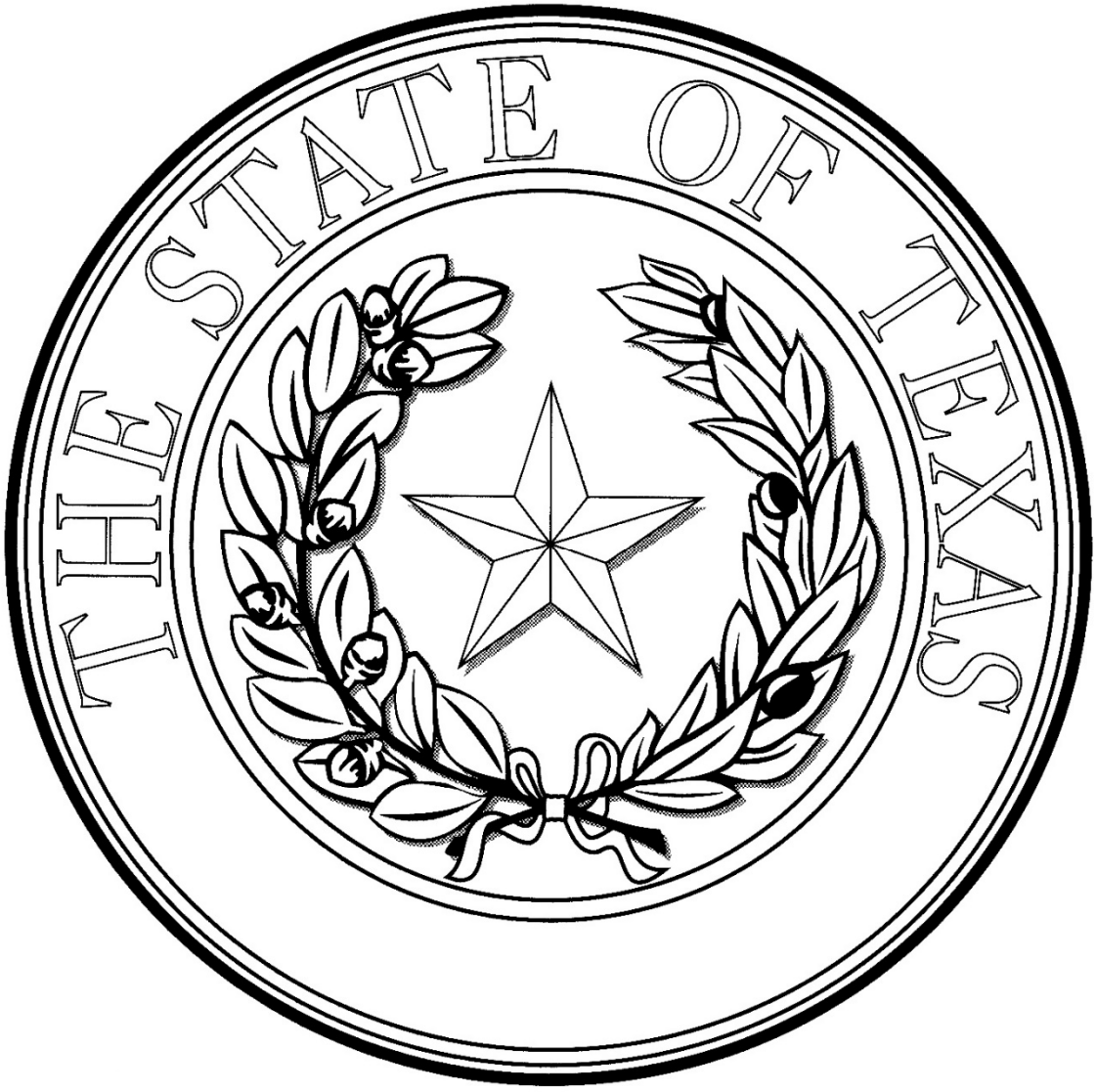
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Proclamation 41-4322

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

WHEREAS, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, issued a disaster proclamation on September 28, 2026, certifying under Section 418.014 of the Texas Government Code that the shortage of diesel fuel poses an imminent threat or occurrence of harm to the public health and safety in the State of Texas, and declared a state of disaster for all Texas counties; and

WHEREAS, the certified conditions continue to exist and pose an ongoing and imminent threat of disaster as set forth in the Proclamation of September 28, 2026;

NOW, THEREFORE, in accordance with the authority vested in me by Section 418.014 of the Texas Government Code, I do hereby renew the aforementioned proclamation and declare a state of disaster for all Texas counties. All orders, directions, suspensions, and authorizations provided in the Proclamation of September 28, 2026, as renewed, are in full force and effect.

In accordance with the statutory requirements, copies of this proclamation shall be filed with the applicable authorities.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name and have officially caused the Seal of State to be affixed at my office in the City of Austin, Texas, this the 28th day of October, 2026.

Greg Abbott, Governor

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Proclamation 41-4323

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

WHEREAS, I, GREG ABBOTT, Governor of the State of Texas, do hereby certify that the severe storm event that began on October 23, 2026, and that included heavy rainfall and flash flooding, poses a threat of imminent disaster, including widespread and severe property damage, injury, or loss of life in El Paso County;

NOW, THEREFORE, in accordance with the authority vested in me by Section 418.014 of the Texas Government Code, I do hereby declare a state of disaster in El Paso County.

Pursuant to Section 418.017 of the Texas Government Code, I authorize the use of all available resources of state government and of political subdivisions that are reasonably necessary to cope with this disaster.

Pursuant to Section 418.016 of the Texas Government Code, any regulatory statute prescribing the procedures for conduct of state business or any order or rule of a state agency that would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with this disaster shall be suspended upon written approval of the Office of the Governor. However, to the extent that the enforcement of any state statute or administrative rule regarding contracting or procurement would impede any state agency's emergency response that is necessary to protect life or property threatened by this declared disaster, I hereby authorize the suspension of such statutes and rules for the duration of this declared disaster.

In accordance with the statutory requirements, copies of this proclamation shall be filed with the applicable authorities.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name and have officially caused the Seal of State to be affixed at my office in the City of Austin, Texas, this the 29th day of October, 2026.

Greg Abbott, Governor

TRD-202604591

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Proclamation 41-4324

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

WHEREAS, I, GREG ABBOTT, Governor of the State of Texas, issued a disaster proclamation on August 12, 2025, related to fire weather conditions that began on August 10, 2025, as amended and renewed in subsequent proclamations, certifying that increased fire weather conditions pose an imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property in several counties; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Division of Emergency Management has confirmed that those same increased fire weather conditions persist in certain counties in Texas;

NOW, THEREFORE, in accordance with the authority vested in me by Section 418.014 of the Texas Government Code, I do hereby amend and renew the aforementioned proclamation and declare a disaster in Anderson, Angelina, Bastrop, Bowie, Camp, Cass, Chambers, Cherokee, Delta, Fannin, Franklin, Freestone, Gregg, Grimes, Hardin, Harrison, Henderson, Hopkins, Houston, Hunt, Jasper, Jefferson, Lamar, Lee, Leon, Liberty, Madison, Marion, Montgomery, Morris, Nacogdoches, Newton, Orange, Panola, Polk, Rains, Red River, Rusk, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, Schleicher, Shelby, Smith, Titus, Trinity, Tyler, Upshur, Van Zandt, Walker, Washington, and Wood Counties.

Pursuant to Section 418.017 of the Texas Government Code, I authorize the use of all available resources of state government and of political subdivisions that are reasonably necessary to cope with this disaster.

Pursuant to Section 418.016 of the Texas Government Code, any regulatory statute prescribing the procedures for conduct of state business or any order or rule of a state agency that would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with this disaster shall be suspended upon written approval of the Office of the Governor. However, to the extent that the enforcement of any state statute or administrative rule regarding contracting or procurement would impede any state agency's emergency response that is necessary to protect life or property threatened by this declared disaster, I hereby authorize the suspension of such statutes and rules for the duration of this declared disaster.

In accordance with the statutory requirements, copies of this proclamation shall be filed with the applicable authorities.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name and have officially caused the Seal of State to be affixed at my office in the City of Austin, Texas, this 1st day of November, 2026.

Greg Abbott, Governor

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Proclamation 41-4325

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

WHEREAS, on June 5, 2026, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, issued a disaster proclamation certifying under Section 418.014 of the Texas Government Code that the spread of New World screwworm northward from Mexico toward the U.S. southern border threatens Texas' livestock industry and economy and poses an imminent threat of widespread and severe property damage for all Texas counties; and

WHEREAS, the certified conditions continue to exist and pose an ongoing and imminent threat of disaster as set forth in the prior proclamation;

NOW, THEREFORE, in accordance with the authority vested in me by Section 418.014 of the Texas Government Code, I do hereby renew the aforementioned proclamation and declare a state of disaster for all Texas counties. All orders, directions, suspensions, and authorizations provided in the Proclamation of June 5, 2026, are in full force and effect.

In accordance with the statutory requirements, copies of this proclamation shall be filed with the applicable authorities.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name and have officially caused the Seal of State to be affixed at my office in the City of Austin, Texas, this the 1st day of November, 2026.

Greg Abbott, Governor

TRD-202604610

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Proposed rules include new rules, amendments to existing rules, and repeals of existing rules. A state agency shall give at least 30 days' notice of its intention to adopt a rule before it adopts the rule. A state agency shall give all interested persons a reasonable opportunity to submit data, views, or arguments, orally or in writing (Government Code, Chapter 2001).

Symbols in proposed rule text. Proposed new language is indicated by underlined text. [~~Square brackets and strikethrough~~] indicate existing rule text that is proposed for deletion. "(No change)" indicates that existing rule text at this level will not be amended.

TITLE 1. ADMINISTRATION

PART 10. DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION RESOURCES

CHAPTER 205. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION STANDARDS

The Texas Department of Information Resources (department) proposes the repeal of 1 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 205, §§205.1 - 205.3, 205.10, 205.20, concerning Geographic Information Standards. This proposed action aligns Texas' regulatory landscape regarding geographic information standards with the legislative intent to task the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB), by way of the statutorily created Geographic Information Office, with the oversight of statewide geographic information standards.

The proposed repeal is the result of the department's statutory quadrennial rule review of this chapter and the Texas Regulatory Efficiency Office (TREO) regulatory efficiency review pursuant to Texas Government Code Chapter 465. The notice of rule review was published in the May 18, 2018, edition of the *Texas Register* (43 TexReg 3250).

These rules were initially created in response to legislation enacted in 1997 tasking the department with the creation of geographic information standards by rule in conjunction with the department's administrative responsibilities as a leading member of the Texas Geographic Council [Senate Bill 1 (75th Legislative Session)]. The Council was legislatively disbanded in 2011 [Senate Bill 660 (82nd Legislative Session)], and, in the following legislative sessions, state agency geographic information standards subject matter expertise became more localized in the Texas Water Development Board.

The department and the Texas Water Development Board (board) have determined it is appropriate to transition the geographic information standards rules to the board as it now possesses the necessary subject matter expertise to regulate on this matter. The board has proposed and adopted rules at 31 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 353, Subchapter G, which mirror the geographic information standards of the department.

The changes to this chapter apply to state agencies and institutions of higher education. The department worked closely with the board for a seamless transition of these rules, and the board's adopted rules do not contain substantive changes from those proposed by the department for repeal.

DIR prepared an assessment of the impact of the proposed changes on institutions of higher education resulting from the proposed repeal of this chapter in consultation with the Information Technology Council for Higher Education (ITCHE) in compliance with Texas Government Code § 2054.121(c). After consulting with ITCHE, DIR determined there is no impact to institutions of higher education as a result of the proposed repeal.

Virginia K. Hoelscher, General Counsel, has determined there will be no fiscal impact upon state agencies, institutions of higher education, and local government during the first five years following the proposed repeal of this chapter. The department no longer has the statutory authority or subject matter expertise necessary to regulate geographic information standards; maintaining the rules absent these resources would be costly, ineffective, and duplicate the board-adopted rules. The elimination of unnecessary and duplicative rules reduces bureaucracy and the risk of inconsistencies in duplicative regulations.

There is no economic impact upon rural communities, small businesses, or micro-businesses as a result of enforcing or administering the amended rule as proposed.

For each year of the first five years following the adoption of the newly created Chapter 201, Virginia K. Hoelscher has determined there are no anticipated additional economic costs to persons or small businesses required to comply with the proposed rules.

Pursuant to Texas Government Code § 2001.0221, the department provides the following Governmental Growth Impact Statement for the proposed repeal of Chapter 205. The department has determined the following:

1. The proposed rules neither create nor eliminate a government program.

2. Implementation of the proposed rules does not require the creation or elimination of employee positions.

3. Implementation of the proposed rules does not require an increase or decrease in future legislative appropriations to the agency.

4. The proposed rules do not require an increase or decrease in fees paid to the agency.

5. The proposed rules do not create a new regulation.

6. The proposed rules repeal the existing Chapter 205 consistent with legislative assignment of the geographic information system duties from the department to the board.

7. The proposed repeal reduces the number of individuals subject to the rule's applicability as, upon adoption, the rule will cease to apply to any individual. The proposal does not increase the number of individuals subject to the rule's applicability.

8. The proposal has a potential positive effect upon the state's economy as it no longer requires regular updates to 1 Texas Ad-

ministrative Code Chapter 205 and reduces regulatory duplication between agencies.

Written comments on the proposed rules may be submitted to Christi Koenig Brisky, Assistant General Counsel, P.O. Box 13564, Austin, Texas 78711-3564, or to rules.review@dir.texas.gov. Comments will be accepted for 30 days after publication in the *Texas Register*.

SUBCHAPTER A. DEFINITIONS

1 TAC §§205.1 - 205.3

This repeal is proposed pursuant to Texas Government Code § 2054.052(a), which authorizes the department to adopt rules as necessary to implement its responsibilities under Texas Government Code Chapter 2054, and Texas Government Code § 16.021, which tasks the Texas Water Development Board with oversight of the Geographic Information Office and the accompanying responsibilities.

No other code, article, or statute is affected by this proposal.

§205.1. Definitions for Geographic Information Standards.

§205.2. Institution of Higher Education.

§205.3. State Agency.

The agency certifies that legal counsel has reviewed the proposal and found it to be within the state agency's legal authority to adopt.

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SUBCHAPTER B. STATE AGENCY GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION STANDARDS

1 TAC §205.10

This repeal is proposed pursuant to Texas Government Code § 2054.052(a), which authorizes the department to adopt rules as necessary to implement its responsibilities under Texas Government Code Chapter 2054, and Texas Government Code § 16.021, which tasks the Texas Water Development Board with oversight of the Geographic Information Office and the accompanying responsibilities.

No other code, article, or statute is affected by this proposal.

§205.10. State Agency Geographic Information Standards.

The agency certifies that legal counsel has reviewed the proposal and found it to be within the state agency's legal authority to adopt.

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SUBCHAPTER C. INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION STANDARDS

1 TAC §205.20

This repeal is proposed pursuant to Texas Government Code § 2054.052(a), which authorizes the department to adopt rules as necessary to implement its responsibilities under Texas Government Code Chapter 2054, and Texas Government Code § 16.021, which tasks the Texas Water Development Board with oversight of the Geographic Information Office and the accompanying responsibilities.

No other code, article, or statute is affected by this proposal.

§205.20. Institutions of Higher Education Geographic Information Standards.

The agency certifies that legal counsel has reviewed the proposal and found it to be within the state agency's legal authority to adopt.

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TITLE 13. CULTURAL RESOURCES

PART 7. STATE PRESERVATION BOARD

CHAPTER 111. RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE BOARD

13 TAC §111.27

INTRODUCTION: The State Preservation Board (SPB) proposes the amendment of 13 TAC §111.27(b)(2), concerning General Rules for Use of the Capitol, Capitol Extension, and Capitol Grounds. Section 111.27 is being amended to change the terminology from *"seeing eye" dogs to "service" dogs.*

The SPB proposes the amendment in response to SB 2333, 88 Reg. which changes the language in Texas Government Code §443.018(b) and requires the same change to the Texas Administrative Code.

Fiscal Note: Ms. Megan Sanchez, Chief Financial Officer, has determined for each year of the first five years the proposed repeal is in effect, there will be no adverse fiscal impact to state

or local governments because of this proposal. There will be no measurable effect on local employment or the local economy because of the proposal. Therefore, a local employment impact statement under Government Code §2001.022 is not required.

Public Benefit/Cost Note: Ms. Sanchez has also determined that for each year of the first five years the proposal repeal is in effect, there is no change to public benefit. She has further determined that there will be no economic cost to any member of the public or any other public or private entity.

Government Code §2001.0045 requires a state agency to offset any costs associated with a proposed rule by (1) repealing a rule imposing a total cost that is equal to or greater than that of the proposed rule; or (2) amending a rule to decrease the total costs imposed by an amount that is equal to or greater than the cost of thee proposed rule. As described above, the SPB has determined that the proposed repeal with not impose any cost on anyone, and so §2001.0045 does not apply.

Government Growth Impact Statement: Government Code §2001.0221 requires that a state agency prepare a government growth impact statement that reasonably describes what effects a proposed rule may have during the first five years it is in effect. The SPB has determined that the proposed repeal will not create or eliminate a government program, and will not require an increase or decrease in fees paid to the agency. Implementation of the proposal will not require the creation or elimination of employee positions and will not require an increase or decrease in further legislative appropriations to the agency. The proposal does repeal an existing procedural rule regarding voluntary conduct, but it does not create a new prescriptive or proscriptive regulation, or expand, limit, or repeal such a regulation. Though the public's ability to seek to display exhibits in the Capitol through this program will be eliminated, the regulation was not prescriptive. Thus, the number of individuals whose conduct is subject to the rule's applicability is neither increased nor decreased by the proposal, and the proposal has no impact on the state's economy.

Economic Impact Statement and Regulatory Flexibility Analysis: The SPB has determined the proposed rule amendment will not have an economic effect on small businesses, micro businesses, or rural communities. Therefore, an economic impact statement and regulatory flexibility analysis are not required under Government Code §2006.002(c).

Takings impact assessment: The SPB has determined that this proposal affects no private real property interests and does not restrict or limit an owner's right to property that would exist in the absence of government action and, therefore, does not constitute a taking or require a takings impact assessment under Government Code §2007.043.

Request for Public Comment: To comment on the proposal, submit written comments by 5:00 p.m. (Central) on December 12, 2026 to . Please add the words Rule Comments in the subject line. A request for public hearing must be in writing and sent separately from any written comments. Send these requests to .

Statutory Authority: This action is requested under Texas Government Code §443.007(b), which authorizes the SPB to adopt rules concerning certain buildings, their contents, and their grounds.

The proposed amendment affects no other code, article, or statute.

§111.27. General Rules for Use of the Capitol, Capitol Extension, and Capitol Grounds.

(a) Visitors and persons using the Capitol, Capitol extension, or Capitol grounds for any purpose are prohibited from:

(1) attaching signs, banners, or other displays to a part of the Capitol or to a structure, including a fence, on the grounds of the Capitol except as approved by the board;

(2) placing furniture in the Capitol or on the grounds of the Capitol for a period that exceeds 24 hours except as approved by the board;

(3) setting up or placing camping equipment, shelter, tents, or related materials in the Capitol or on the grounds of the Capitol except as approved by the board for special events;

(4) blocking ingress and egress:

(A) into the Capitol; or

(B) into rooms or hallways within the Capitol, except as approved by the board;

(5) conducting actions that pose a risk to safety;

(6) smoking in the public areas of the Capitol and Capitol extension;

(7) bringing balloons into the Capitol or Capitol extension; and

(8) riding, leading, placing or displaying livestock, including but not limited to equine and bovine animals, except as approved by the board as part of a scheduled event, or as needed for security purposes.

(b) Visitors and persons using the Capitol, Capitol extension, or Capitol grounds for any purposes shall be required to:

(1) leave the Capitol when the building is closed to the public; and

(2) restrain pets at all times on a leash or similar device in the immediate control of the owner while on the grounds of the Capitol, except as approved by the board. All pets except service [~~Seeing Eye~~] dogs are not permitted in the Capitol.

(c) The board may require and collect a standardized fee from a person or entity that uses the Capitol, the Capitol extension, or the grounds of the Capitol for an event, exhibit, or other scheduled activity. The fee is in an amount set by the board designed to recover the estimated direct and indirect costs to the state of the event, exhibit or activity, including the costs of labor, materials, and utilities directly or indirectly attributable to the event, exhibit, or activity. The office of the State Preservation Board shall set the amounts of fees required under this section in a uniform and nondiscriminatory manner for similar events, exhibits, or other scheduled activities.

(d) Except as provided by this subsection, the sale or consumption of alcoholic beverages, the possession of an open container of an alcoholic beverage, or the gift of an alcoholic beverage in an open container or for on-premises consumption is prohibited in the Capitol, in the Capitol extension, and on the Capitol grounds. This prohibition does not apply to:

(1) areas not under the control of the board, including offices, reception areas, and similar areas under the control of the legislature, a legislative agency, the governor, or another state officer; or

(2) events of significant importance to the history of the Capitol that are conducted in areas under the control of the board and for which the office of the State Preservation Board has approved con-

sumption of alcoholic beverages in response to a written request from the sponsor of the event that documents the importance of the event to the history of the Capitol.

(e) The buildings and grounds under the authority of the board shall not be used for the commercial benefit of any individual, business, corporation, special interest group or other entity.

(f) For the safety of the public, skateboarding, roller skating, roller blading, and related activities are prohibited in the building, garages, and grounds under the authority of the State Preservation Board.

(g) TV satellite trucks may not park on the Capitol drive. TV transmission cables may not be brought into the Capitol or Capitol extension.

The agency certifies that legal counsel has reviewed the proposal and found it to be within the state agency's legal authority to adopt.

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TITLE 19. EDUCATION

PART 2. TEXAS EDUCATION AGENCY

CHAPTER 61. SCHOOL DISTRICTS
SUBCHAPTER JJ. COMMISSIONER'S RULES CONCERNING AUTOMATIC COLLEGE ADMISSION

19 TAC §61.1201

The Texas Education Agency (TEA) proposes the repeal of §61.1201, concerning notification of automatic college admission and curriculum requirements for financial aid. The proposed repeal would relocate the requirements to proposed new 19 TAC §78.3001. The proposed new rule would include updates related to class valedictorians and automatic college admission.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND JUSTIFICATION: Section 61.1201 establishes procedures for written notifications related to eligibility for automatic college admission to students and their parents. The proposed repeal of §61.1201 would move the requirements to proposed new §78.3001. The relocation is necessary due to a comprehensive reorganization of 19 TAC Chapter 61.

Proposed new §78.3001 would be updated to include provisions of TEC, §51.803(d-1), relating to class valedictorians and their eligibility for automatic college admission.

FISCAL IMPACT: Shannon Trejo, deputy commissioner of school programs, has determined that for the first five-year period the proposal is in effect, there are no additional costs to state or local government, including school districts and open-enrollment charter schools, required to comply with the proposal.

LOCAL EMPLOYMENT IMPACT: The proposal has no effect on local economy; therefore, no local employment impact statement is required under Texas Government Code, §2001.022.

SMALL BUSINESS, MICROBUSINESS, AND RURAL COMMUNITY IMPACT: The proposal has no direct adverse economic impact for small businesses, microbusinesses, or rural communities; therefore, no regulatory flexibility analysis, specified in Texas Government Code, §2006.002, is required.

COST INCREASE TO REGULATED PERSONS: The proposal does not impose a cost on regulated persons, another state agency, a special district, or a local government and, therefore, is not subject to Texas Government Code, §2001.0045.

TAKINGS IMPACT ASSESSMENT: The proposal does not impose a burden on private real property and, therefore, does not constitute a taking under Texas Government Code, §2007.043.

GOVERNMENT GROWTH IMPACT: TEA staff prepared a Government Growth Impact Statement assessment for this proposed rulemaking. During the first five years the proposed rulemaking would be in effect, it would repeal an existing regulation to relocate the requirements to a new chapter.

The proposed rulemaking would not create or eliminate a government program; would not require the creation of new employee positions or elimination of existing employee positions; would not require an increase or decrease in future legislative appropriations to the agency; would not require an increase or decrease in fees paid to the agency; would not create a new regulation; would not expand or limit an existing regulation; would not increase or decrease the number of individuals subject to its applicability; and would not positively or adversely affect the state's economy.

PUBLIC BENEFIT AND COST TO PERSONS: Dr. Trejo has determined that for each year of the first five years the proposal is in effect, the public benefit anticipated as a result of enforcing the proposal would be to allow for TEA rules to be reorganized.

DATA AND REPORTING IMPACT: The proposal has no data or reporting impact.

PRINCIPAL AND CLASSROOM TEACHER PAPERWORK REQUIREMENTS: TEA has determined that the proposal would not require a written report or other paperwork to be completed by a principal or classroom teacher.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: TEA requests public comments on the proposal, including, per Texas Government Code, §2001.024(a)(8), information related to the cost, benefit, or effect of the proposed rule and any applicable data, research, or analysis, from any person required to comply with the proposed rule or any other interested person. The public comment period on the proposal begins November 13, 2026, and ends December 14, 2026. A request for a public hearing on the proposal submitted under the Administrative Procedure Act must be received by the commissioner of education not more than 14 calendar days after notice of the proposal has been published in the *Texas Register* on November 13, 2026. A form for submitting public comments is available on the TEA website at https://tea.texas.gov/laws-and-rules/commissioner-rules-tac/proposed-commissioner-education-rules.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY. The repeal is proposed under Texas Education Code (TEC), §28.026, which requires school districts and open-enrollment charter schools to provide each district or school student, at the time the student first registers for one or more classes required for high school graduation, with a written notification, including a detailed explanation in plain language, of the substance of TEC, §51.803, concerning automatic admissions; the curriculum requirements for financial aid authorized under TEC, Title 3; and the benefits of completing the requirements for automatic admission and financial aid. The commissioner is required to adopt forms to use in providing notice of eligibility for automatic admission to eligible junior and senior high school students.

CROSS REFERENCE TO STATUTE. The repeal implements Texas Education Code, §28.026.

§61.1201. Notification of Automatic College Admission and Curriculum Requirements for Financial Aid.

The agency certifies that legal counsel has reviewed the proposal and found it to be within the state agency's legal authority to adopt.

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CHAPTER 78. COUNSELING, ADVISING, AND STUDENT SUPPORT

SUBCHAPTER CC. COMMISSIONER'S RULES CONCERNING AUTOMATIC COLLEGE ADMISSION

19 TAC §78.3001

The Texas Education Agency (TEA) proposes new §78.3001, concerning notification of automatic college admission and curriculum requirements for financial aid. The proposed new section would relocate existing requirements from 19 TAC §61.1201, Notification of Automatic College Admission and Curriculum Requirements for Financial Aid. The new section would update language to include the provisions of Texas Education Code (TEC), §51.803(d-1), relating to class valedictorians and automatic college admission. The figures adopted in the new section would reflect the valedictorian admission requirement and updates to the eligibility criteria for state financial aid and the percentage of eligible high school students expected to be offered admission to The University of Texas at Austin.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND JUSTIFICATION: Current 19 TAC §61.1201 establishes procedures for written notifications related to eligibility for automatic college admission to students and their parents. Proposed new §78.3001 would move existing language from §61.1201.

TEC, §51.803(d-1), requires institutions of higher education to admit an applicant for admission as an undergraduate student if the student graduated as valedictorian of the student's high school graduating class in one of the two school years preceding the academic year for which the student is applying to the institution. Proposed new §78.3001 would update language to include the provisions of TEC, §51.803(d-1), relating to class valedictorians and automatic college admission.

The proposed new rule would also adopt updated figures. The figure in §78.3001(a)(1) would reflect revisions to criteria for certain types of state financial aid. The figure in §78.3001(b)(1) would reflect the valedictorian automatic admission requirement and the current percentage of eligible high school students who are expected to be offered automatic college admission from The University of Texas at Austin.

FISCAL IMPACT: Shannon Trejo, deputy commissioner of school programs, has determined that for the first five-year period the proposal is in effect, there are no additional costs to state or local government, including school districts and open-enrollment charter schools, required to comply with the proposal.

LOCAL EMPLOYMENT IMPACT: The proposal has no effect on local economy; therefore, no local employment impact statement is required under Texas Government Code, §2001.022.

SMALL BUSINESS, MICROBUSINESS, AND RURAL COMMUNITY IMPACT: The proposal has no direct adverse economic impact for small businesses, microbusinesses, or rural communities; therefore, no regulatory flexibility analysis, specified in Texas Government Code, §2006.002, is required.

COST INCREASE TO REGULATED PERSONS: The proposal does not impose a cost on regulated persons, another state agency, a special district, or a local government and, therefore, is not subject to Texas Government Code, §2001.0045.

TAKINGS IMPACT ASSESSMENT: The proposal does not impose a burden on private real property and, therefore, does not constitute a taking under Texas Government Code, §2007.043.

GOVERNMENT GROWTH IMPACT: TEA staff prepared a Government Growth Impact Statement assessment for this proposed rulemaking. During the first five years the proposed rulemaking would be in effect, it would create a new regulation to relocate existing requirements. The proposed new rule would update language related to class valedictorians and automatic college admission.

The proposed rulemaking would not create or eliminate a government program; would not require the creation of new employee positions or elimination of existing employee positions; would not require an increase or decrease in future legislative appropriations to the agency; would not require an increase or decrease in fees paid to the agency; would not expand, limit, or repeal an existing regulation; would not increase or decrease the number of individuals subject to its applicability; and would not positively or adversely affect the state's economy.

PUBLIC BENEFIT AND COST TO PERSONS: Dr. Trejo has determined that for each year of the first five years the proposal is in effect, the public benefit anticipated as a result of enforcing the proposal would be to ensure school districts and open-enrollment charter schools consistently notify students of the substance of the automatic college admission policy and curriculum requirements for financial aid. There is no anticipated economic cost to persons who are required to comply with the proposal.

DATA AND REPORTING IMPACT: The proposal would have no data or reporting impact.

PRINCIPAL AND CLASSROOM TEACHER PAPERWORK REQUIREMENTS: TEA has determined that the proposal would not require a written report or other paperwork to be completed by a principal or classroom teacher.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: TEA requests public comments on the proposal, including, per Texas Government Code, §2001.024(a)(8), information related to the cost, benefit, or effect of the proposed rule and any applicable data, research, or analysis, from any person required to comply with the proposed rule or any other interested person. The public comment period on the proposal begins November 13, 2026, and ends December 14, 2026. A request for a public hearing on the proposal submitted under the Administrative Procedure Act must be received by the commissioner of education not more than 14 calendar days after notice of the proposal has been published in the *Texas Register* on November 13, 2026. A form for submitting public comments is available on the TEA website at https://tea.texas.gov/laws-and-rules/commissioner-rules-tac/proposed-commissioner-education-rules.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY. The new section is proposed under Texas Education Code (TEC), §28.026, which requires school districts and open-enrollment charter schools to provide each district or school student, at the time the student first registers for one or more classes required for high school graduation, with a written notification, including a detailed explanation in plain language, of the substance of TEC, §51.803, concerning automatic admissions; the curriculum requirements for financial aid authorized under TEC, Title 3; and the benefits of completing the requirements for automatic admission and financial aid. The commissioner is required to adopt forms to use in providing notice of eligibility for automatic admission to eligible junior and senior high school students; and TEC, §51.803(d-1), which requires each general academic teaching institution to admit an applicant for admission as an undergraduate student if the applicant graduated as the valedictorian of the student's high school graduating class in one of the two school years preceding the academic year for which the student is applying for admission.

CROSS REFERENCE TO STATUTE. The new section implements Texas Education Code, §28.026 and §51.803(d-1).

§78.3001. Notification of Automatic College Admission and Curriculum Requirements for Financial Aid.

(a) In accordance with Texas Education Code (TEC), §28.026, a school district or an open-enrollment charter school shall provide each student, at the time the student first registers for one or more classes required for high school graduation, with a written notification of the substance of TEC, §51.803, concerning automatic college admission; the curriculum requirements for financial aid under TEC, Title 3; and the benefits of completing the requirements for automatic admission and financial aid.

(1) The notification form to be used by school districts and open-enrollment charter schools, entitled "Explanation of Automatic College Admission and Curriculum Requirements for Financial Aid for High School Students," is provided in this paragraph.
Figure: 19 TAC §78.3001(a)(1)

(2) A school district or an open-enrollment charter school shall obtain written acknowledgement of receipt of the notification from each student and the student's parent or guardian.

(3) The notification form under paragraph (1) of this subsection must be signed by the student's school counselor in addition to being signed by the student and the student's parent or guardian.

(b) Not later than the 14th day after the last day of classes for the fall semester or an equivalent date in the case of a school operated on a year-round system, a school district or an open-enrollment charter school shall provide each senior student eligible under TEC, §51.803; each student enrolled in the junior year of high school who has a grade point average in the top 10% of the student's high school class; and the student's parent or guardian with a written notification of the student's eligibility for automatic college admission. The written notification shall provide a detailed explanation in plain language of the substance of TEC, §51.803, using the form developed by the Texas Education Agency.

(1) The notification form to be used by school districts and open-enrollment charter schools, entitled "Notification of Eligibility for Automatic College Admission," is provided in this paragraph.
Figure: 19 TAC §78.3001(b)(1)

(2) A school district or an open-enrollment charter school shall obtain written acknowledgement of receipt of the notification from each eligible student and the student's parent or guardian.

(c) The University of Texas at Austin may limit automatic admission to 75% of the university's enrollment capacity designated for first-time resident undergraduate students. In accordance with TEC, §51.803(a-2), the university must provide annual notice no later than September 15 of which percentile ranks of high school senior-level students who qualify for automatic admission are anticipated by the institution to be offered admission during the next school year.

(d) A school district or an open-enrollment charter school shall consider a student who graduates valedictorian in his or her class as eligible for automatic college admission no matter how many students are graduating in the class.

The agency certifies that legal counsel has reviewed the proposal and found it to be within the state agency's legal authority to adopt.

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TITLE 22. EXAMINING BOARDS

PART 41. TEXAS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

CHAPTER 884. COMPLAINTS AND ENFORCEMENT

SUBCHAPTER B. INVESTIGATIONS AND DISPOSITION OF COMPLAINTS

22 TAC §884.13

The Texas Behavioral Health Executive Council proposes new rule §884.13, relating to Procedures Regarding Complaints Filed Against Council or Boards Members.

Overview and Explanation of the Proposed Rule. The new rule describes the procedures Council staff will follow if a complaint is filed against a Council or Board member.

Fiscal Note. Darrel D. Spinks, Executive Director of the Executive Council, has determined that for the first five-year period the proposed rule is in effect, there will be no additional estimated cost, reduction in costs, or loss or increase in revenue to the state or local governments as a result of enforcing or administering the rule. Additionally, Mr. Spinks has determined that enforcing or administering the rule does not have foreseeable implications relating to the costs or revenues of state or local government.

Public Benefit. Mr. Spinks has determined for the first five-year period the proposed rule is in effect there will be a benefit to applicants, licensees, and the general public because the proposed rule will provide greater clarity, consistency, and efficiency in the Executive Council's rules. Mr. Spinks has also determined that for each year of the first five years the rule is in effect, the public benefit anticipated as a result of enforcing the rule will be to help the Executive Council protect the public.

Probable Economic Costs. Mr. Spinks has determined for the first five-year period the proposed rule is in effect, there will be no additional economic costs to persons required to comply with this rule.

Small Business, Micro-Business, and Rural Community Impact Statement. Mr. Spinks has determined for the first five-year period the proposed rule is in effect, there will be no adverse effect on small businesses, micro-businesses, or rural communities.

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis for Small and Micro-Businesses and Rural Communities. Mr. Spinks has determined that the proposed rule will have no adverse economic effect on small businesses, micro-businesses, or rural communities. Thus, the Executive Council is not required to prepare a regulatory flexibility analysis pursuant to §2006.002 of the Tex. Gov't Code.

Local Employment Impact Statement. Mr. Spinks has determined that the proposed rule will have no impact on local employment or a local economy. Thus, the Executive Council is not required to prepare a local employment impact statement pursuant to §2001.022 of the Tex. Gov't Code.

Requirement for Rules Increasing Costs to Regulated Persons. The proposed rule does not impose any new or additional costs to regulated persons, state agencies, special districts, or local governments; therefore, pursuant to §2001.0045 of the Tex. Gov't Code, no repeal or amendment of another rule is required to offset any increased costs. Additionally, no repeal or amendment of another rule is required because the proposed rule is necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of this state and because regulatory costs imposed by the Executive Council on licensees is not expected to increase.

Government Growth Impact Statement. For the first five-year period the proposed rule is in effect, the Executive Council estimates that the proposed rule will have no effect on government growth. The proposed rule does not create or eliminate a government program; it does not require the creation or elimination of employee positions; it does not require the increase or decrease in future legislative appropriations to this agency; it does not require an increase or decrease in fees paid to the agency; it does not create a new regulation; it does not expand an existing regulation; it does not increase or decrease the number of individuals subject to the rule's applicability; and it does not positively or adversely affect the state's economy.

Takings Impact Assessment. Mr. Spinks has determined that there are no private real property interests affected by the proposed rule. Thus, the Executive Council is not required to prepare a takings impact assessment pursuant to §2007.043 of the Tex. Gov't Code.

REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS. Comments on the proposed rule may be submitted by mail to Brenda Skiff, Staff Services Officer, Texas Behavioral Health Executive Council, 1801 Congress Ave., Ste. 7.300, Austin, Texas 78701 or via https://www.bhec.texas.gov/proposed-rule-changes-and-the-rulemaking-process/index.html. The deadline for receipt of comments is 5:00 p.m., Central Time, December 13, 2026, which is at least 30 days from the date of publication of this proposal in the *Texas Register.*

Applicable Legislation. This rule is proposed pursuant to the specific legal authority granted to the Executive Council by H.B. 1501, 86th Leg., R.S. (2019).

Statutory Authority. The rule is proposed under Tex. Occ. Code, Title 3, Subtitle I, Chapter 507, which provides the Texas Behavioral Health Executive Council with the authority to make all rules, not inconsistent with the Constitution and Laws of this State, which are reasonably necessary for the proper performance of its duties and regulations of proceedings before it.

Additionally, the Executive Council proposes this rule pursuant to the authority found in §507.152 of the Tex. Occ. Code which vests the Executive Council with the authority to adopt rules necessary to perform its duties and implement Chapter 507 of the Tex. Occ. Code.

The Executive Council also proposes this rule under the authority found in §2001.004 of the Tex. Gov't Code which requires state agencies to adopt rules of practice stating the nature and requirements of all available formal and informal procedures.

No other code, articles or statutes are affected by this section.

§884.13. Procedures Regarding Complaints Filed Against Council or Board Members.

(a) Applicability.

(1) This rule applies to any complaint filed against an individual serving as a member of the Council or one of its member boards at the time the complaint is received for which the Council has jurisdiction. For the purposes of this rule this individual will be referred to as Respondent.

(2) Except as otherwise provided in this rule, such complaints shall be processed in accordance with the procedures set forth in Texas Administrative Code, Title 22, Part 41, Chapter 884.

(b) Notification and Administrative Oversight.

(1) The Executive Director shall be notified immediately upon receipt of a complaint against a Respondent.

(2) The Executive Director shall determine whether the complaint falls within the jurisdiction of the Council.

(3) If the complaint falls within the jurisdiction of the Council, the Executive Director shall designate the staff responsible for screening, investigating, and, if necessary, prosecuting the complaint.

(4) The Executive Director may structure staff involvement in a manner deemed necessary to preserve the fairness, integrity, and impartiality of the disciplinary process.

(c) Assistance from the Office of the Attorney General.

(1) The Executive Director may request the assignment of an Assistant Attorney General to investigate or prosecute a complaint if the Executive Director determines that such assignment is necessary to:

(A) address reasonable, good-faith concerns regarding impartiality;

(B) maintain public confidence in the fairness and integrity of the disciplinary process; or

(C) address circumstances involving heightened sensitivity, complexity, or institutional implications.

(2) The decision to request such assignment is within the discretion of the Executive Director; however, the Executive Director shall request the assignment of an Assistant Attorney General if directed to do so by the Council Chair.

(d) Role of the Assigned Prosecuting Attorney.

(1) If an Assistant Attorney General is assigned, the Assistant Attorney General shall serve as prosecuting attorney and shall exercise independent prosecutorial judgment consistent with law.

(2) The Executive Director shall designate a staff member to serve as liaison for coordination and transmission of information.

(e) Informal Settlement Conference. If an informal settlement conference is conducted, it shall be conducted before a panel of three Council members appointed by the Council Chair. A majority of the panel members must be public members.

(f) Recusal.

(1) The Respondent shall not participate, in the Respondent's official capacity as a Council or Board member, in the investigation, informal settlement conference, settlement discussions, deliberations, or voting related to the complaint. Nothing in this subsection prohibits the Respondent from participating in the matter as a respondent, including submitting a response, presenting evidence, attending an informal settlement conference, or otherwise exercising rights afforded by law.

(2) Upon receiving notice of the complaint, the Respondent must recuse from service on any committee, temporary suspension panel, disciplinary review panel, or from serving as a delegate or representative of the agency with another agency or workgroup while a complaint is pending.

(g) Authority to Remove Council Member. The Council may impose any sanction authorized by law, including removal of the Respondent from service on any committee, temporary suspension panel, disciplinary review panel, or from serving as a delegate or representative of the agency with another agency or workgroup. A Respondent may not be reappointed to a role if removed by a disciplinary order.

The agency certifies that legal counsel has reviewed the proposal and found it to be within the state agency's legal authority to adopt.

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TITLE 43. TRANSPORTATION

PART 1. TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

CHAPTER 15. FINANCING AND CONSTRUCTION OF TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS

SUBCHAPTER J. DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

43 TAC §§15.120 - 15.122

The Texas Department of Transportation (department) proposes the repeal of §§15.120 - 15.122, Subchapter J, Design Considerations, and new §§15.120 - 15.127, Subchapter J, Design Considerations for Certain Transportation Projects.

EXPLANATION OF PROPOSED REPEAL AND NEW SECTIONS

During the Texas Regulatory Efficiency Office (TREO) Regulatory Efficiency Review of the department's rules, the department suggested that the rules in Chapter 15, Subchapter J, Design Considerations (§§15.120 - 15.122) needed to be updated. This rulemaking revises the rules in that subchapter for clarification and accuracy.

Sections 15.120, Purpose, 15.121, Definitions, and 15.122, Design Considerations, are repealed.

New §15.120, Purpose, states the purpose of the subchapter.

New §15.121, Definitions, provides the definitions used in the subchapter.

New §15.122, Safety, provides that safety will be considered throughout the project development process.

New §15.123, Durability and Economy of Maintenance, provides that product selection will consider quality and other economic considerations to ensure reasonable upkeep and extended life of all projects.

New §15.124, Environment, Aesthetic Character of the Area, Preservation, and Effects on Local Communities, provides that impacts on conservation and the local community will be considered on all projects.

New §15.125, Other Modes of Transportation, provides that all projects will consider all modes of transportation and incorporate interconnections between different modes of transportation when appropriate.

New §15.126, Aesthetic Character of Project, provides that a project's aesthetic and community input will be a factor in all projects except for certain rehabilitation, restoration, and resurfacing projects.

New §15.127, Action by Other Governmental Entities, provides that the department may utilize any political subdivision or entity having jurisdiction to plan and design a transportation project.

FISCAL NOTE

Stephen Stewart, Chief Financial Officer, has determined, in accordance with Government Code, §2001.024(a)(4), that for each of the first five years in which the proposed rules are in effect, there will be no fiscal implications for state or local governments as a result of the department's or commission's enforcing or administering the proposed rules.

LOCAL EMPLOYMENT IMPACT STATEMENT

Mr. Jason Pike, Design Division Director, has determined that there will be no significant impact on local economies or overall employment as a result of enforcing or administering the proposed rules and therefore, a local employment impact statement is not required under Government Code, §2001.022.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

Mr. Pike has determined, as required by Government Code, §2001.024(a)(5), that for each year of the first five years in which the proposed rules are in effect, the public benefit anticipated as a result of enforcing or administering the rules will be the enhanced consistency with legislative changes to the Transportation Code and greater flexibility to update or modify the rules with future department policy and operations.

COSTS ON REGULATED PERSONS

Mr. Pike has determined, as required by Government Code, §2001.024(a)(5), that for each year of that period there are no anticipated economic costs for persons, including a state agency, special district, or local government, required to comply with the proposed rules and therefore, Government Code, §2001.0045, does not apply to this rulemaking.

ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT AND REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY ANALYSIS

There will be no adverse economic effect on small businesses, micro-businesses, or rural communities, as defined by Government Code, §2006.001, and therefore, an economic impact statement and regulatory flexibility analysis are not required under Government Code, §2006.002.

GOVERNMENT GROWTH IMPACT STATEMENT

Mr. Pike has considered the requirements of Government Code, §2001.0221 and anticipates that the proposed rules will have no effect on government growth. He expects that during the first five years that the rule would be in effect:

(1) it would not create or eliminate a government program;

(2) its implementation would not require the creation of new employee positions or the elimination of existing employee positions;

(3) its implementation would not require an increase or decrease in future legislative appropriations to the agency;

(4) it would not require an increase or decrease in fees paid to the agency;

(5) it would not create a new regulation;

(6) it would not expand, limit, or repeal an existing regulation;

(7) it would not increase or decrease the number of individuals subject to its applicability; and

(8) it would not positively or adversely affect this state's economy.

TAKINGS IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Mr. Pike has determined that a written takings impact assessment is not required under Government Code, §2007.043.

SUBMITTAL OF INFORMATION AND COMMENTS

Any person that is required to comply with the proposed rule or any other interested person may provide information related to the cost, benefit, or effect of the proposed rule, including any applicable data, research, or analysis, or may submit written comments on the repeal of §§15.120 - 15.122 and the proposed new §§15.120 - 15.127. The information or comments must be submitted to Rule Comments, General Counsel Division, Texas Department of Transportation, 125 East 11th Street, Austin, Texas 78701-2483 or to RuleComments@txdot.gov with the subject line "Design Consideration Rules." The deadline for receipt of the information or comments is 5:00 p.m. on December 14, 2026. In accordance with Transportation Code, §201.811(a)(5), a person who makes a submission must disclose, in writing with the submission, whether the person does business with the department, may benefit monetarily from the proposed amendments, or is an employee of the department.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY

The repeals are proposed under Transportation Code, §201.101, which provides the Texas Transportation Commission (commission) with the authority to establish rules for the conduct of the work of the department, and more specifically, Transportation Code, §201.615, Design Considerations, which requires the commission to adopt rules to implement that section.

CROSS REFERENCE TO STATUTES IMPLEMENTED BY THIS RULEMAKING

Transportation Code, §201.615.

§15.120. Purpose.

§15.121. Definitions.

§15.122. Design Considerations.

The agency certifies that legal counsel has reviewed the proposal and found it to be within the state agency's legal authority to adopt.

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43 TAC §§15.120 - 15.127

STATUTORY AUTHORITY

The new sections are proposed under Transportation Code, §201.101, which provides the Texas Transportation Commission (commission) with the authority to establish rules for the conduct of the work of the department, and more specifically, Transportation Code, §201.615, Design Considerations, which requires the commission to adopt rules to implement that section.

CROSS REFERENCE TO STATUTES IMPLEMENTED BY THIS RULEMAKING

Transportation Code, §201.615.

§15.120. Purpose.

This subchapter describes how the design factors described by Transportation Code, §201.615, will be considered during the development of transportation projects in which the department has design and construction or funding responsibilities.

§15.121. Definitions.

The following words and terms, when used in this subchapter, shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

(1) Department--The Texas Department of Transportation.

(2) Transportation project--The planning, development, design and construction work necessary to construct, reconstruct, rehabilitate, restore, or resurface a highway or public road that the department has the responsibility to finance or undertake. The term includes improvements to a bridge, toll road, transit facility, high occupancy vehicle lane, or other facility necessary for an integrated transportation system. The term does not include a maintenance resurfacing project.

§15.122. Safety.

Safety is integral to the proper engineering of each transportation project and will be considered throughout the project development process. Each transportation project will be evaluated, and appropriate engineering studies and design guidelines will be used with sound engineering judgment to accomplish the purpose of that project.

§15.123. Durability and Economy of Maintenance.

(a) Durability and economy of maintenance will be incorporated into the development of each transportation project to provide the most cost-effective and reliable products available through engineering study and evaluation.

(b) Final selection of products used for a project will be based on accepted design practices, specifications, availability of products, testing, and construction industry standards. The appropriate combination of products in each project will provide a project with a reasonably long life and will require reasonable upkeep to preserve its originally intended service life.

§15.124. Environment, Aesthetic Character of the Area, Preservation, and Effects on Local Communities.

The factors listed Transportation Code, §201.615(a)(4) are considered in the environmental review and public involvement process prescribed in Chapter 2, Subchapter C of this title (relating to Environmental Review and Public Involvement for Transportation Projects), which is an integral part of the development of each project.

§15.125. Other Modes of Transportation.

In planning a transportation project, access for other modes of transportation will be considered and, if appropriate, project plans will contain interconnections with other transportation facilities, including bicycle transportation facilities, pedestrian walkways, and trails.

§15.126. Aesthetic Character of Project.

(a) Except for transportation projects that involve the rehabilitation, restoration, or resurfacing of a bridge or highway, the aesthetic character of the project will be considered during the project development process by developing plans and projects that contain appropriate aesthetic enhancements to the transportation facilities.

(b) Input from each affected local community will be gathered as part of the public involvement process prescribed in Chapter 2, Subchapter C of this title (relating to Environmental Review and Public Involvement for Transportation Projects).

§15.127. Action by Other Governmental Entities.

In its consideration of the factors set out by this section, the department may act through one of its district, a metropolitan planning organization, or a county, city, special district, or other political subdivision of this state that has the authority to plan and design a highway or roadway project.

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CHAPTER 25. TRAFFIC OPERATIONS
SUBCHAPTER N. MEMORIAL SIGN PROGRAM FOR VICTIMS OF IMPAIRED DRIVING AND MOTORCYCLE CRASHES

43 TAC §25.953, §25.955

The Texas Department of Transportation (department) proposes the amendments to §25.953 and §25.955 regarding the Memorial Sign Program for Victims of Impaired Driving and Motorcycle Crashes.

EXPLANATION OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

Texas Transportation Code, §201.911, provides for a memorial sign program for victims of motorcycle crashes. This section was amended in the 2025 legislative session to (1) exclude program participation from a motorcycle operator who was under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance at the time of the crash and (2) modify the sign design by replacing the red cross with a motorcyclist safety message chosen by the applicant from options to be determined by rule by the Texas Transportation Commission.

The proposed rule amendments implement these changes required by §201.911. Additional non-substantive revisions improve organization and clarity.

Amendments to §25.953, Determination of Program Eligibility, provide that a motorcycle operator who was under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance at the time of the crash is not eligible for a memorial sign under the program. The amendments also restructure the section. The substance of existing subsection (d) is moved into subsection (a). The substance of existing subsection (e) is moved into subsection (b). In addition to the substantive change, "victim" is changed to "person" in subsection (c) to align with the definition of "victim" in Transportation Code, §201.911.

Amendments to §25.955, Sign Description, provide the safety messages from which the applicant will choose for the signs. The amendments also restructure the section by breaking a compound sentence into two additional subsections and redesignating the various divisions accordingly.

FISCAL NOTE

Stephen Stewart, Chief Financial Officer, has determined, in accordance with Government Code, §2001.024(a)(4), that for each of the first five years in which the proposed rules are in effect, there will be no fiscal implications for state or local governments as a result of the department's or commission's enforcing or administering the proposed rules.

LOCAL EMPLOYMENT IMPACT STATEMENT

George Villarreal, Director, Traffic Safety Division, has determined that there will be no significant impact on local economies or overall employment as a result of enforcing or administering the proposed rules and therefore, a local employment impact statement is not required under Government Code, §2001.022.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

Mr. Villarreal has determined, as required by Government Code, §2001.024(a)(5), that for each year of the first five years in which the proposed rules are in effect, the public benefit anticipated as a result of enforcing or administering the rules will be standardizing the appearance of motorcycle memorial signs, encouraging traffic and motorcycle safety, and ensuring that recipients of a memorial sign were not under the influence of alcohol or controlled substances at the time of the collision.

COSTS ON REGULATED PERSONS

Mr. Villarreal has also determined, as required by Government Code, §2001.024(a)(5), that for each year of that period there are no anticipated economic costs for persons, including a state agency, special district, or local government, required to comply with the proposed rules and therefore, Government Code, §2001.0045, does not apply to this rulemaking.

ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT AND REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY ANALYSIS

There will be no adverse economic effect on small businesses, micro-businesses, or rural communities, as defined by Government Code, §2006.001, and therefore, an economic impact statement and regulatory flexibility analysis are not required under Government Code, §2006.002.

GOVERNMENT GROWTH IMPACT STATEMENT

Mr. Villarreal has considered the requirements of Government Code, §2001.0221 and anticipates that the proposed rules will have no effect on government growth. He expects that during the first five years that the rule would be in effect:

(1) it would not create or eliminate a government program;

(2) its implementation would not require the creation of new employee positions or the elimination of existing employee positions;

(3) its implementation would not require an increase or decrease in future legislative appropriations to the agency;

(4) it would not require an increase or decrease in fees paid to the agency;

(5) it would not create a new regulation;

(6) it would not expand, limit, or repeal an existing regulation;

(7) it would not increase or decrease the number of individuals subject to its applicability; and

(8) it would not positively or adversely affect this state's economy.

TAKINGS IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Mr. Villarreal has determined that a written takings impact assessment is not required under Government Code, §2007.043

SUBMITTAL OF INFORMATION AND COMMENTS

Any person that is required to comply with the proposed rule or any other interested person may provide information related to the cost, benefit, or effect of the proposed rule, including any applicable data, research, or analysis, or may submit written comments on the amendments to §25.953 and §25.955. The information or comments must be submitted to Rule Comments, General Counsel Division, Texas Department of Transportation, 125 East 11th Street, Austin, Texas 78701-2483 or to RuleComments@txdot.gov with the subject line "*Motorcycle Memorial Sign Program Eligibility*." The deadline for receipt of the information or comments is 5:00 p.m. on December 14, 2026. In accordance with Transportation Code, §201.811(a)(5), a person who makes a submission must disclose, in writing with the submission, whether the person does business with the department, may benefit monetarily from the proposed amendments, or is an employee of the department.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY

The amendments are proposed under Transportation Code, §201.101, which provides the Texas Transportation Commission (commission) with the authority to establish rules for the conduct of the work of the department, and more specifically, Transportation Code, §201.909, which requires commission to adopt rules for a memorial sign for a victim of an alcohol or controlled substance related vehicle crash and §201.911, which requires the commission to adopt rules for the memorial sign program for motorcyclists.

The authority for the proposed amendments is provided by H.B. 3642, 89th Regular Session 2025. The primary author and the primary sponsor of that bill are: Representative Cole Hefner and Senator Bryan Hughes, respectively.

CROSS REFERENCE TO STATUTES IMPLEMENTED BY THIS RULEMAKING

Transportation Code, §201.909 and §201.911.

§25.953. Determination of Program Eligibility.

(a) The officer's accident report for the crash will be used by the department to determine eligibility for a memorial sign. To be eligible for a sign, the officer's accident report must indicate that the crash occurred on the state highway system.

(b) If the application is for a memorial sign for a victim of an alcohol or controlled substance related vehicle crash and the officer's accident report does not indicate that the driver of one of the vehicles was impaired or that the use of alcohol or a controlled substance was a factor or condition of the accident, the department will review other governmental records provided by the applicant to determine eligibility for the sign. A person is not eligible for a memorial sign for a victim of an alcohol or controlled substance related vehicle crash if the person was operating a vehicle involved in the crash and the officer's accident report or another submitted governmental document indicates that the person was impaired at the time of the crash.

(c) To be eligible for a memorial sign for a victim of a motorcycle crash, the officer's accident report must indicate that the person [~~victim~~] was operating or riding on a motorcycle. A person is not eligible for a memorial sign for a victim of a motorcycle crash if the officer's accident report indicates that the person was under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance at the time of the collision.

[(d) To be eligible for a sign the officer's accident report must indicate that the crash occurred on the state highway system.]

[(e) A person is not eligible for a memorial sign for the victim of an alcohol or controlled substance related vehicle crash if the victim was operating a vehicle involved in the crash and the officer's accident report or another submitted governmental document shows that the victim was impaired at the time of the crash.]

(d) [(f)] A victim may be memorialized by only one sign, excluding a replacement sign, installed under this subchapter. The department will deny an application for a victim that is submitted after an application for the same victim has been approved.

§25.955. Sign Description.

(a) A memorial sign under this subchapter will have a blue background with a white legend. [and:]

(b) [(1)] A [the] memorial sign for a victim of an impaired driver will [shall] include [the following elements]:

(1) [(A)] the phrase "Please Don't Drink and Drive";

(2) [(B)] the phrase "In Memory of";

(3) [(C)] one line of text denoting the name of the victim, victims, or the phrase "The (family name) Family"; and

(4) [(D)] the date of the crash.[; or]

(c) [(2)]A [the] memorial sign for a victim of a motorcycle crash will [shall] include [the following elements]:

(1) [(A)] a [red cross] motorcyclist safety message selected by the applicant from the following options:

(A) "Look Twice For Motorcycles";

(B) "Share The Road"; or

(C) "Watch For Motorcycles";

(2) [(B)] the phrase "In Memory of";

(3) [(C)] one line of text denoting the name of the victim, victims, or the phrase "The (family name) Family"; and

(4) [(D)] the date of the crash.

(d) [(b)] The name of more than one victim may appear on a sign only if the length of the victims' names does not exceed one line of text. If the length of the names exceeds one line of text, or if requested by the applicant, a sign may display the family name of the victims.

The agency certifies that legal counsel has reviewed the proposal and found it to be within the state agency's legal authority to adopt.

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CHAPTER 27. TOLL PROJECTS

SUBCHAPTER A. COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENTS

43 TAC §27.7

The Texas Department of Transportation (department) proposes the repeal of §27.7, concerning design-build contracts.

EXPLANATION OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

The Texas Regulatory Efficiency Office (TREO), in its Regulatory Efficiency Review of the department, suggested the consideration of several comprehensive changes for §27.7, Design-Build Contracts. The department agrees with TREO's recommendations for the consolidation or removal of outdated standards and requirements in the section and finds that other changes are also necessary. However, the department currently uses §9.152 of this title, General Rules for Design-Build Contracts, for its design-build project procurements rather than §27.7 and does not foresee the need for the use of §27.7 in the future. As a result, the department has determined that §27.7 should be repealed.

§27.7, Design-Build Contracts, is repealed.

FISCAL NOTE

Stephen Stewart, Chief Financial Officer, has determined, in accordance with Government Code, §2001.024(a)(4), that for each of the first five years in which the proposed rules are in effect, there will be no fiscal implications for state or local governments as a result of the department's or commission's enforcing or administering the proposed rules.

LOCAL EMPLOYMENT IMPACT STATEMENT

Greg Snider, Director, Alternative Delivery Division, has determined that there will be no significant impact on local economies or overall employment as a result of enforcing or administering the proposed rules and therefore, a local employment impact statement is not required under Government Code, §2001.022.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

Mr. Snider has determined, as required by Government Code, §2001.024(a)(5), that for each year of the first five years in which the proposed rules are in effect, the public benefit anticipated as a result of enforcing or administering the rules will be overall improvements to the department's program review and processes resulting from clearer and more streamlined rules.

COSTS ON REGULATED PERSONS

Mr. Snider has also determined, as required by Government Code, §2001.024(a)(5), that for each year of that period there are no anticipated economic costs for persons, including a state agency, special district, or local government, required to comply with the proposed rules and therefore, Government Code, §2001.0045, does not apply to this rulemaking.

ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT AND REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY ANALYSIS

There will be no adverse economic effect on small businesses, micro-businesses, or rural communities, as defined by Government Code, §2006.001, and therefore, an economic impact statement and regulatory flexibility analysis are not required under Government Code, §2006.002.

GOVERNMENT GROWTH IMPACT STATEMENT

Mr. Snider has considered the requirements of Government Code, §2001.0221 and anticipates that the proposed rules will

have no effect on government growth. He expects that during the first five years that the rule would be in effect:

(1) it would not create or eliminate a government program;

(2) its implementation would not require the creation of new employee positions or the elimination of existing employee positions;

(3) its implementation would not require an increase or decrease in future legislative appropriations to the agency;

(4) it would not require an increase or decrease in fees paid to the agency;

(5) it would not create a new regulation;

(6) it would not expand, limit, or repeal an existing regulation;

(7) it would increase the number of individuals subject to its applicability; and

(8) it would not positively or adversely affect this state's economy.

TAKINGS IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Mr. Snider has determined that a written takings impact assessment is not required under Government Code, §2007.043.

SUBMITTAL OF COMMENTS

Any person that is required to comply with the proposed rule or any other interested person may provide information related to the cost, benefit, or effect of the proposed rule, including any applicable data, research, or analysis, or may submit written comments on the repeal of §27.7. The information or comments must be submitted to Rule Comments, General Counsel Division, Texas Department of Transportation, 125 East 11th Street, Austin, Texas 78701-2483 or to RuleComments@txdot.gov with the subject line "design-build prequalification." The deadline for receipt of comments is 5:00 p.m. on December 14, 2026. In accordance with Transportation Code, §201.811(a)(5), a person who submits comments must disclose, in writing with the comments, whether the person does business with the department, may benefit monetarily from the proposed amendments, or is an employee of the department.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY

The repeal is proposed under Transportation Code, §201.101, which provides the Texas Transportation Commission (commission) with the authority to establish rules for the conduct of the work of the department, and more specifically, Transportation Code, §223.203, which provides that the commission shall adopt rules establishing criteria for the prequalification of a private entity to submit a detailed proposal to provide services under a design-build contract, and Transportation Code, §223.209, which provides that the commission shall adopt rules, procedures, and guidelines governing selection of a developer for a comprehensive development agreement and negotiations to promote fairness, obtain private participants in projects, and promote confidence among those participants.

CROSS REFERENCE TO STATUTES IMPLEMENTED BY THIS RULEMAKING - Transportation Code, Chapter 223, Subchapter E.

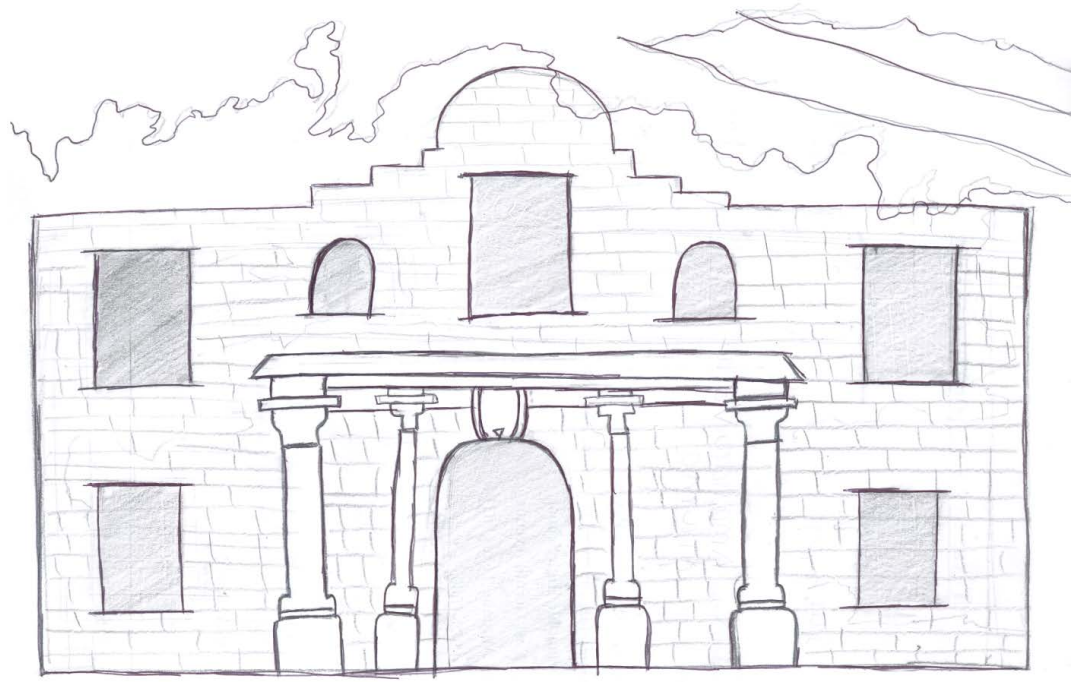
§27.7. Design-Build Contracts.

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WITHDRAWN RULES

Withdrawn Rules include proposed rules and emergency rules. A state agency may specify that a rule is withdrawn immediately or on a later date after filing the notice with the Texas Register. A proposed rule is withdrawn six months after the date of publication of the proposed rule in the Texas Register if a state agency has failed by that time to adopt, adopt as amended, or withdraw the proposed rule. Adopted rules may not be withdrawn. (Government Code, §2001.027)

TITLE 31. NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION

PART 2. TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT

CHAPTER 65. WILDLIFE

SUBCHAPTER X. MOUNTAIN LIONS

31 TAC §65.950

Proposed amended §65.950, published in the April 24, 2026, issue of the *Texas Register* (51 TexReg 2600), is withdrawn. The agency failed to adopt the proposal within six months of publication. (See Government Code, §2001.027, and 1 TAC §91.38(d).)

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ADOPTED RULES

Adopted rules include new rules, amendments to existing rules, and repeals of existing rules. A rule adopted by a state agency takes effect 20 days after the date on which it is filed with the Secretary of State unless a later date is required by statute or specified in the rule (Government Code, §2001.036). If a rule is adopted without change to the text of the proposed rule, then the *Texas Register* does not republish the rule text here. If a rule is adopted with change to the text of the proposed rule, then the final rule text is included here. The final rule text will appear in the Texas Administrative Code on the effective date.

TITLE 1. ADMINISTRATION

PART 10. DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION RESOURCES

CHAPTER 201. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

The Texas Department of Information Resources (department) adopts the repeal of 1 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 201 (Chapter 201), §§201.1 - 201.9, concerning General Administration, and its replacement with a new Chapter 201, §§201.1 - 201.10. These repeals and amendments are adopted without changes to the proposal as published in the September 18, 2026, edition of the *Texas Register* (51 TexReg 6317) and will not be republished.

The adopted amendments are the result of the department's statutory quadrennial rule review of this chapter and the Texas Regulatory Efficiency Office (TREO) regulatory efficiency review pursuant to Texas Government Code Chapter 465. The notice of rule review was published in the November 12, 2021, issue of the *Texas Register* (46 TexReg 7811). The proposed rules were published in the September 18, 2026, edition of the *Texas Register* (51 TexReg 6317).

This chapter applies to state agencies, specifically the department, and, in one section, institutions of higher education.

Comments Received by the Department

The department received no public comments on the proposed rule.

Description of Adopted Changes

The department adopts the repeal of the existing Chapter 201.

The department adopts the creation of the new Chapter 201, including §201.1, which clarifies existing specialized defined terms and their definitions required by the rule.

The department adopts §201.2, which establishes vendor protest rules in alignment with the requirements of Texas Government Code § 2155.076.

In §201.3, the department addresses the required adoption of the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts' historically underutilized business rules by state agencies pursuant to Texas Government Code § 2161.003 and aligns its rules with veteran-owned business changes adopted by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts.

Section 201.4 is adopted consistent with the Office of Vehicle Fleet Management's management plan relating to the assignment and use of agency vehicles.

The department adopts §201.5, which establishes the administrative processes for the department's processing of compliance waivers from other state agencies, provides by rule the leave pool programs required by Texas Government Code Chapter 661, Subchapters A and A-1, and the process by which a department may accept a donation. Section 201.5 further establishes the department's strategic direction and incorporates by reference the conflict of interest standards required of department employees by law.

The department adopts §201.6, which establishes advisory committees required by statute as codified by House Bill 1500 [89th Legislative Session (Regular)].

Section 201.7 establishes by rule the contracts that must or may be approved by the department's governing body.

The department adopts §201.8 and §201.9, which address statutory requirements to establish administrative procedures for negotiated rulemaking and by which a member of the public may petition to adopt a rule.

Section 201.10 specifies the reports required for submission by an institution of higher education following September 1, 2014, as made necessary by Texas Government Code § 2054.1211.

1 TAC §§201.1 - 201.9

The department repeals the existing Chapter 201 pursuant to: Texas Government Code § 2054.052(a), which authorizes the department to adopt rules as necessary to implement its responsibilities under Texas Government Code Chapter 2054; Texas Government Code §2155.076, which requires state agencies to adopt rules consistent with the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts' vendor protest resolution rules codified at 34 Texas Administrative Code §1.72 and include standards for maintaining documentation about the purchasing process used in event of a protest; Texas Government Code § 2161.003, which requires state agencies to adopt by rule the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts' rules regarding Historically Underutilized Businesses; Texas Government Code § 2171.1045, which requires state agencies to adopt rules consistent with the Office of Fleet Vehicle Management's management plan; Texas Government Code § 2054.552(d), which requires the department to implement by rule employee requirements regarding contractual conflicts of interest; Texas Government Code §§ 2054.033 - 2054.0337, which requires the department to adopt rules establishing several advisory committees and their administration; Texas Government Code § 2054.521, which requires the department to define by rule a major outsourced contract; Texas Government Code Chapter 2008, which allows state agencies to participate in negotiated rulemaking; Texas Government Code § 2009.051, which allows a state agency engaging in alternative dispute resolution to adopt such procedures by rule; Texas Government Code § 2001.021, which requires a state agency to prescribe by rule the form for a petition to adopt a rule; and Texas Government Code § 2054.1211, which requires

the department to establish by rule which, if any, of the statutory reports an institution of higher education must complete after September 1, 2015.

No other code, article, or statute is affected by this adoption.

The agency certifies that legal counsel has reviewed the adoption and found it to be a valid exercise of the agency's legal authority.

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1 TAC §§201.1 - 201.10

The new Chapter 201 is adopted pursuant to: Texas Government Code § 2054.052(a), which authorizes the department to adopt rules as necessary to implement its responsibilities under Texas Government Code Chapter 2054; Texas Government Code § 2155.076, which requires state agencies to adopt rules consistent with the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts' vendor protest resolution rules codified at 34 Texas Administrative Code §1.72 and include standards for maintaining documentation about the purchasing process used in event of a protest; Texas Government Code § 2161.003, which requires state agencies to adopt by rule the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts' rules regarding Historically Underutilized Businesses; Texas Government Code § 2171.1045, which requires state agencies to adopt rules consistent with the Office of Fleet Vehicle Management's management plan; Texas Government Code § 2054.552(d), which requires the department to implement by rule employee requirements regarding contractual conflicts of interest; Texas Government Code §§ 2054.033 - 2054.0337, which requires the department to adopt rules establishing several advisory committees and their administration; Texas Government Code § 2054.521, which requires the department to define by rule a major outsourced contract; Texas Government Code Chapter 2008, which allows state agencies to participate in negotiated rulemaking; Texas Government Code § 2009.051, which allows a state agency engaging in alternative dispute resolution to adopt such procedures by rule; Texas Government Code § 2001.021, which requires a state agency to prescribe by rule the form for a petition to adopt a rule; and Texas Government Code § 2054.1211, which requires the department to establish by rule which, if any, of the statutory reports an institution of higher education must complete after September 1, 2015.

No other code, article, or statute is affected by this adoption.

The agency certifies that legal counsel has reviewed the adoption and found it to be a valid exercise of the agency's legal authority.

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TITLE 19. EDUCATION

PART 2. TEXAS EDUCATION AGENCY

CHAPTER 74. CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS

SUBCHAPTER BB. COMMISSIONER'S RULES CONCERNING HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

19 TAC §74.1025, §74.1027

The Texas Education Agency adopts amendments to §74.1025 and §74.1027, concerning high school graduation. The amendments are adopted without changes to the proposed text as published in the August 21, 2026 issue of the *Texas Register* (51 TexReg 5511) and will not be republished. The adopted amendments eliminate expiration provisions from §74.1025 and §74.1027 in alignment with statute.

REASONED JUSTIFICATION: Texas Education Code (TEC), §28.0258, requires each school district and open-enrollment charter school to establish an individual graduation committee for each 11th or 12th grade student who fails to perform satisfactorily on not more than two end-of-course (EOC) assessments. Statute requires the commissioner of education to adopt rules to establish alternative individual graduation committee members and a timeline for decisions by individual graduation committees. The provisions of TEC, §28.0258, were initially set to expire September 1, 2017. Senate Bill (SB) 463, 85th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, 2017, extended the expiration date to September 1, 2019, and added TEC, §28.02541.

TEC, §28.02541, allows certain former students--those who entered high school prior to the 2011-2012 school year and completed all curriculum requirements but did not perform satisfactorily on the required assessments--to qualify for a high school diploma. Before 2011, these students were required to perform satisfactorily on exit-level Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills assessments in English language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies. Earlier cohorts were subject to prior exit-level assessments, including the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills and the Texas Educational Assessment of Minimum Skills. Statute requires the commissioner to adopt rules to administer TEC, §28.02541. The provisions of TEC, §28.02541, were initially set to expire September 1, 2019.

SB 213, 86th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, 2019, subsequently extended the expiration dates for both TEC, §28.0258 and §28.02541, to September 1, 2023. In 2021, House Bill (HB) 1603, 87th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, removed the expiration dates from both statutes, making the provisions of TEC, §28.0258 and §28.02541, permanent.

Section 74.1025 establishes the procedures for determining whether a student may qualify to graduate and receive a high

school diploma based on an individual graduation committee (IGC) decision under TEC, §28.0258.

Section 74.1027 establishes the procedures for determining whether a student may qualify to graduate and receive a high school diploma under TEC, §28.02541.

The adopted amendments remove the expiration dates from §74.1025 and §74.1027 to align with HB 1603, 87th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, 2021.

In addition, obsolete references to the 2014-2015 and 2017-2018 school years were removed.

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS AND AGENCY RESPONSES: The public comment period on the proposal began August 21, 2026, and ended September 21, 2026. No public comments were received.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY. The amendments are adopted under TEC, §28.02541, which requires the commissioner of education to establish a procedure to determine whether certain students who entered Grade 9 before the 2011-2012 school year may qualify to graduate and receive a high school diploma; TEC, §28.0258, which requires each school district and open-enrollment charter school to establish an IGC for certain students who failed to perform satisfactorily on not more than two EOC assessments. This section requires the commissioner to adopt rules as necessary to implement the IGC requirement; and TEC, §28.0259, which requires the commissioner of education to adopt rules as necessary to implement the requirement for school districts to report through the Public Education Information Management System the number of district students each school year for whom an IGC was established and the number of students who were awarded a diploma based on the decision of an IGC.

CROSS REFERENCE TO STATUTE. The amendments implement TEC, §§28.02541, 28.0258, and 28.0259.

The agency certifies that legal counsel has reviewed the adoption and found it to be a valid exercise of the agency's legal authority.

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CHAPTER 102. EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS
SUBCHAPTER GG. COMMISSIONER'S RULES CONCERNING POSTSECONDARY PREPARATION PROGRAMS

19 TAC §102.1091

The Texas Education Agency (TEA) adopts an amendment to §102.1091, concerning college and career readiness school models. The amendment is adopted without changes to the proposed text as published in the September 4, 2026 issue of the *Texas Register* (51 TexReg 5968) and will not be republished. The adopted amendment updates Pathways in Technology Early College High School (P-TECH) programmatic requirements to align with the requirements of House Bill (HB) 2 and HB 120, 89th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, 2025, and provides clarifications to existing statutory provisions.

REASONED JUSTIFICATION: Section 102.1091 defines college and career readiness school models terms and establishes requirements related to the application, operation, notification, evaluation, and authority of Early College High School (ECHS) programs and P-TECH programs. The adopted amendment reflects updated College and Career Readiness School Models (CCRSM) programmatic guidance related to the new needs improvement process, which was implemented in the 2025-2026 school year, and reflects updated CCRSM blueprints that were released in June 2026. Revisions also reflect updated P-TECH Years 5 and 6 guidance aligned with the requirements in HB 2 and HB 120, 89th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, 2025. Specifically, the following provisions have been addressed.

New definitions in subsection (a) include terms related to ECHS and P-TECH programs that had not previously been defined in the commissioner rule and updates to programmatic requirements of the new needs improvement process. Changes in subsection (a) update the definition of a "CCRSM campus" to a "CCRSM program" to clarify that a CCRSM may operate as a school-within-a-school model and serve a subset of the campus student population.

Changes in subsection (b)(1)(A) prohibit a school district from applying for a new CCRSM planning program on any campus with a designated needs improvement program to ensure adequate district and campus capacity to support a needs improvement program before adding a new CCRSM program.

Changes in subsection (b)(1)(B) require that programs entering the CCRSM network as a result of a grant opportunity must complete the Program Application Cycle (PAC) to align programmatic planning expectations across programs that enter the network with or without grant funding.

Changes in subsection (b)(2)-(4) require that planning, provisional, designated, and designated with distinction programs complete the PAC by the deadline to ensure adequate time for processing applications and determining designation status.

Updates to subsection (c) require that needs improvement programs complete the PAC and needs improvement progress reports by the deadlines and participate in technical assistance to maintain designation status. The adopted requirements ensure needs improvement campuses participate in additional supports intended to improve outcomes-based measures (OBM) outcomes.

The updated format of new subsection (d) restructures the subsection for improved clarity.

Changes to subsection (e) add guidance and clarification on Public Education Information Management System (PEIMS) coding for CCRSM students to promote accurate reporting of data used to determine designation status, as established by CCRSM program blueprints.

Changes to subsection (f) update options available to approved CCRSM programs.

New subsection (g) adds guidance and requirements for P-TECH Years 5 and 6 programs related to eligibility criteria, PEIMS coding, dual credit benefits, and outcomes earned by Years 5 and 6 students to align with new legislative requirements established by HB 2 and HB 120, 89th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, 2025.

Changes to subsection (h) provide additional clarity on the OBM data sources and reports used to evaluate CCRSM programs to align with designation requirements as established by CCRSM program blueprints.

New subsection (i) establishes a process and requirements for districts that discontinue CCRSM program operations, including student transition support, coding requirements, and a mandatory wait period to rejoin the network to align with the new needs improvement process and updated CCRSM program blueprints.

The update to subsection (j) provides notice that noncompliance with the PAC deadline could result in the revocation of designation status in alignment with CCRSM program blueprints and requirements.

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS AND AGENCY RESPONSES: The public comment period on the proposal began September 4, 2026, and ended October 5, 2026. No comments were received.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY. The amendment is adopted under Texas Education Code (TEC), §29.553, which requires the commissioner of education to establish and administer the Pathways in Technology Early College High School (P-TECH) program; TEC, §29.557, which authorizes the commissioner to adopt rules as necessary to administer the P-TECH program; and TEC, §29.908, as amended by Senate Bill 1887, 88th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, 2023, establishes the Early College High School program. TEC, §29.908(g), permits the commissioner to adopt rules as necessary to administer the program.

CROSS REFERENCE TO STATUTE. The amendment implements Texas Education Code, §§29.553; 29.557; and 29.908, as amended by Senate Bill 1887, 88th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, 2023.

The agency certifies that legal counsel has reviewed the adoption and found it to be a valid exercise of the agency's legal authority.

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CHAPTER 103. HEALTH AND SAFETY
SUBCHAPTER CC. COMMISSIONERS RULES CONCERNING SAFE SCHOOLS
19 TAC §§103.1201, 103.1203, 103.1205

The Texas Education Agency (TEA) adopts amendments to §§103.1201, 103.1203, and 103.1205, concerning disciplinary alternative education programs (DAEPs). The amendment to §103.1201 is adopted with changes to the proposed text as published in the June 26, 2026 issue of the *Texas Register* (51 TexReg 4074) and will be republished. The amendments to §103.1203 and §103.1205 are adopted without changes to the proposed text as published in the June 26, 2026 issue of the *Texas Register* (51 TexReg 4070) and will not be republished. The adopted amendments update statutory authority and clarify current program practices and requirements in accordance with House Bill (HB) 114, 88th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, 2023, and HB 6, 89th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, 2025.

REASONED JUSTIFICATION: Section 103.1201 establishes requirements for the operation of DAEPs. The adopted amendment clarifies due process protections for students assigned to DAEPs to align with HB 6, 89th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, 2025, and makes additional clarifying and conforming updates related to Section 504 services, staff training requirements related to student safety and mental health, and student supervision and separation requirements. Based on public comment, the rule text was revised at adoption in subsection (f) to clarify that districts must provide special education and related services and Section 504 accommodations in DAEPs and in subsection (h)(4) to clarify the due process requirements that apply when a student assigned to a DAEP engages in behavior that results in expulsion.

Section 103.1203 establishes criteria for the assessment of academic growth for students assigned to DAEPs. The adopted amendment clarifies permissible assessment instruments; addresses the provision of accommodations and modifications for students receiving special education or Section 504 services; and clarifies requirements to support consistent implementation of existing statutory requirements for students placed in DAEPs.

Section 103.1205 defines violent conduct for purposes of DAEP placement when a program is at capacity. The adopted amendment adds an appropriate administrator, in addition to the campus behavior coordinator, to make determinations regarding violent conduct for purposes of DAEP placement and reorganizes the violent conduct provisions to conform with the repeal of Texas Education Code (TEC), §37.007(d), by HB 6. The adopted changes improve clarity to support consistent disciplinary placement decisions when DAEP capacity is limited.

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS AND AGENCY RESPONSES: The public comment period on the proposal began June 26, 2026, and ended July 27, 2026. Following is a summary of the comments received and agency responses:

Comment: Disability Rights Texas (DRTx) recommended revisions to §103.1201(g) to require an admission, review, and dismissal (ARD) committee meeting within 10 school days of a student's placement in a DAEP to review the student's individualized education program and discuss how the DAEP will continue providing students with special education and related services.

Response: The agency disagrees because existing special education requirements already require an ARD committee meeting before a DAEP placement that constitutes a change of placement to review the student's educational program and related services.

Comment: DRTx commented in support of the proposed requirement that DAEPs provide special education and related services and Section 504 accommodations. They recommended a minor

wording revision to more accurately reflect district obligations under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and Section 504.

Response: The agency agrees and has amended §103.1201(f) at adoption to clarify that districts must provide special education and related services and Section 504 accommodations in DAEPs.

Comment: One individual commented that the proposed rules should more clearly define the due process procedures available for DAEP placements and expressed concern about decision-making, recommending greater involvement of health professionals and clarification regarding who participates in placement decisions.

Response: The agency agrees in part and disagrees in part. Section 103.1201(h)(4) has been amended at adoption to clarify that a student assigned to a DAEP must be afforded due process in accordance with TEC, §37.009(f), when a student engages in behavior that results in expulsion. The agency disagrees with the recommendation regarding who should participate in disciplinary conferences because those requirements are established in TEC, §37.009(a), and are outside the scope of this rulemaking.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY. The amendments are adopted under TEC, §37.006, as amended by House Bill (HB) 114, 88th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, 2023, and HB 6, 89th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, 2025, which establishes criteria for when a student must be removed from class and placed in a disciplinary alternative education program (DAEP) for specified misconduct; TEC, §37.007, as amended by HB 114, 88th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, 2023, and HB 6, 89th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, 2025, which establishes the criteria and procedures for expelling a student for serious offenses and distinguishes between mandatory and discretionary expulsion; TEC, §37.008, as amended by HB 114, 88th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, 2023, which establishes the requirement for school districts to provide DAEPs and sets the core standards for how those programs must operate; TEC, §37.0082, which establishes requirements for assessing the academic growth of students placed in a DAEP; and TEC, §37.009, as amended by HB 114, 88th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, 2023, and HB 6, 89th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, 2025, which establishes procedures for conference, hearing, and review related to student disciplinary removals.

CROSS REFERENCE TO STATUTE. The amendments implement TEC, §37.006, as amended by HB 114, 88th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, 2023, and HB 6, 89th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, 2025; §37.007, as amended by HB 114, 88th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, 2023, and HB 6, 89th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, 2025; §37.008, as amended by HB 114, 88th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, 2023; §37.0082; and §37.009, as amended by HB 114, 88th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, 2023, and HB 6, 89th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, 2025.

§103.1201. Standards for the Operation of School District Disciplinary Alternative Education Programs.

(a) A disciplinary alternative education program (DAEP) established in conformance with the Texas Education Code (TEC), §37.008, and this section is defined as an educational and self-discipline alternative instructional program, adopted by local policy, for students in elementary through high school grades who are removed from their regular classes for mandatory or discretionary disciplinary reasons and placed in a DAEP.

(b) Each school district participating in a shared services arrangement (SSA) for DAEP services shall be responsible for ensuring that the board-approved district improvement plan and the improvement plans for each campus required by the TEC, §11.251 and §11.252, include the performance of the DAEP student group for the respective district. The identified objectives for the improvement plans shall include:

(1) student groups served, including overrepresentation of students from economically disadvantaged families, with ethnic and racial representations, with a disability who receive special education services, or receiving limited English proficiency/English learner services;

(2) attendance rates;

(3) pre- and post-assessment results;

(4) dropout rates;

(5) graduation rates; and

(6) recidivism rates.

(c) A DAEP may be located on-campus or off-campus in adherence with requirements specified in §129.1025 of this title (relating to Adoption By Reference: Student Attendance Accounting Handbook). For reporting purposes, the DAEP shall use the county-district-campus number of the student's locally assigned campus (the campus the student would be attending if the student was not attending the DAEP).

(d) An individual school district or an SSA may contract with third parties for DAEP services. The district must require and ensure compliance with district responsibilities that are transferred to the third-party provider.

(e) The campus of accountability for student performance must be the student's locally assigned campus, including when the individual school district or SSA contracts with a third party for DAEP services.

(f) Each school district shall provide an academic and self-discipline program that leads to graduation and includes instruction in each student's currently enrolled foundation curriculum necessary to meet the student's individual graduation plan, including special education and related services and Section 504 accommodations.

(1) A student's high school personal graduation plan required under TEC, §28.02121, may not be altered when the student is assigned to a DAEP. A student must be offered an opportunity to complete a foundation curriculum course in which the student was enrolled at the time of removal before the beginning of the next school year, including correspondence or distance learning opportunities or summer school. A district may not charge for a course required under this section.

(2) The school day for a DAEP shall be at least 240 minutes in length each day, including intermissions and recesses as required under the TEC, §25.081.

(3) Notwithstanding the TEC, §37.008(a)(3), summer programs provided by the district may serve students assigned to a DAEP in conjunction with other students, as determined by local policy.

(g) A DAEP program serving a student with a disability who receives special education services shall provide educational services that will support the student in meeting the goals identified in the individualized education program established by a duly-constituted admis-

sion, review, and dismissal committee, in accordance with the TEC, §37.004, and federal requirements.

(h) Each school district is responsible for the safety and supervision of the students assigned to the DAEP; however, the immunity from the liability established in the TEC, §22.0511, shall not be impacted.

(1) The certified teacher-to-student ratio in a DAEP shall be one teacher for each 15 students in elementary through high school grades. Elementary grade students assigned to the DAEP shall be separated from secondary grade students assigned to the DAEP. The designation of elementary and secondary will be determined by adopted local policy.

(2) The DAEP staff shall be prepared and trained to respond to health issues and emergencies.

(3) Students in the DAEP shall be separated from students in a juvenile justice alternative education program or in-school suspension and students who are not assigned to the DAEP.

(4) Each district shall establish a board-approved policy for discipline and intervention measures in the DAEP to prevent and intervene against unsafe behavior and include disciplinary actions that do not jeopardize students' physical health and safety, harm emotional well-being, or discourage physical activity. A student assigned to a DAEP shall be afforded due process in accordance with TEC, §37.009(f), if the student engages in a behavior that results in expulsion.

(i) Staff at each DAEP shall participate in training programs on education, behavior management, and safety procedures that focus on positive and proactive behavior management strategies. The training programs must also target prevention and intervention that include:

(1) training on the education and discipline of students with disabilities who receive special education or Section 504 services;

(2) instruction in social skills and problem-solving skills that addresses diversity, dating violence, anger management, bullying, and conflict resolution to teach students how to interact with teachers, family, peers, authority figures, and the general public;

(3) annual training about suicide prevention and on the established procedures for reporting abuse, neglect, or exploitation of students; and

(4) any other training the district staff is required to take on the local, state, or federal level.

(j) Procedures for each DAEP shall be developed and implemented for newly-entering students and their parents or guardians on the expectations of the DAEP, including written contracts between students, parents or guardians, and the DAEP that formalize expectations and establish the students' individual plans for success.

(k) The transition procedures established for a student who is exiting a DAEP and returning to the student's locally assigned campus shall be implemented as required by TEC, §37.023.

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CHAPTER 161. COMMISSIONER'S RULES CONCERNING ADVISORY COMMITTEES

The Texas Education Agency (TEA) adopts the repeal of §161.1001 and §161.1003, new §161.1001 and §161.1003, and an amendment to §161.1002, concerning advisory committees. The repeals, new sections, and amendment are adopted without changes to the proposed text as published in the August 14, 2026 issue of the *Texas Register* (51 TexReg 5327) and will not be republished. The adopted revisions update the rules addressing the establishment of discretionary and mandatory advisory committees, TEA operating procedures for the committees, and the list of existing committees.

REASONED JUSTIFICATION: Section 161.1001 recognizes the commissioner's authority to appoint advisory committees. Section 161.1002 defines the relevant information to be included within agency operating procedures about each advisory committee, and §161.1003 lists advisory committees that have been appointed.

Section 161.1001 is being repealed and adopted new §161.1001 provides clarifying language.

The adopted amendment to §161.1002 streamlines the information required in TEA operating procedures and improves clarity for those seeking further information about appointed advisory committees.

Section 161.1003 is being repealed and adopted new §161.1003 updates the list of appointed advisory committees and provides further information about those committees relevant to the provisions of Texas Government Code, Chapter 2110.

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS AND AGENCY RESPONSES: The public comment period on the proposal began August 14, 2026, and ended September 14, 2026. No comments were received.

19 TAC §161.1001, §161.1003

STATUTORY AUTHORITY. The repeals are adopted under Texas Education Code (TEC), §7.055(b)(11), which permits the commissioner to appoint advisory committees, in accordance with Texas Government Code, Chapter 2110, as necessary to advise the commissioner in carrying out the duties and mission of the agency; and Texas Government Code, Chapter 2110, which provides direction for the establishment of advisory committees by state agencies.

CROSS REFERENCE TO STATUTE. The repeals implement TEC, §7.055(b)(11), and Texas Government Code, Chapter 2110.

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19 TAC §§161.1001 - 161.1003

STATUTORY AUTHORITY. The new sections and amendment are adopted under TEC, §7.055(b)(11), which permits the commissioner to appoint advisory committees, in accordance with Texas Government Code, Chapter 2110, as necessary to advise the commissioner in carrying out the duties and mission of the agency and Texas Government Code, Chapter 2110, provides direction for the establishment of advisory committees by state agencies.

CROSS REFERENCE TO STATUTE. The new sections and amendment implement Texas Education Code (TEC), §7.055(b)(11), and Texas Government Code, Chapter 2110.

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TITLE 22. EXAMINING BOARDS

PART 17. TEXAS STATE BOARD OF PLUMBING EXAMINERS

CHAPTER 367. ENFORCEMENT

22 TAC §367.2

The Texas State Board of Plumbing Examiners (Board) adopts the amendment to 22 Texas Administrative Code (TAC), Chapter 367, §367.2 which updates the codes adopted under the authority of Texas Occupations Code, Sec. 1301.255 to the 2021 Uniform Plumbing Code and the 2021 International Plumbing Code.

The rule is adopted with changes to the proposed text published in the August 14th, 2026, issue of the *Texas Register* (51 TexReg 5339). The rule will be republished. A nonsubstantive change was made from the proposal in order to correct a grammatical error.

REASONED JUSTIFICATION FOR THE RULE

Under Texas Occupations Code §1301.255(a), the Texas State Board of Plumbing Examiners is required to adopt the Uniform Plumbing Code (UPC), as published by the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO), and the International Plumbing Code (IPC), as published by the International Code Council (ICC), as those codes existed on May 31, 2001. Section 1301.255(b) authorizes the Board to adopt later editions of those codes by rule.

The IAPMO and ICC regularly update the UPC and IPC to incorporate advances in plumbing technology, construction methods, materials, and safety standards. The Board currently had the 2018 editions of the UPC and IPC adopted by rule. After reviewing the changes included in the 2021 editions and surveying plumbing code adoption by jurisdictions throughout Texas, the Board determined that updating its adopted codes to the 2021 editions is appropriate. The 2021 UPC and IPC are the editions most commonly adopted by local jurisdictions across the state and reflect nationally recognized plumbing standards.

Adopting the 2021 editions allows the Board's rules to remain consistent with modern plumbing practices, enhance public health and safety by recognizing updated code provisions, and promote greater uniformity between state and local plumbing requirements, thereby reducing regulatory inconsistencies for licensees, inspectors, and the public.

SECTION-BY-SECTION SUMMARY

Proposed §367.2 shows simply that the 2018 UPC and IPC, and the codes incorporated by reference of the 2018 International Fuel Gas Code and 2018 International Residential Code, are repealed, and the 2021 UPC and IPC codes, and the incorporated 2021 International Fuel Gas Code and 2021 International Residential Code, are adopted.

SUMMARY OF COMMENT

Two comments received on the published rule amendment. One comment by IAPMO was received in support of the update. The other comment was not relevant to the proposed rule.

BOARD ACTION

At its meeting on October 21, 2026, the Board considered all public comment and adopted the proposed rule as published in the *Texas Register*.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY

This adopted rule is made under the authority of Texas Occupations Code, Sec. 1301.251(2) which authorizes the TSBPE to adopt rules as necessary to implement the Section, and Texas Occupations Code, Sec. 1301.255 which requires the TSBPE to adopt the Uniform Plumbing Code, as published by the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials and the International Plumbing Code, as published by the International Code Council, as they existed on May 31, 2001 and allows any later editions of the codes to be adopted in rule.

No other statutes or rules are affected by the adoption.

§367.2. Code Requirements.

(a) To protect the health and safety of the citizens of this state, the Board adopts the following plumbing codes:

(1) the 2021 Uniform Plumbing Code, as published by the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials; and

(2) the 2021 International Plumbing Code, as published by the International Code Council and the codes incorporated by reference within the 2021 International Plumbing Code, including:

(A) the 2021 International Fuel Gas Code; and

(B) the 2021 International Residential Code.

(b) To ensure the proper design, installation, and maintenance of plumbing systems within its jurisdiction, a political subdivision may adopt a plumbing code with any amendments necessary to address local concerns provided that the amendments do not substantially vary with the rules or laws of this state.

(c) Plumbing must be installed in accordance with all applicable plumbing codes adopted by the political subdivision in which the plumbing is being installed.

(1) Plumbing installed by an individual licensed under the PLL in an unincorporated area of the county or other area where no plumbing code has been adopted must be installed in accordance with a plumbing code adopted under subsection (a) of this section.

(2) A plumbing installation that was started prior to the Board's adoption of the plumbing codes listed in subsection (a) of this section may be completed under the requirements of the codes in effect at the time permits for the installation were issued or work on the installation commenced.

(3) In addition to all applicable plumbing codes, Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LP-Gas) piping must be installed in accordance with all applicable rules adopted by the Texas Railroad Commission.

(d) Any piping connecting a plumbing fixture, including a water closet, to a potable water supply shall be installed to prevent the back flow of nonpotable substances into the potable water system in accordance with the applicable plumbing code and state laws. Water closet fill valves (ball cocks) shall be of the antisiphon, integral vacuum breaker type with the critical level (the air inlet portion of the vacuum breaker) installed at least one (1) inch above the flood level rim of the fixture (the inlet of the water closet overflow tube).

(e) Plumbing installed in compliance with a code adopted under subsection (a) or (b) of this section must be inspected by a Plumbing Inspector licensed under the PLL and Board rules.

(f) A licensee or registrant shall not install, and a person shall not require a licensee or registrant to install, plumbing that is not in compliance with the Plumbing License Law or any other laws of this state, Board Rules, or any applicable plumbing codes.

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PART 30. TEXAS STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS

CHAPTER 681. PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS

SUBCHAPTER C. APPLICATION AND LICENSING

22 TAC §681.91

The Texas Behavioral Health Executive Council on behalf of the Texas State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors adopts amendments to §681.91, relating to LPC Associate License. Section 681.91 is adopted with changes to the proposed text as published in the August 7, 2026, issue of the *Texas Register* (51 TexReg 5123) and will be republished.

Reasoned Justification.

The adopted amendments clarify rule language regarding supervised LPC Associate practice into more plain, direct language. The amendments confirm that a person cannot provide counseling services without a proper license and that an Associate may own and operate a private practice only under supervision. The amendments require Associates to notify the supervisors of any pending complaints against the Associate, and to share a copy of remediation plan with supervisors.

List of interested groups or associations against the rule.

Texas Counseling Association.

Summary of comments against the rule.

The agency received five comments against the amendments. The commenters agreed with requiring an associate to notify their supervisor of a complaint, but suggested the time limit should be reduced from the proposed 15 days to seven days. The commenters also raised concerns about being able to verify whether an associate shared the remediation plans with their supervisors.

List of interested groups or associations for the rule.

None.

Summary of comments for the rule.

The agency received four comments in support of the amendments, agreeing with the requirement for associates to notify their supervisors of pending complaints and sharing unresolved remediation plans.

Agency Response.

The agency appreciates the public comment. After considering comment, the Council and board have incorporated the suggested change to require an associate to report a complaint to their supervisor within seven days. The rest of the amendments are intended to ensure supervisors have the proper oversight of their associates' practice and responsibility for monitoring their compliance with regulations.

Statutory Authority.

The rule is adopted under Tex. Occ. Code, Title 3, Subtitle I, Chapter 507, which provides the Texas Behavioral Health Executive Council with the authority to make all rules, not inconsistent with the Constitution and Laws of this State, which are reasonably necessary for the proper performance of its duties and regulations of proceedings before it.

Additionally, the Executive Council adopts this rule pursuant to the authority found in §507.152 of the Tex. Occ. Code which

vests the Executive Council with the authority to adopt rules necessary to perform its duties and implement Chapter 507 of the Tex. Occ. Code.

In accordance with §503.2015 of the Tex. Occ. Code the Texas State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors previously voted and, by a majority, approved to propose the adoption this rule to the Executive Council. The rule is specifically authorized by §503.2015 of the Tex. Occ. Code which states the Board shall propose to the Executive Council rules regarding the qualifications necessary to obtain a license; the scope of practice, standards of care, and ethical practice; continuing education requirements for license holders; and a schedule of sanctions for violations of this chapter or rules adopted under this chapter.

The Executive Council also adopts this rule in compliance with §507.153 of the Tex. Occ. Code. The Executive Council may not propose and adopt a rule regarding the qualifications necessary to obtain a license; the scope of practice, standards of care, and ethical practice for a profession; continuing education requirements; or a schedule of sanctions unless the rule has been proposed by the applicable board for the profession. In this instance, the underlying board has proposed this rule to the Executive Council. Therefore, the Executive Council has complied with Chapters 503 and 507 of the Texas Occupations Code and may adopt this rule.

Lastly, the Executive Council also adopts this rule under the authority found in §2001.004 of the Tex. Gov't Code which requires state agencies to adopt rules of practice stating the nature and requirements of all available formal and informal procedures.

§681.91. LPC Associate License.

(a) The Council may issue an LPC Associate license to an applicant who has:

(1) filed all application forms and paid all applicable fees;

(2) met all of the academic requirements for licensure;

(3) completed the required examinations with the requisite score as described in §681.72(a)(3) and (4) of this title;

(4) entered into a supervisory agreement with a Licensed Professional Counselor Supervisor (LPC-S); and

(5) not completed the supervised experience described in §681.92 of this title.

(b) An LPC Associate must comply with all provisions of the Act and Council rules.

(c) A person must obtain an LPC Associate license before practicing counseling in Texas under supervision to gain hours toward the supervised experience required for an LPC license. Hours obtained by an unlicensed person in any setting will not count toward the supervised experience requirements.

(d) An LPC Associate may practice counseling only under the supervision of a Licensed Professional Counselor Supervisor (LPC-S). The LPC Associate shall not engage in independent practice, but may own and operate a private practice while under supervision.

(e) An LPC Associate may have no more than two (2) Council-approved LPC supervisors at any given time.

(f) An LPC Associate must maintain their LPC Associate license during his or her supervised experience.

(g) An LPC Associate license will expire 60 months from the date of issuance.

(h) An LPC Associate who does not complete the required supervised experience hours during the 60-month time period must reapply for licensure to continue accruing supervised experience.

(i) An LPC Associate must continue to be supervised after completion of the 3,000 hours of supervised experience and until the LPC Associate receives an LPC license. Supervision is complete upon the LPC Associate receiving the LPC license.

(j) During supervised clinical experience, both supervisors and LPC Associates may have disciplinary actions taken against their licenses for violations of the Act, the Council Act, or council rules. Within seven days of receiving notice of a pending complaint against them, LPC Associates must notify their supervisors of the complaint.

(k) The possession, access, retention, control, maintenance, and destruction of client records is the responsibility of the person or entity that employs or contracts with the LPC Associate, or in those cases where the LPC Associate is self-employed, the responsibility of the LPC Associate.

(l) An LPC Associate must not employ a supervisor but may compensate the supervisor for time spent in supervision if the supervision is not a part of the supervisor's responsibilities as a paid employee of an agency, institution, clinic, or other business entity.

(m) If an LPC Associate receives a supervision remediation plan described in §681.93(e) of this title, the Associate must provide a copy of the remediation plan to any other current supervisors. The LPC Associate must also provide a copy of any unresolved remediation plans when beginning supervision with a new supervisor.

(n) All billing documents for services provided by an LPC Associate must reflect the LPC Associate holds an LPC Associate license and is under supervision.

(o) The LPC Associate must not represent himself or herself as an independent practitioner. The LPC Associate's name must be followed by a statement such as "supervised by (name of supervisor)" or a statement of similar effect, together with the name of the supervisor. This disclosure must appear on all marketing materials, billing documents, and practice related forms and documents where the LPC Associate's name appears, including websites and intake documents.

The agency certifies that legal counsel has reviewed the adoption and found it to be a valid exercise of the agency's legal authority.

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22 TAC §681.92

The Texas Behavioral Health Executive Council on behalf of the Texas State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors adopts amendments to §681.92, relating to Experience Requirements. Section 681.92 is adopted with changes to the proposed text as published in the August 7, 2026, issue of the *Texas Register* (51 TexReg 5124) and will be republished.

Reasoned Justification.

The adopted amendments clarify terminology to distinguish between university-based internships and post-graduate supervised experience. The amendments also remove the outdated term "council-approved supervisor." The amendments require LPC associates to receive an average, rather than a minimum, of four hours per month of supervision. Finally, the amendments add a provision allowing an applicant with both a qualifying masters and doctoral degree to count supervised experience gained during the doctoral degree toward post-graduate supervised experience requirements.

List of interested groups or associations against the rule.

Texas Counseling Association.

Summary of comments against the rule.

The agency received 13 comments against the amendments. The commenters argued that an average would leave too much ambiguity and confusion, leading to differing interpretations and inconsistent supervision. The rule language would allow associates to practice for long periods of time without receiving active supervision oversight. Commenters suggested requiring a minimum of two hours per month to ensure adequate and regular supervision, or limiting the number of supervision hours that could be accrued in a given month, or averaging hours only over short periods. Comments uniformly advocated that regular supervision was necessary to ensure competency to practice independently.

List of interested groups or associations for the rule.

None.

Summary of comments for the rule.

The agency received 12 comments in support of the amendments. The commenters appreciated the flexibility a 4-hour average of supervision hours would provide to associates and supervisors without reducing the overall amount of supervision required. An average would allow individuals to make up missed supervision hours due to family emergencies, travel, or other factors that differ month-to-month.

Agency Response.

The agency appreciates the public comment. After considering comments, the Council and board voted to keep the current rule language requiring a minimum of four hours of supervision per month, to ensure regular supervision oversight and training occurs. The remaining amendments continue to be necessary to clarify the rule language and decrease barriers to licensure.

Statutory Authority.

The rule is adopted under Tex. Occ. Code, Title 3, Subtitle I, Chapter 507, which provides the Texas Behavioral Health Executive Council with the authority to make all rules, not inconsistent with the Constitution and Laws of this State, which are reasonably necessary for the proper performance of its duties and regulations of proceedings before it.

Additionally, the Executive Council adopts this rule pursuant to the authority found in §507.152 of the Tex. Occ. Code which vests the Executive Council with the authority to adopt rules necessary to perform its duties and implement Chapter 507 of the Tex. Occ. Code.

In accordance with §503.2015 of the Tex. Occ. Code the Texas State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors previously voted and, by a majority, approved to propose the adoption this rule to the Executive Council. The rule is specifically authorized by §503.2015 of the Tex. Occ. Code which states the Board shall propose to the Executive Council rules regarding the qualifications necessary to obtain a license; the scope of practice, standards of care, and ethical practice; continuing education requirements for license holders; and a schedule of sanctions for violations of this chapter or rules adopted under this chapter.

The Executive Council also adopts this rule in compliance with §507.153 of the Tex. Occ. Code. The Executive Council may not propose and adopt a rule regarding the qualifications necessary to obtain a license; the scope of practice, standards of care, and ethical practice for a profession; continuing education requirements; or a schedule of sanctions unless the rule has been proposed by the applicable board for the profession. In this instance, the underlying board has proposed this rule to the Executive Council. Therefore, the Executive Council has complied with Chapters 503 and 507 of the Texas Occupations Code and may adopt this rule.

Lastly, the Executive Council also adopts this rule under the authority found in §2001.004 of the Tex. Gov't Code which requires state agencies to adopt rules of practice stating the nature and requirements of all available formal and informal procedures.

§681.92. Experience Requirements.

(a) All applicants for LPC licensure must complete supervised experience acceptable to the Council of 3,000 clock-hours under a qualified LPC supervisor.

(1) All supervised experience occurring in Texas must be completed under the supervision of an LPC with supervisor status.

(2) For all supervised experience completed in a jurisdiction other than Texas, the supervisor must be a person licensed or certified by that jurisdiction in a profession that provides counseling and who has the academic training and experience to supervise the counseling services offered by the Associate. The applicant must provide documentation acceptable to the Council regarding the supervisor's qualifications.

(b) The supervised experience must include at least 1,500 clock-hours of direct client counseling contact. Only actual time spent counseling may be counted.

(c) An LPC Associate may not complete the required 3,000 clock-hours of supervised experience in less than 18 months.

(d) The experience must consist primarily of the provision of direct counseling services within a professional relationship to clients by using a combination of mental health and human development principles, methods, and techniques to achieve the mental, emotional, physical, social, moral, educational, spiritual, or career-related development and adjustment of the client throughout the client's life.

(e) The LPC Associate must receive direct supervision consisting of a minimum of four (4) hours per month of supervision in individual (up to two Associates) or group (three or more) settings while the Associate is engaged in counseling, unless an extended leave of one month or more is approved in writing by the supervisor. No more than 50% of the total hours of supervision may be received in group supervision.

(f) Applicants with a master's degree that qualifies under §681.82 and §681.83 of this title, may count any supervision and experience (e.g., practicum, internship, externship) completed after conferral of the master's degree and as part of a doctoral program toward the supervision and experience requirements. The doctoral

program must lead to a degree that qualifies under §681.82 and §681.83 of this title, before the Council will award credit for supervision and experience under this provision.

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22 TAC §681.93

The Texas Behavioral Health Executive Council on behalf of the Texas State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors adopts amendments to §681.93, relating to Supervisor Requirements. Section 681.93 is adopted with changes to the proposed text as published in the August 7, 2026, issue of the *Texas Register* (51 TexReg 5126) and will be republished.

Reasoned Justification.

The adopted amendments require an LPC supervisor to establish a plan for the custody and control of supervision records in the event of death or incapacity. The amendments prohibit a supervisor from receiving compensation for supervision if that supervision is already part of their paid responsibilities. The amendments also clarify the actions a supervisor must take if their supervisor status is revoked.

List of interested groups or associations against the rule.

None.

Summary of comments against the rule.

The agency received nine comments against the amendments. The commenters argued the language regarding supervisor compensation stifles economic opportunity, micromanages the employment contract between supervisors and associates, and is overall a topic that the board should not regulate. The commenters suggested this provision violates the Texas Constitution. Further the commenters argued the amendments were superfluous as already covered by general professional ethics principles.

List of interested groups or associations for the rule.

Texas Counseling Association.

Summary of comments for the rule.

The agency received three comments in support of the amendments. The commenters supported the proposed changes, but recommended clarifying the language surrounding a supervisor receiving compensation for supervision duties, distinguishing the supervision a supervisor has agreed to provide without additional charge.

Agency Response.

The agency appreciates the public comment. The language proposed regarding supervisor compensation is similar to language that already exists in §681.91 and is intended to prohibit exploitation of associates by supervisors. Considering the public comments, the Council and board made alterations to the amendment to ensure the language clearly only prohibits a supervisor from charging an associate a fee for supervision when that supervision is already part of the supervisor's employment contract and compensation. This limited provision does not broadly interfere with the supervision relationship or ability to contract, but merely prohibits a supervisor from exploiting their position of authority over an associate. The remaining amendments are not superfluous, as general ethical guidelines are not binding regulations on the profession.

Statutory Authority.

The rule is adopted under Tex. Occ. Code, Title 3, Subtitle I, Chapter 507, which provides the Texas Behavioral Health Executive Council with the authority to make all rules, not inconsistent with the Constitution and Laws of this State, which are reasonably necessary for the proper performance of its duties and regulations of proceedings before it.

Additionally, the Executive Council adopts this rule pursuant to the authority found in §507.152 of the Tex. Occ. Code which vests the Executive Council with the authority to adopt rules necessary to perform its duties and implement Chapter 507 of the Tex. Occ. Code.

In accordance with §503.2015 of the Tex. Occ. Code the Texas State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors previously voted and, by a majority, approved to propose the adoption this rule to the Executive Council. The rule is specifically authorized by §503.2015 of the Tex. Occ. Code which states the Board shall propose to the Executive Council rules regarding the qualifications necessary to obtain a license; the scope of practice, standards of care, and ethical practice; continuing education requirements for license holders; and a schedule of sanctions for violations of this chapter or rules adopted under this chapter.

The Executive Council also adopts this rule in compliance with §507.153 of the Tex. Occ. Code. The Executive Council may not propose and adopt a rule regarding the qualifications necessary to obtain a license; the scope of practice, standards of care, and ethical practice for a profession; continuing education requirements; or a schedule of sanctions unless the rule has been proposed by the applicable board for the profession. In this instance, the underlying board has proposed this rule to the Executive Council. Therefore, the Executive Council has complied with Chapters 503 and 507 of the Texas Occupations Code and may adopt this rule.

Lastly, the Executive Council also adopts this rule under the authority found in §2001.004 of the Tex. Gov't Code which requires state agencies to adopt rules of practice stating the nature and requirements of all available formal and informal procedures.

§681.93. Supervisor Requirements.

(a) A supervisor must keep a written record of each supervisory session in the file for the LPC Associate.

(1) The supervisory written record must contain:

(A) a signed and dated copy of the Council's supervisory agreement form for the LPC Associate;

(B) a copy of the LPC Associate's online license verification noting the dates of issuance and expiration;

(C) fees and record of payment;

(D) the date of each supervisory session;

(E) a record of an LPC Associate's leave of one month or more, documenting the supervisor's approval and signed by both the LPC Associate and the supervisor;

(F) a record of any concerns the supervisor discussed with the LPC Associate, including a written remediation plan as prescribed in subsection (e) of this section; and

(G) a record of acknowledgement that the supervisee is self-employed, if applicable.

(2) The supervisor must provide a copy of all records to the LPC Associate upon request. The supervisor shall establish a plan for the custody and control of the records of supervision for the LPC Associate in the event of the supervisor's death or incapacity or termination of the supervisor's practice.

(b) Both the LPC Associate and the LPC supervisor are fully responsible for the professional counseling activities of the LPC Associate. The LPC supervisor may be subject to disciplinary action for violations that relate only to the professional practice of counseling committed by the LPC Associate which the LPC supervisor knew about or due to the oversight nature of the supervisory relationship should have known about.

(1) Supervisors must review all provisions of the Act and Council rules in this chapter during supervision.

(2) The supervisor must ensure the LPC Associate is aware of and adheres to all provisions of the Act and Council rules.

(c) The supervisor must avoid any relationship that impairs the supervisor's objective, professional judgment.

(1) The supervisor may not be related to the LPC Associate within the second degree of affinity or within the third degree of consanguinity.

(2) The supervisor may not be an employee of his or her LPC Associate.

(3) A supervisor may not charge an LPC Associate for supervision services if the supervision is part of the supervisor's responsibilities as a paid employee of an agency, institution, clinic, or other business entity.

(d) The supervisor must submit to the Council accurate documentation of the LPC Associate's supervised experience within 30 days of the end of supervision or the completion of the LPC Associate's required hours, whichever comes first.

(e) If a supervisor determines the LPC Associate may not have the counseling skills or competence to practice professional counseling under an LPC license, the supervisor will develop and implement a written plan for remediation of the LPC Associate, which must be reviewed and signed by the LPC Associate and maintained as part of the LPC Associate's file.

(f) The supervisor must ensure the supervised counseling experience of the LPC Associate were earned:

(1) after the LPC Associate license was issued; and

(2) in not less than 18 months of supervised counseling experience.

(g) A supervisor whose license has expired is no longer an approved supervisor and:

(1) must immediately inform all LPC Associates under his or her supervision and assist the LPC Associates in finding alternate supervisors; and

(2) must refund all supervisory fees for supervision after the expiration of the supervisor status.

(3) Hours accumulated under the person's supervision after the date of license expiration may not count as acceptable hours.

(h) Upon execution of a Council order for probated suspension, suspension, or revocation of the LPC license with supervisor status, the supervisor status is revoked. Hours accumulated under the person's supervision after the date the supervisor status is revoked may not count as acceptable hours, except upon a showing of good cause to the Council. A licensee whose supervisor status is revoked:

(1) must immediately inform all LPC Associates under his or her supervision and assist the LPC Associates in finding alternate supervisors; and

(2) must refund all supervisory fees for supervision after the date the supervisor status is revoked; and

(3) may reapply for supervisor status by submitting an application that shows the licensee has met the terms of any disciplinary order, has held their license in good standing for 60-months following the date of execution of the order, and has completed a 40-hour approved supervisor training course taken no earlier than the date of execution of the order.

(i) Supervision of an LPC Associate without having Council approved supervisor status is grounds for disciplinary action.

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PART 35. TEXAS STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS

CHAPTER 801. LICENSURE AND REGULATION OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS

SUBCHAPTER A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

22 TAC §801.2

The Texas Behavioral Health Executive Council on behalf of the Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists adopts amendments to §801.2, relating to Definitions. Section 801.2 is adopted without changes to the proposed text as

published in the August 7, 2026, issue of the *Texas Register* (51 TexReg 5128) and will not be republished.

Reasoned Justification.

The adopted amendment expands the definition of professional services enhanced through use of technology and changes the term to "technology-supported services." The amendments also add the term "virtual practice" and provide a definition.

List of interested groups or associations against the rule.

None.

Summary of comments against the rule.

The agency received two comments against the amendments. One commenter raised concerns that the proposed definition of "technology-supported services" is overly broad and encompasses nearly every technology used in modern practice. The commenter advocated for establishing risk-based categories to distinguish technology directly experienced by a client. The other commenter objected to any changes in rules in order to protect the integrity of the profession.

List of interested groups or associations for the rule.

None.

Summary of comments for the rule.

The agency received one comment in support of the amendments without written feedback.

Agency Response.

The agency appreciates the public comment. The proposed definition of "technology-supported services" is meant to broadly encompass all technology used in a modern practice setting. The board considered the concerns raised by the commenter and, while adopting the definition as proposed, intends to consider the implementation of any future regulations that will use this definition and the potential for distinguishing technology experience directly by a client.

Statutory Authority.

The rule is adopted under Tex. Occ. Code, Title 3, Subtitle I, Chapter 507, which provides the Texas Behavioral Health Executive Council with the authority to make all rules, not inconsistent with the Constitution and Laws of this State, which are reasonably necessary for the proper performance of its duties and regulations of proceedings before it.

Additionally, the Executive Council adopts this rule pursuant to the authority found in §507.152 of the Tex. Occ. Code which vests the Executive Council with the authority to adopt rules necessary to perform its duties and implement Chapter 507 of the Tex. Occ. Code.

In accordance with §502.1515 of the Tex. Occ. Code the Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists previously voted and, by a majority, approved to propose the adoption this rule to the Executive Council. The rule is specifically authorized by §502.1515 of the Tex. Occ. Code which states the Board shall propose to the Executive Council rules regarding the qualifications necessary to obtain a license; the scope of practice, standards of care, and ethical practice; continuing education requirements for license holders; and a schedule of sanctions for violations of this chapter or rules adopted under this chapter.

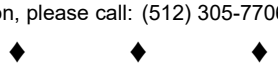
The Executive Council also adopts this rule in compliance with §507.153 of the Tex. Occ. Code. The Executive Council may not propose and adopt a rule regarding the qualifications necessary to obtain a license; the scope of practice, standards of care, and ethical practice for a profession; continuing education requirements; or a schedule of sanctions unless the rule has been proposed by the applicable board for the profession. In this instance, the underlying board has proposed this rule to the Executive Council. Therefore, the Executive Council has complied with Chapters 502 and 507 of the Texas Occupations Code and may adopt this rule.

Lastly, the Executive Council also adopts this rule under the authority found in §2001.004 of the Tex. Gov't Code which requires state agencies to adopt rules of practice stating the nature and requirements of all available formal and informal procedures.

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SUBCHAPTER B. RULES OF PRACTICE

22 TAC §801.44

The Texas Behavioral Health Executive Council on behalf of the Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists adopt amendments §801.44, relating to Relationships with Clients. Section 801.44 is adopted without changes to the proposed text as published in the August 7, 2026, issue of the *Texas Register* (51 TexReg 5130) and will not be republished.

Reasoned Justification.

The adopted amendment substitutes the term "virtual services" for "technology-assisted services" in conjunction with changes made to other rules.

List of interested groups or associations against the rule.

None.

Summary of comments against the rule.

None.

List of interested groups or associations for the rule.

None.

Summary of comments for the rule.

None.

Agency Response.

N/A.

Statutory Authority.

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In accordance with §502.1515 of the Tex. Occ. Code the Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists previously voted and, by a majority, approved to propose the adoption this rule to the Executive Council. The rule is specifically authorized by §502.1515 of the Tex. Occ. Code which states the Board shall propose to the Executive Council rules regarding the qualifications necessary to obtain a license; the scope of practice, standards of care, and ethical practice; continuing education requirements for license holders; and a schedule of sanctions for violations of this chapter or rules adopted under this chapter.

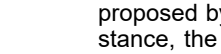
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22 TAC §801.47

The Texas Behavioral Health Executive Council on behalf of the Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists adopts amendments to §801.47, relating to Drug and Alcohol Use. Section 801.47 is adopted without changes to the proposed text as published in the August 7, 2026, issue of the *Texas Register* (51 TexReg 5132) and will not be republished.

Reasoned Justification.

The adopted amendment prohibits a licensee from encouraging the illegal use of drugs or alcohol by a supervisor or supervisee.

List of interested groups or associations against the rule.

None.

Summary of comments against the rule.

The agency received one comment against the amendment on the grounds that BHEC should extend the rule to all licensing boards under its jurisdiction.

List of interested groups or associations for the rule.

None.

Summary of comments for the rule.

The agency received one comment in support of the amendment without written feedback.

Agency Response.

The agency appreciates the public comment, but can only adopt practice-related standards within individual board rules.

Statutory Authority.

The rule is adopted under Tex. Occ. Code, Title 3, Subtitle I, Chapter 507, which provides the Texas Behavioral Health Executive Council with the authority to make all rules, not inconsistent with the Constitution and Laws of this State, which are reasonably necessary for the proper performance of its duties and regulations of proceedings before it.

Additionally, the Executive Council adopts this rule pursuant to the authority found in §507.152 of the Tex. Occ. Code which vests the Executive Council with the authority to adopt rules necessary to perform its duties and implement Chapter 507 of the Tex. Occ. Code.

In accordance with §502.1515 of the Tex. Occ. Code the Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists previously voted and, by a majority, approved to propose the adoption this rule to the Executive Council. The rule is specifically authorized by §502.1515 of the Tex. Occ. Code which states the Board shall propose to the Executive Council rules regarding the qualifications necessary to obtain a license; the scope of practice, standards of care, and ethical practice; continuing education requirements for license holders; and a schedule of sanctions for violations of this chapter or rules adopted under this chapter.

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22 TAC §801.53

The Texas Behavioral Health Executive Council on behalf of the Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists adopts amendments to §801.53, relating to Advertising and Announcements. Section 801.53 is adopted without changes to the proposed text as published in the August 7, 2026, issue of the *Texas Register* (51 TexReg 5134) and will not be republished.

Reasoned Justification.

The adopted amendment will clarify that advertising restrictions apply regardless of the medium used for advertising.

List of interested groups or associations against the rule.

None.

Summary of comments against the rule.

The agency received one comment against the amendment, which stated that current practitioners use a variety of titles to describe mental health service providers and that more regulations should exist to ensure professional titles are verifiable.

List of interested groups or associations for the rule.

None.

Summary of comments for the rule.

The agency received one comment in favor of the amendment. The commenter also raised the concern that licensees be allowed to advertise their qualification or membership in therapy-related institutions, such as art therapy certifications.

Agency Response.

The agency appreciates the public comment. The existing rule language allows licensees to use any titles, certifications, or other credentials that are related to the provision of therapeutic services as long as the use is not misleading. Regarding the use of non-standard titles, the agency's jurisdiction over title use only extends to that which misleads the public, which the agency's rules prohibit.

Statutory Authority.

The rule is adopted under Tex. Occ. Code, Title 3, Subtitle I, Chapter 507, which provides the Texas Behavioral Health Executive Council with the authority to make all rules, not inconsistent with the Constitution and Laws of this State, which are reasonably necessary for the proper performance of its duties and regulations of proceedings before it.

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22 TAC §801.54

The Texas Behavioral Health Executive Council on behalf of the Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists adopts amendments to §801.54, relating to Research and Publications. Section 801.54 is adopted without changes to the proposed text as published in the August 7, 2026, issue of the *Texas Register* (51 TexReg 5135) and will not be republished.

Reasoned Justification.

The adopted amendment requires licensees to comply with all federal and state laws regarding use of human subjects in research.

List of interested groups or associations against the rule.

None.

Summary of comments against the rule.

None.

List of interested groups or associations for the rule.

None.

Summary of comments for the rule.

None.

Agency Response.

N/A.

Statutory Authority.

The rule is adopted under Tex. Occ. Code, Title 3, Subtitle I, Chapter 507, which provides the Texas Behavioral Health Executive Council with the authority to make all rules, not inconsistent with the Constitution and Laws of this State, which are reasonably necessary for the proper performance of its duties and regulations of proceedings before it.

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22 TAC §801.58

The Texas Behavioral Health Executive Council on behalf of the Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists adopts amendments to §801.58, relating to Virtual Practice. Section 801.58 is adopted with changes to the proposed text as published in the August 7, 2026, issue of the *Texas Register* (51 TexReg 5137) and will be republished.

Reasoned Justification.

The adopted amendments replace the term "technology-assisted services" with the term "virtual practice" in alignment with updates made to the definitions in §801.2 without making substantive change to the impact of the rule. The amendments also clarify that licensees must follow the laws and rules of the state authority where clients are located when providing virtual services.

List of interested groups or associations against the rule.

None.

Summary of comments against the rule.

The agency received two comments against the proposed amendments, which would have incorporated the term "technology-supported services" added to the definitions in §801.2. The commenters raised concerns that application of the newly defined "technology-supported services" would be overly broad in the context of existing rule requirements. Specifically, the comments raised the concern that use of the term would require licensees to solicit client consent for all types of technology used by the licensee regardless whether the client directly experienced or was aware of the technology.

List of interested groups or associations for the rule.

None.

Summary of comments for the rule.

None.

Agency Response.

The agency appreciates the public comment. The Council and board considered this public input and determined that further rule development was necessary before implementing regulations related to the new term "technology-supported services." The Council and board made changes in response to this public comment to use only the term "virtual practice" to align the rule with the new definitions in §801.2 while not substantive changing the regulatory requirements of the rule.

Statutory Authority.

The rule is adopted under Tex. Occ. Code, Title 3, Subtitle I, Chapter 507, which provides the Texas Behavioral Health Executive Council with the authority to make all rules, not inconsistent with the Constitution and Laws of this State, which are reasonably necessary for the proper performance of its duties and regulations of proceedings before it.

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Lastly, the Executive Council also adopts this rule under the authority found in §2001.004 of the Tex. Gov't Code which requires state agencies to adopt rules of practice stating the nature and requirements of all available formal and informal procedures.

§801.58. Virtual Practice Services.

(a) Licensees who provide marriage and family therapy to clients or supervision to supervisees outside the State of Texas must comply with the laws and rules of the out-of-state authority which govern the practice of marriage and family therapy.

(b) Licensees who provide treatment, consultation, and supervision using virtual practice must meet the same standards of appropriate practice as licensees who practice in traditional (i.e., in-person) settings.

(c) In accordance with Texas Occupations Code, §502.251 (relating to License Required), a person may not practice as a marriage and family therapist unless the person holds a license under this chapter or is exempt under Texas Occupations Code, §502.004 (relating to Application of Chapter).

(d) A licensee may provide virtual practice services. To ensure the competent delivery of services by virtual practice means, a licensee must maintain an appropriate level of education, training, or experience in using relevant technology.

(e) A licensee may not render therapy using virtual practice without complying with the following at the onset of each session:

(1) fully verifying the location and identity of the client, to the most reasonable extent possible; and

(2) disclosing the identity of the licensee.

(f) Before providing virtual practice services, a licensee must determine whether a client is a minor. Upon determining that a client is a minor, and before providing virtual practice technology-supported services, a licensee must obtain required consent from a parent or guardian and must verify the identity of the parent, guardian, or other person consenting to the minor's treatment.

(g) The licensee must determine if virtual practice is an appropriate delivery of treatment or supervision, considering the professional, intellectual, or emotional needs of the client or supervisee.

(h) Informed consent must include, at a minimum, information that defines virtual practice service delivery as practiced by the licensee and the potential risks and ethical considerations. The licensee must obtain and maintain written or electronic evidence documenting appropriate client informed consent for the use of virtual practice. The licensee must ensure that the informed consent complies with other informed consent requirements in this chapter and must include the following:

(1) identification of the client, the therapist, and the therapist's credentials;

(2) list of services provided by the licensee using virtual practice;

(3) client agreement that the therapist determines on an on-going basis whether the condition being assessed or treated is appropriate for virtual practice;

(4) details on security measures taken with the use of virtual practice, as well as potential risks to privacy notwithstanding such measures;

(5) information regarding secure protocols and back-up plans in case of technical failure;

(6) the licensee's credentials or training to engage in virtual practice, and contact information;

(7) risks and benefits of engaging in the use of technology;

(8) emergency procedures to follow when the therapist is not available;

(9) information collected and any passive tracking mechanisms used;

(10) third-party websites or services used by the licensee to facilitate virtual practice; and

(11) an explanation of how records are maintained electronically, including encryption type and record security, and the archival storage period for transaction records.

(i) Therapists who use virtual practice must meet or exceed applicable federal and state legal requirements of health information privacy, including compliance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), Public Law 104-191; The Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health (HITECH) Act, 42 U.S.C. Chapter 156, Subchapter III; Texas Health and Safety Code, Chapter 181 (relating to Medical Records Privacy); and state privacy, confidentiality, and security rules.

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SUBCHAPTER C. APPLICATIONS AND LICENSING

22 TAC §801.142

The Texas Behavioral Health Executive Council on behalf of the Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists adopts amendments to §801.142, relating to Supervised Clinical Experience Requirements and Conditions. Section 801.142 is adopted without changes to the proposed text as published in the August 7, 2026, issue of the *Texas Register* (51 TexReg 5139) and will not be republished.

Reasoned Justification.

The adopted amendment would substitute the term "virtual services" for "technology-assisted services" in conjunction with changes made to other rules.

List of interested groups or associations against the rule.

None.

Summary of comments against the rule.

None.

List of interested groups or associations for the rule.

None.

Summary of comments for the rule.

None.

Agency Response.

N/A.

Statutory Authority.

The rule is adopted under Tex. Occ. Code, Title 3, Subtitle I, Chapter 507, which provides the Texas Behavioral Health Executive Council with the authority to make all rules, not inconsistent with the Constitution and Laws of this State, which are reasonably necessary for the proper performance of its duties and regulations of proceedings before it.

Additionally, the Executive Council adopts this rule pursuant to the authority found in §507.152 of the Tex. Occ. Code which vests the Executive Council with the authority to adopt rules necessary to perform its duties and implement Chapter 507 of the Tex. Occ. Code.

In accordance with §502.1515 of the Tex. Occ. Code the Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists previously voted and, by a majority, approved to propose the adoption this rule to the Executive Council. The rule is specifically authorized by §502.1515 of the Tex. Occ. Code which states the Board shall propose to the Executive Council rules regarding the qualifications necessary to obtain a license; the scope of practice, standards of care, and ethical practice; continuing education requirements for license holders; and a schedule of sanctions for violations of this chapter or rules adopted under this chapter.

The Executive Council also adopts this rule in compliance with §507.153 of the Tex. Occ. Code. The Executive Council may not propose and adopt a rule regarding the qualifications necessary to obtain a license; the scope of practice, standards of care, and ethical practice for a profession; continuing education requirements; or a schedule of sanctions unless the rule has been proposed by the applicable board for the profession. In this instance, the underlying board has proposed this rule to the Executive Council. Therefore, the Executive Council has complied with Chapters 502 and 507 of the Texas Occupations Code and may adopt this rule.

Lastly, the Executive Council also adopts this rule under the authority found in §2001.004 of the Tex. Gov't Code which requires state agencies to adopt rules of practice stating the nature and requirements of all available formal and informal procedures.

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PART 41. TEXAS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

CHAPTER 882. APPLICATIONS AND LICENSING

SUBCHAPTER A. LICENSE APPLICATIONS

22 TAC §882.6

The Texas Behavioral Health Executive Council adopts amendments to §882.6, relating to Limitations on Number of Examination Attempts. Section 882.6 is adopted without changes to the proposed text as published in the August 7, 2026, issue of the *Texas Register* (51 TexReg 5140) and will not be republished.

Reasoned Justification.

The adopted amendment will remove the requirement that license applicants who fail a licensure exam three times must submit a study plan to receive approval to retest, while keeping a limit on the number of exam attempts in a 12-month period.

List of interested groups or associations against the rule.

None.

Summary of comments against the rule.

The agency received ten comments against the rule proposal. Some commenters disagree with removing the study plan requirement, suggesting a "take it until you pass" approach will

not benefit applicants who do not understand why they have failed. Other commenters objected that the amended rule language does not sufficiently clarify how many exam attempts are allowed within a 12 month period and argued that any limitation on exam attempt, if even necessary at all, should be specific and justified.

List of interested groups or associations for the rule.

None.

Summary of comments for the rule.

The agency received eight comments in favor of the amendment, noting that the change would eliminate unnecessary barriers to licensure and administrative bottlenecks. Commenters believe the required study plan does not effectively police readiness to examine, creates added costs for applicants and agency staff, and may increase test anxiety.

Agency Response.

The agency appreciates the public comments. The adopted amendments removing the study plan requirement are supported by the agency's determination that insufficient regulatory evidence justifies requiring a study plan before re-examination. However, statute requires the agency to adopt a limitation on the number of exam attempts. The adopted amendments attempt to harmonize this requirement with the desire to eliminate unnecessary barriers to licensure. Instead of establishing a specific limitation for exam attempts, the agency proposes to rely on already existing rules established by test administrators for each national exam that limit the number of exam attempts in a 12 month period to protect the psychometric integrity of the exam.

Statutory Authority.

The rule is adopted under Tex. Occ. Code, Title 3, Subtitle I, Chapter 507, which provides the Texas Behavioral Health Executive Council with the authority to make all rules, not inconsistent with the Constitution and Laws of this State, which are reasonably necessary for the proper performance of its duties and regulations of proceedings before it.

Additionally, the Executive Council adopts this rule pursuant to the authority found in §507.152 of the Tex. Occ. Code which vests the Executive Council with the authority to adopt rules necessary to perform its duties and implement Chapter 507 of the Tex. Occ. Code.

The Executive Council also adopts this rule under the authority found in §2001.004 of the Tex. Gov't Code which requires state agencies to adopt rules of practice stating the nature and requirements of all available formal and informal procedures.

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SUBCHAPTER C. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

22 TAC §882.36

The Texas Behavioral Health Executive Council adopts amendments to §882.36, relating to Compliance with State and Federal Law. Section 882.36 is adopted without changes to the proposed text as published in the August 7, 2026, issue of the *Texas Register* (51 TexReg 5142) and will not be republished.

Reasoned Justification.

The adopted amendment will align the Council's rule with Senate Bill 1188, passed by the 89th Legislature. The amendments would also incorporate additional statutory provisions relevant to the Council's professions.

List of interested groups or associations against the rule.

None.

Summary of comments against the rule.

The agency received eight comments against the rule proposal. Several commenters raised concerns or disagreements with the statutory language of Senate Bill 1188, either related to parental access to minor client records or the requirements related to tracking biological sex.

List of interested groups or associations for the rule.

None.

Summary of comments for the rule.

The agency received one comment in favor of the amendment without written feedback.

Agency Response.

The agency appreciates the public comments. Statutory language has been adopted by the Legislature and must be complied with by BHEC licensees. The rule amendments merely state licensees are required to follow these laws.

Statutory Authority.

The rule is adopted under Tex. Occ. Code, Title 3, Subtitle I, Chapter 507, which provides the Texas Behavioral Health Executive Council with the authority to make all rules, not inconsistent with the Constitution and Laws of this State, which are reasonably necessary for the proper performance of its duties and regulations of proceedings before it.

Additionally, the Executive Council adopts this rule pursuant to the authority found in §507.152 of the Tex. Occ. Code which vests the Executive Council with the authority to adopt rules necessary to perform its duties and implement Chapter 507 of the Tex. Occ. Code.

The Executive Council also adopts this rule under the authority found in §2001.004 of the Tex. Gov't Code which requires

state agencies to adopt rules of practice stating the nature and requirements of all available formal and informal procedures.

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CHAPTER 884. COMPLAINTS AND ENFORCEMENT
SUBCHAPTER D. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

22 TAC §884.31

The Texas Behavioral Health Executive Council adopts amendments to §884.31, relating to Notice to the Public of Complaint Process and Access to Records. Section 884.31 is adopted without changes to the proposed text as published in the August 7, 2026, issue of the *Texas Register* (51 TexReg 5143) and will not be republished.

Reasoned Justification.

The adopted amendment will align the Council's rule with House Bill 4224, passed by the 89th Legislature.

List of interested groups or associations against the rule.

None.

Summary of comments against the rule.

The agency received one comment against the amendment, noting that the use of the term "intake" could be confused with therapeutic intake of patient information, as opposed to consent paperwork completed upon intake.

List of interested groups or associations for the rule.

None.

Summary of comments for the rule.

The agency received one comment in favor of the amendment providing the public with knowledge of how to file a complaint, but the commenter recommended there be more information for the public regarding what constitutes unethical behavior.

Agency Response.

The agency appreciates the public comments. The adopted amendments are to align with statutory language requirements. The agency does not believe the adopted language is confusing and the suggestion for additional guidance to the public regarding ethical violations goes beyond the scope of this rule change.

Statutory Authority.

The rule is adopted under Tex. Occ. Code, Title 3, Subtitle I, Chapter 507, which provides the Texas Behavioral Health Executive Council with the authority to make all rules, not inconsistent with the Constitution and Laws of this State, which are reasonably necessary for the proper performance of its duties and regulations of proceedings before it.

Additionally, the Executive Council adopts this rule pursuant to the authority found in §507.152 of the Tex. Occ. Code which vests the Executive Council with the authority to adopt rules necessary to perform its duties and implement Chapter 507 of the Tex. Occ. Code.

The Executive Council also adopts this rule under the authority found in §2001.004 of the Tex. Gov't Code which requires state agencies to adopt rules of practice stating the nature and requirements of all available formal and informal procedures.

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TITLE 31. NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION

PART 2. TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT

CHAPTER 53. FINANCE
SUBCHAPTER A. FEES
DIVISION 1. LICENSE, PERMIT, AND BOAT AND MOTOR FEES

31 TAC §53.15

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission in a duly noticed meeting on August 20, 2026, adopted an amendment to 31 TAC §53.15, concerning Miscellaneous Fisheries and Wildlife Licenses and Permits, with changes to the proposed text as published in the July 17, 2026, issue of the *Texas Register* (51 TexReg 4666). The change corrects the inadvertent omission of subsection (i) from the proposed rule text, which should have been indicated "(No change.)" The rule will be republished.

The amendment acknowledges recent rulemaking by the Parks and Wildlife Commission authorizing the issuance of permits for the commercial culture of dotted duckweed. Under current rule, the department allows the commercial culture of one species of controlled exotic plant (water spinach), which is reflected in the department's permit fee rules. The permit *per se* is generic (i.e., it is a class of permit and is not restricted strictly to water spinach). As a result, the fee schedule must be altered to reflect the fact

that the permit can now also be issued for the cultivation of dotted duckweed. Additionally, the amendment refers to the permit by its full technical name, the "exotic aquatic plant commercial culture permit."

The department received two comments opposing adoption of the rule as proposed. Both comments articulated a reason or rationale for opposing adoption. The department, accompanied by the department's response to each, follow.

One commenter opposed adoption and stated opposition to exotic species being "allowed." The other commenter stated that the fee is too low in consideration of the financial gain. The department disagrees with both comments and responds that the rule as adopted is a housekeeping measure intended to provide clarity and avoid confusion and the fee amount is consistent with the fee for other controlled exotic species like fish and shellfish. The rule as adopted does not prohibit or allow anything. No changes were made as a result of the comments.

The department received no comments supporting adoption of the amendment as proposed.

The amendment is adopted under the authority of Parks and Wildlife Code, §66.0072, which requires the commission to adopt rules to implement that section.

§53.15. Miscellaneous Fisheries and Wildlife Licenses and Permits.

(a) Trap, transport and transplant permit application fees:

(1) nonrefundable application processing fee--$750 per release site; and

(2) nonrefundable application processing fee for amendment to existing permit--$30. If the amendment includes additional release sites, the fee prescribed by paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be imposed for each additional release site.

(b) Game bird and animal breeding licenses:

(1) game animal breeder's--$79;

(2) class 1 commercial game bird breeder's--$189; and

(3) class 2 commercial game bird breeder's--$27.

(c) Commercial nongame permits:

(1) resident nongame permit--$19;

(2) nonresident nongame permit--$63;

(3) resident nongame dealer permit--$63;

(4) nonresident nongame dealer permit--$252;

(5) nongame species sales permit--$210; and

(6) nongame species sales permit renewal--$210.

(d) Zoological collection permit application--$158;

(e) Scientific research permit application--$53;

(f) Educational display permit application--$53;

(g) Controlled Exotic Species (fish, shellfish and aquatic plants):

(1) exotic aquatic plant commercial culture permit (water spinach, dotted duckweed) --$263;

(2) exotic fish or shellfish commercial aquaculture permit:

(A) Initial issuance--$263;

(B) One-year renewal--$74;

(C) Three-year renewal--$168; and

(D) Five-year renewal--$263.

(3) triploid grass carp permit fee--$16, plus $2 per triploid grass carp requested (the $2 per fish fee is refundable if the permit application is denied);

(4) exotic species interstate transit permit:

(A) single-use--$27;

(B) one-year authorization--$105.

(5) research, biological control production, zoological display, and limited special purpose permits (other than for triploid grass carp); initial, renewal, or amendment requiring facility inspection--$263; and

(6) research, biological control production, zoological display, and limited special purpose permits (other than for triploid grass carp); initial, renewal or amendment not requiring facility inspection--$27.

(h) Miscellaneous fees:

(1) commercial plant permit--$50;

(2) aerial management permit--$210;

(3) broodstock permit application--$25;

(4) permit to introduce fish, shellfish, or aquatic plants--no fee;

(5) offshore aquaculture permit or renewal--$1,575;

(6) oyster lease application--$200; and

(7) oyster lease renewal/transfer/sale--$200.

(i) Permit for Field Trial under the provisions of Parks and Wildlife Code, Subchapter J--$50.

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CHAPTER 65. WILDLIFE

SUBCHAPTER I. DEPREDATION PERMITS

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission in a duly noticed meeting on August 20, 2026, adopted the repeal of 31 TAC §65.224 and §65.226, amendments to 31 TAC §65.221 and §65.227, and new §65.224 and §65.226, concerning Depredation Permits, without changes to the proposed text as published in the July 17, 2026, issue of the *Texas Register* (51 TexReg 4684). The proposed text will not be republished.

The rules eliminate language that is redundant or duplicative of statutory provisions, reword administrative provisions for simplicity, and provide for the department to prescribe additional methods of take of wildlife under a permit issued under the subchapter. Under current rule, the means of take under a depredation permit for terrestrial wildlife other than alligators is limited to centerfire firearms, rimfire firearms, and shotguns.

The rules also implement or are consistent with the recommendations of the Texas Regulatory Efficiency Office within the Office of the Governor.

The passage of H.B. 2842 by the most recent regular session of the Texas Legislature altered the Parks and Wildlife Code to provide a pathway for political subdivisions, state and federal agencies, public institutions of higher education, and property owners' associations to address public safety and habitat impacts caused by wildlife overpopulations in areas where traditional hunting activities are inadequate for that purpose. Proposed new §65.226, regarding Means and Methods, would simply replace the current species-by-species enumeration of restrictions with a general mechanism for the department to prescribe or allow modalities for lethal take (such as air rifles and archery equipment) as appropriate or necessary.

The remaining components of the proposed rules eliminate language that is either redundant or already in statute and therefore unnecessary, or reword provisions to improve readability.

The department received two comments opposing adoption of the rules as proposed. Both commenters provided a specific reason or rationale for opposing adoption. Those comments, accompanied by the department's response to each, follow.

One commenter opposed adoption and stated that airports in developed areas use poison to kill birds and allow predator control using rifles without formal training. The department disagrees with the comment and responds that avian control at airports must conform with applicable provisions of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, including provisions governing lawful means of take, which the department cannot modify or negate. The department further responds that while the rules allow the department to prescribe appropriate means of take, the department believes that it is the responsibility of the permittee to conduct authorized activities in a prudent manner. No changes were made as a result of the comment.

One commenter opposed adoption and stated that depredation permit administration is impractical and makes criminals out of landowners, and that the take of mountain lions should not be regulated. The department disagrees with the comment and responds that there are numerous statutory and regulatory mechanisms that provide for the legal take of public resources in a variety of contexts, including control of depredating wildlife; people who disregard those mechanisms and take wildlife resources in violation of the law are therefore committing a criminal act. The department also responds that the rules do not contemplate regulation of the take of mountain lions, which can be taken at any time in any number. No changes were made as a result of the comment.

The department received seven comments supporting adoption of the rules as proposed.

31 TAC §§65.221, 65.224, 65.226, 65.227

The amendments and new rules are adopted under the authority of Parks and Wildlife Code, Chapter 43, Subchapter H, authorizes the department to adopt rules to implement that chapter.

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31 TAC §65.224, §65.226

The repeals are adopted under the authority of Parks and Wildlife Code, Chapter 43, Subchapter H, authorizes the department to adopt rules to implement that chapter.

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CHAPTER 69. RESOURCE PROTECTION
SUBCHAPTER D. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

31 TAC §69.71

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission in a duly noticed meeting on August 20, 2026, adopted an amendment to §69.71, concerning Memorandum of Understanding between the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and the Texas Department of Transportation, without changes to the proposed text as published in the July 17, 2026, issue of the *Texas Register* (51 TexReg 4686). The text of the proposed rule will not be republished.

The amendment adopts by reference a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) concerning transportation projects and highway improvement projects ("TxDOT construction projects" or "projects").

Transportation Code, §201.607, requires TxDOT to adopt an MOU with each state agency that has responsibility for the protection of the natural environment, which includes TPWD. Among other things, the MOU must address "the responsibilities of each agency entering into the memorandum relating to the

review of the potential environmental . . . effect of a highway project." Transportation Code, §201.607, also requires TxDOT to adopt the memoranda and all revisions by rule and to examine and revise the memoranda every five years. In addition, §201.607 requires each agency that is a party to the MOU to adopt revisions to the MOU by rule.

Under Parks and Wildlife Code, §12.0011, TPWD is the state agency with primary responsibility for protecting the state's fish and wildlife resources. This section also requires TPWD to provide "recommendations that will protect fish and wildlife resources to local, state, and federal agencies that approve, permit, license, or construct developmental projects" and to provide "information on fish and wildlife resources to any local, state, and federal agencies or private organizations that make decisions affecting those resources."

The MOU is intended to implement the statutory obligations of both TxDOT and TPWD regarding review of projects covered by the MOU for impacts to natural resources.

The current MOU between TPWD and TxDOT (43 TAC §§2.201 - 2.207) provides for TPWD review of TxDOT projects that have the potential to affect natural resources within the jurisdiction of TPWD. In accordance with Transportation Code, §201.607, TPWD and TxDOT have examined the current MOU and developed a new MOU. The proposed new MOU was published by TxDOT in the February 13, 2026, issue of the *Texas Register* (51 TexReg 874). The new MOU has been adopted by TxDOT and the notice of adoption was published in the June 5, 2026, issue of the *Texas Register;* (51 TexReg 3812).

The department received one comment opposing adoption of the rule as proposed. The commenter stated that the environment should be left alone. The department neither agrees nor disagrees with the comment and responds that the rule as adopted is a formal documentation of the roles of various state agencies with respect to review of transportation projects and is not a decision-making instrument. No changes were made as a result of the comment.

The department received eight comments supporting adoption of the rule as proposed.

No groups or associations commented in opposition to the rule as proposed.

Environment Texas Research and Policy Center; Defenders of Wildlife; Houston Wilderness; Frontera Land Alliance; Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance; The Watershed Association; Wild Basin Creative Research Center; and Violet Crown Trail commented in support of adoption of the rule as proposed.

The rule is adopted under the authority of Transportation Code, §201.607, which requires TPWD to adopt by rule a memorandum of understanding with the Texas Department of Transportation and each state agency that is responsible for the protection of the natural environment or for the preservation of historical or archeological resources.

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TITLE 40. SOCIAL SERVICES AND ASSISTANCE

PART 5. TEXAS VETERANS LAND BOARD

CHAPTER 177. VETERANS HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

40 TAC §§177.3, 177.5, 177.8

The Texas Veterans Land Board ("Board") adopts amendments to Texas Administrative Code, Title 40, Part 5, Chapter 177, §177.3, concerning Administration of Fund, §177.5, concerning Loan Eligibility Requirements, and §177.8, concerning Qualifying Homes. The Board also adopts a change to the chapter's title.

At its Special Called Meeting on July 28, 2026, the Board unanimously approved a recommendation to discontinue its Veterans Housing Assistance Program ("Program") due to its obsoleteness, inflexible guidelines, and decreasing participation. In response and at that same meeting, the Board unanimously approved a recommendation to publish proposed amendments to the aforementioned rules that remove their provisions on the Program. These amendments are adopted without changes to the proposed text as published in the *Texas Register* on August 21, 2026 (51 TexReg 5527) and will not be republished.

Public Comment

Three comments were received from two individuals.

First Commentor

One commentor requested that the Board reconsider ending, or alternatively, restructuring or modernizing the Program. In response to §177.3, he cited his own home repair estimates, contending that the end of the Program would deny veterans a resource for financing increasingly expensive repairs. In response to §177.5, he questioned whether ending the Program - a means to upkeep a home - would undermine the Board's mission to provide home ownership for veterans through its Veterans Housing Assistance Program. He also questioned the Board's assessment that the Program's elimination would have no economic effects on individuals. Referring to his estimates, he stated that ending the Program might limit the choices available to veterans facing such repairs. He admitted the impact of the Program's elimination might not be felt statewide but would be to individual veterans. In addition, he questioned whether the benefits of making additional resources available for other Board programs would outstrip the Program's benefits.

Response: As mentioned, the Program is obsolete: it no longer serves its intended purpose of providing Texas veterans with viable financing for home repairs. It follows an outdated, administratively complex federal lending model and no longer aligns with modern home improvement financing needs. Inflation rates

have eroded the $25,000 loan limit; loans now do not cover most common home improvement projects. More salient, better financing alternatives now exist for Texas veterans. They typically offer higher loan limits, faster processing, and greater flexibility in use. Connectedly, the Program suffers from a long-term decline in participation. Between Fiscal Years 2018 and 2021, the Program closed an average of 237 loans per year. Between Fiscal years 2022 and 2026, the Program closed an average of 100 loans per year, with over 50 percent of closing in Fiscal Years 2022 and 2023.

Second Commentor

The other commentator appeared to view the elimination of the Program as cause to scrutinize it. He requested that the Board address broad questions on the administration, origination, documentation, and servicing of Program loans. Commenting on §177.8, he requested that the Board give him information on his Program loan and explain how it intends to ensure the obligations of those with outstanding Program loans in the rules' notice of adoption in the *Texas Register*. In another comment on §177.8, he asked that the Board produce various pieces of information on Program guidelines, whether lenders received them, and whether lenders followed them. Noting the Program's ending as the elimination of a government program, he requested that the Board preserve and make accessible all historical Program records for Program loan holders "to determine the legal and program basis of their loans." He also found the absence of the Program's name from this chapter's title until 2025 followed by its removal with these amendments to be unusual, to raise certain questions on Program loan requirements, and to merit a formal administrative and historical review of the Program.

Response: This comment is not germane to the subject matter - the unfeasibility of the Program. This comment assumes discontinuation. Hence, the Board does not respond. The Board does not respond to personal requests as well. The Board does note that it continues to service all outstanding Program loans and that it follows all records retention laws and regulations in preserving its historical documents.

The amendments are adopted under Section 162.003 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, which requires the Board to adopt rules governing the administration of the veterans housing assistance fund and the Veterans' Housing Assistance Program and the creation of Program-related loans. The Code affected by the adopted amendments is Chapter 162 of the Texas Natural Resources Code.

The agency certifies that legal counsel has reviewed the adoption and found it to be a valid exercise of the agency's legal authority.

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For further information, please call: (512) 475-1859

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TITLE 43. TRANSPORTATION

PART 1. TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

CHAPTER 25. TRAFFIC OPERATIONS

SUBCHAPTER A. GENERAL

43 TAC §25.1

The Texas Department of Transportation (department) adopts the amendments to §25.1 concerning Uniform Traffic Control Devices. The amendments are adopted without changes to the proposed rule text as published in the August 14, 2026 issue of the *Texas Register* (51 TexReg 5380) and will not be republished, but with changes to Revision 1 to the Texas Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices that was proposed on the same date and is adopted by reference in §25.1.

EXPLANATION OF ADOPTED AMENDMENTS

Under Transportation Code, §544.001, the Texas Transportation Commission (commission) is required to adopt a manual for a uniform system of traffic control devices. The statute further states that the manual must be consistent with the state traffic laws and to the extent possible conform to the system approved by the American Association of State Highway Transportation Officials. The edition of the manual that is currently effective is the 2025 version.

The national Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) is adopted and published by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) under Title 23, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 655, Subpart F. The national MUTCD defines the standards used by road managers nationwide to install and maintain traffic control devices on all streets, highways, pedestrian and bicycle facilities, and site roadways open to public travel. The Texas Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (Texas MUTCD) is required to substantially conform with the federal MUTCD to allow use of a single manual for local, state, and Federal-aid highway projects. The Texas MUTCD is periodically updated to maintain substantial conformance with the national MUTCD.

FHWA issued Revision 1 of the 11th Edition of the national MUTCD on March 5, 2026. Amendments to §25.1 adopt Revision 1 of the 2025 Texas MUTCD by reference, to maintain substantial conformance with the national MUTCD. Amendments to §25.1 also clarify language in subsection (c).

The purpose of Revision 1 to the TMUTCD is primarily to correct FHWA known errors and omissions, and clarify language. In addition, TxDOT is modifying several sections throughout Chapters 2A and 2B (regarding FHWA disclaimers, adding supporting statements, and updating a sign name), 2F (regarding tolling) and 2E (regarding Left Exit signs), and Section 7C.02 (regarding school zone pavement markings) in accordance with an agreement with FHWA regarding issues that were still outstanding when the 2025 Texas MUTCD was first adopted in January 2026.

Revision 1 to the 2025 Texas MUTCD is available online at the department's website at www.txdot.gov and at the department's Traffic Safety Division office at 6230 East Stassney Lane in Austin, Texas. The federal MUTCD is available online at https://mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov.

COMMENTS

The department posted the rules for comment in the August 14, 2026 issue of the *Texas Register* and received comments

through September 14, 2026. TxDOT received 6 comments from 1 individual related to Revision 1.

1. One comment noted an incorrect paragraph reference in Section 2F.12 paragraph 9. TxDOT concurs with this comment. TxDOT revised Section 2F.12 paragraph 9 to reference paragraph 10.

2. One comment noted incorrect paragraph references in Section 2A.04 paragraph 23. TxDOT concurs with this comment. TxDOT corrected the paragraph references in Section 2A.04 paragraph 23.

3. One comment noted a potential error in Note 2 to Figure 7B-4A. TxDOT concurs with the comment. TxDOT revised Figure 7B-4A to remove Note 2 because it is not needed.

4. One comment noted Section 1B.02 and recommended revising to "Revision 1 of the 11th Edition of the National MUTCD became effective on March 5, 2026". TxDOT concurs with this comment. TxDOT revised Section 1B.02 to read "Revision 1 of the 11th Edition of the National MUTCD became effective on March 5, 2026".

5. One comment noted the phrasing "will be needed" in Figure 7B-4A and recommended alternative phrasing. TxDOT concurs with this comment. TxDOT revised Figure 7B-4A to read "should be installed" instead of "will be needed".

6. One comment noted one Figure 2F-13B sign image does not match the associated M6-2P sign code label and also recommended labeling the frontage road in Figure 2F-13B as SH 12. TxDOT concurs with this comment. TxDOT revised the Figure 2F-13B sign assembly to "M5-2P" instead of "M6-2P" and added a "SH 12 (Frontage Road)" label to Figure 2F-13B.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY

The amendments are adopted under Transportation Code, §201.101, which provides the Texas Transportation Commission (commission) with the authority to establish rules for the conduct of the work of the department, and more specifically, Transportation Code §544.001, which requires the commission to adopt a manual of uniform traffic control devices.

CROSS REFERENCE TO STATUTES IMPLEMENTED BY THIS RULEMAKING

Transportation Code, Chapter 544

The agency certifies that legal counsel has reviewed the adoption and found it to be a valid exercise of the agency's legal authority.

Filed with the Office of the Secretary of State on October 29, 2026.

TRD-202604560
James Kirk
Deputy General Counsel
Texas Department of Transportation
Effective date: November 18, 2026
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For further information, please call: (512) 416-3200

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PART 11. FORT BEND COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR

CHAPTER 301. REGULATION OF MOTOR VEHICLE TITLE SERVICES

43 TAC §301.1

The Fort Bend County Tax Assessor-Collector's Office adopted amendment §301.1, concerning the regulation of motor vehicle title services, without changes from the proposal as published in the September 11, 2026, issue of the *Texas Register* (51 TexReg 6267). The rule will not be republished. Prior to the adoption of Texas Transportation Code Chapter 520, Subchapter E, motor vehicle title services were unregulated, posted no bonds, and were not required to maintain records. Such third-party title services have been associated with fraudulent title transactions, document fraud, odometer fraud, vehicle theft, and other motor vehicle related criminal activity. Texas Transportation Code Chapter 520, Subchapter E, applies to counties meeting the population requirements established by statute. Fort Bend County is subject to these provisions and therefore regulates motor vehicle title service companies through registration, licensing, and recordkeeping requirements.

Carmen P. Turner, Fort Bend County Tax Assessor-Collector, determined that for each year of the first five-year period the adopted amendment is in effect, there are no additional costs or reduction in costs to the state or local government as a result of enforcing or administering this section. The estimated license fee revenue increase that will be retained by the county to offset the costs of administering the motor vehicle title service program is $41,400.

Carmen P. Turner, Fort Bend County Tax Assessor-Collector, has also determined that during the first five years the adopted amendment is in effect, the anticipated public benefit includes improved accountability of motor vehicle title service companies, enhanced consumer protection, increased transparency, stronger fraud prevention measures, and greater confidence in the integrity of motor vehicle transactions. The Fort Bend County Tax Assessor-Collector receives motor vehicle titles service records from 132 title service companies and 150 runners. Nearly all of these entities/individuals are small businesses, many of which are microbusinesses. The economic costs to small businesses, microbusinesses, rural communities, and/or individuals who are required to comply with this rule will be the initial license fee of $400.00, the annual renewal fee of $200.00, plus an additional $100.00 annually for each service runner license which is due upon application and is not refundable.

The Fort Bend County Tax Assessor-Collector determined that during the first five-year period the adopted amendment is in effect, it does not create or eliminate a government program; will not require the creation or elimination of employee positions and does not require future legislative appropriations to the agency. The amended rule also supports efficient administration of motor vehicle title services through standardized procedures while maintaining appropriate safeguards against fraud. In preparing this adopted amended rule, the Fort Bend County Tax Assessor-Collector considered processes which require less information from applicants, informal tracking of records and random document confirmation and concluded that clear, consistent standards promote uniform compliance, accountability, and efficient processing of motor vehicle title transactions. The Fort Bend County Tax Assessor-Collector also considered assessing lower and higher license fees but concluded that 43 TAC §95.1 set prevailing fee amounts for motor vehicle title services and proposes higher fees to promote consistency among con-

tiguous counties expanding existing regulations. The Fort Bend County Tax Assessor-Collector determined that individuals that comply with the amended rule may experience increased business opportunities because non-compliant competitors will be sanctioned, expanding existing regulation while maintaining the same number of individuals subject to the rule's applicability. This adopted amended rule does not adversely affect the state's economy as license fee revenue will be retained by the county to offset the costs of administering the motor vehicle title service program. This amendment expands the existing regulations.

There were no comments during the publication period.

The amended rule is adopted pursuant Transportation Code Chapter 520, Subchapter E, which provides the County Tax Assessor-Collector the authority to adopt rules regarding motor vehicle titles services.

No other statutes, articles, or codes are affected by this adoption.

The agency certifies that legal counsel has reviewed the adoption and found it to be a valid exercise of the agency's legal authority.

Filed with the Office of the Secretary of State on October 26, 2026.

TRD-202604530
Carmen P. Turner
Fort Bend County Tax Assessor-Collector
Fort Bend County Tax Assessor-Collector
Effective date: November 15, 2026
Proposal publication date: September 11, 2026
For further information, please call: (281) 341-3737

REVIEW OF AGENCY RULES

This section contains notices of state agency rule review as directed by the Texas Government Code, §2001.039. Included here are proposed rule review notices, which invite public comment to specified rules under review; and adopted rule review notices, which summarize public comment received as part of the review. The complete text of an agency's rule being reviewed is available in the *Texas Administrative Code* on the Texas Secretary of State's website.

For questions about the content and subject matter of rules, please contact the state agency that is reviewing the rules. Questions about the website and printed copies of these notices may be directed to the *Texas Register* office.

Proposed Rule Reviews

Department of Information Resources

Title 1, Part 10

The Texas Department of Information Resources (department) files this notice of intention to review and consider for re-adoption, revision, or repeal Texas Administrative Code, Title 1, Chapter 212, §§212.1 - 213.50, concerning Purchases of Commodity Items. The review and consideration of the rules are conducted in accordance with Texas Government Code §2001.039. The review will include, at a minimum, an assessment by the department of whether the reasons the rules were initially adopted continue to exist and whether the rules should be re-adopted.

Any questions or written comments pertaining to this rule review may be submitted to Christi Koenig Brisky, Assistant General Counsel, via mail at P.O. Box 13654, Austin, Texas 78711, via facsimile transmission at (512) 475-4759, or via electronic mail to rule.review@dir.texas.gov. The deadline for comments is thirty (30) days after publication of this notice in the *Texas Register*. Any proposed changes to the rules as a result of the rule review will be published in the Proposed Rules section of the *Texas Register*. The proposed rule changes will be open for public comment prior to the final adoption or repeal of the rule by the department in accordance with the requirements of the Texas Administrative Procedure Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 2001.

TRD-202604571
Virginia K. Hoelscher
General Counsel
Department of Information Resources
Filed: October 30, 2026

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Texas Education Agency

Title 19, Part 2

Texas Education Agency (TEA) proposes the review of 19 TAC Chapter 150, Commissioners Rules Concerning Educator Appraisal, Subchapter AA, Teacher Appraisal; Subchapter BB, Administrator Appraisal; and Subchapter CC, Superintendent Appraisal, pursuant to Texas Government Code, §2001.039.

TEA plans to propose amendments to Chapter 150, Subchapters AA, in early 2027 as part of the Texas Teacher Evaluation and Support System refresh process. The anticipated amendments will be proposed separately from this review. Additional information regarding the proposed amendments, including an opportunity for public comment, will be provided as part of the formal rulemaking process.

As required by Texas Government Code, §2001.039, TEA will accept comments as to whether the reasons for adopting Chapter 150 continue to exist. The public comment period on the review begins November 13, 2026, and ends December 14, 2026. A form for submitting public comments on the proposed rule review is available on the TEA website at https://tea.texas.gov/laws-and-rules/commissioner-rules-tac/commissioner-education-rule-review.

TRD-202604611
Cristina De La Fuente-Valadez
Director, Rulemaking
Texas Education Agency
Filed: November 3, 2026

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Texas Education Agency (TEA) proposes the review of 19 TAC Chapter 153, School District Personnel, Subchapter AA, Commissioner's Rules Concerning School District Personnel Duties and Benefits; Subchapter BB, Commissioner's Rules Concerning Professional Development; Subchapter CC, Commissioner's Rules on Creditable Years of Service; Subchapter DD, Criminal History Record Information Review; Subchapter EE, Commissioner's Rules Concerning Registry of Persons Not Eligible for Employment in Public Schools; and Subchapter FF, Commissioner's Rules Concerning Preparing and Retaining Educators Through Partnership Program Allotment, pursuant to Texas Government Code, §2001.039.

As required by Texas Government Code, §2001.039, TEA will accept comments as to whether the reasons for adopting Chapter 153 continue to exist. The public comment period on the review begins November 13, 2026, and ends December 14, 2026. A form for submitting public comments on the proposed rule review is available on the TEA website at https://tea.texas.gov/laws-and-rules/commissioner-rules-tac/commissioner-education-rule-review.

TRD-202604603
Cristina De La Fuente-Valadez
Director, Rulemaking
Texas Education Agency
Filed: November 2, 2026

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Adopted Rule Reviews

Department of Information Resources

Title 1, Part 10

The Texas Department of Information Resources (department) has completed its review of 1 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 201 (Chapter 201), concerning General Administration pursuant to Texas

Government Code § 2001.039, which requires agency rules to be reviewed at least every four years. The department determined the reasons for initially adopting Chapter 201 continue to exist. However, due to extensive typographical changes and required statutory revisions, the department is procedurally repealing the rules as they currently exist and proposing new rules that are substantially similar in content.

Notice of the rule review was published in the November 12, 2021, issue of the *Texas Register* (46 TexReg 7811). No comments were received as a result of that notice.

As a result of the rule review, the department published the proposed repeal and proposed amendments to Chapter 201 in the September 18, 2026, issue of the *Texas Register* (51 TexReg 6317). The DIR Board adopted the proposed repeal and proposed new rules of Chapter 201 at the open meeting of the DIR Board of Directors on October 29, 2026, the adoption notice for which is published concurrently in this issue of the *Texas Register*.

The department's review of Chapter 201 is concluded.

TRD-202604572
Virginia K. Hoelscher
General Counsel
Department of Information Resources
Filed: October 30, 2026

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The Texas Department of Information Resources (department) has completed its review of 1 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 213 (Chapter 213), concerning Electronic and Information Resources, pursuant to Texas Government Code §2001.039, which requires agency rules to be reviewed at least every four years. The department determined the reasons for initially adopting Chapter 213 continue to exist.

Notice of the rule review was published in the November 17, 2023, issue of the *Texas Register* (48 TexReg 6751). No comments were received as a result of that notice.

As a result of the rule review, the department published proposed amendments to Chapter 213 in the March 13, 2026, issue of the *Texas Register* (51 TexReg 1469). The department Board adopted 18 of the proposed rules at the department Board open meeting on May 21, 2026, and allowed the other proposed amendments to the remaining current sections to be withdrawn. The adoption notice was published in the June 12, 2026, issue of the *Texas Register* (51 TexReg 3877) and the notice of withdrawal for the remaining sections was published in the October 2, 2026, edition of the *Texas Register* (51 TexReg 6847).

The department's review of Chapter 213 is concluded.

TRD-202604573
Virginia K. Hoelscher
General Counsel
Department of Information Resources
Filed: October 30, 2026

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Department of State Health Services

Title 25, Part 1

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC), in its own capacity and on behalf of the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS), adopts the review of the chapter below in Title 25, Part 1, of the Texas Administrative Code (TAC):

Chapter 98, Texas HIV Medication Program

Notice of the review of this chapter was published in the September 4, 2026, issue of the *Texas Register* (51 TexReg 6177) for public comment.

The 31-day comment period ended October 5, 2026. During this period, HHSC did not receive any comments regarding the proposed rule review.

HHSC has reviewed Chapter 98 in accordance with Texas Government Code §2001.039, which requires state agencies to assess, every four years, whether the initial reasons for adopting a rule continue to exist.

The agency determined that the original reasons for adopting all rules in the chapter continue to exist and readopts Chapter 98. Any amendments, if applicable, to Chapter 98 identified by HHSC in the rule review will be proposed in a future issue of the *Texas Register*.

This concludes HHSC's review of 25 TAC Chapter 98 as required by Texas Government Code §2001.039.

TRD-202604605
Jessica Miller
Director, Rules Coordination Office
Department of State Health Services
Filed: November 3, 2026

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The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) adopts the review of the chapter below in Title 25, Part 1, of the Texas Administrative Code (TAC):

Chapter 415, Provider Clinical Responsibilities--Mental Health Services

Notice of the review of this chapter was published in the August 28, 2026, issue of the *Texas Register* (51 TexReg 5855) for public comment.

The 31-day comment period ended September 28, 2026. During this period, HHSC did not receive any comments regarding the proposed rule review.

HHSC has reviewed Chapter 415 in accordance with Texas Government Code §2001.039, which requires state agencies to assess, every four years, whether the initial reasons for adopting a rule continue to exist.

The agency determined that the original reasons for adopting rules in the chapter continue to exist and readopts Chapter 415 except for:

§415.314, Notice of Hearing Forms; and

§415.315, References.

The repeals identified by HHSC in the rule review and any amendments, if applicable, to Chapter 415 will be proposed in a future issue of the *Texas Register*.

This concludes HHSC's review of 25 TAC Chapter 415 as required by Texas Government Code §2001.039.

TRD-202604589
Jessica Miller
Director, Rules Coordination Office
Department of State Health Services
Filed: November 2, 2026

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Texas Health and Human Services Commission

Title 26, Part 1

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) adopts the review of the chapter below in Title 26, Part 1, of the Texas Administrative Code (TAC):

Chapter 904 Continuity of Services--State Facilities

Notice of the review of this chapter was published in the August 28, 2026, issue of the *Texas Register* (51 TexReg 5856) for public comment.

The 31-day comment period ended September 28, 2026. During this period, HHSC did not receive any comments regarding the proposed rule review.

HHSC has reviewed Chapter 904 in accordance with Texas Government Code §2001.039, which requires state agencies to assess, every four years, whether the initial reasons for adopting a rule continue to exist.

The agency determined that the original reasons for adopting all rules in the chapter continue to exist and readopts Chapter 904. Any amendments, if applicable, to Chapter 904 identified by HHSC in the rule review will be proposed in a future issue of the *Texas Register*.

This concludes HHSC's review of 26 TAC Chapter 904 as required by Texas Government Code §2001.039.

TRD-202604617
Jessica Miller
Director, Rules Coordination Office
Texas Health and Human Services Commission
Filed: November 4, 2026

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Texas Juvenile Justice Department

Title 37, Part 11

In accordance with §2001.039, Government Code, the Texas Juvenile Justice Department (TJJD) has completed its review of 37 TAC, Part 11, Chapter 385: Agency Management and Operations. TJJD published its Notice of Intent to Review this chapter in the September 25, 2026, issue of the *Texas Register* (51 TexReg 6756). TJJD received no public comments on the proposed rule review.

As a result of the review, TJJD has determined that the original reasons for adopting Chapter 385 continue to exist and readopts the chapter.

This concludes TJJD's review of 37 TAC, Part 11, Chapter 385.

TRD-202604621
Jana Jones
General Counsel
Texas Juvenile Justice Department
Filed: November 4, 2026

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Texas Department of Transportation

Title 43, Part 1

Notice of Readoption

The Texas Department of Transportation (department) files notice of the completion of review and the readoption of Title 43 TAC, Part 1, Chapter 23, Travel Information, Chapter 25, Traffic Operations, Chapter 26, Regional Mobility Authorities, Chapter 27, Toll Projects, Chapter 28, Oversize and Overweight Vehicles and Loads, Chapter 29, Maintenance, Chapter 30, Aviation, and Chapter 31, Public Transportation.

The department received no comments on the proposed rule review, which was published in the August 14, 2026, issue of the *Texas Register* (51 TexReg 5451). The department has reviewed the listed rules and determined that the reasons for adopting them continue to exist.

This review and readoption have been conducted in accordance with Government Code, §2001.039.

The commission readopts Title 43 Texas Administrative Code, Part 1, Chapters 23, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, and 31.

TRD-202604559
James Kirk
Deputy General Counsel
Texas Department of Transportation
Filed: October 29, 2026

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EXIT

Graphic images included in rules are published separately in this tables and graphics section. Graphic images are arranged in this section in the following order: Title Number, Part Number, Chapter Number and Section Number.

Graphic images are indicated in the text of the emergency, proposed, and adopted rules by the following tag: the word "Figure" followed by the TAC citation, rule number, and the appropriate subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, and so on.

Figure: 19 TAC §78.3001(a)(1)

EXPLANATION OF AUTOMATIC COLLEGE ADMISSION AND CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS FOR FINANCIAL AID FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Top Ten Percent Automatic Admission Requirements

In accordance with Texas Education Code (TEC), §51.803, a student is eligible for automatic admission to a Texas public college or university as an undergraduate student if the student earned a grade point average in the **top 10 percent** of the student's high school graduating class or in the percentage of qualified applicants that are anticipated to be offered admission to the University of Texas at Austin*, and the applicant

(1) earned the distinguished level of achievement under the Foundation High School Program; or

(2) satisfied ACT's College Readiness Benchmarks on the ACT assessment or earned on the SAT assessment. a minimum score of 480 on the Evidenced-Based Reading and Writing (EBRW) test and a minimum score of 530 on the mathematics test (no combined score)

High school rank for students seeking automatic admission to a general academic teaching institution is determined and reported as follows.

(1) Class rank must be based on a point in time no earlier than the end of the 11th grade.

(2) The top 10 percent of a high school class cannot contain more than 10 percent of the total class size.

(3) The student's rank must be reported by the student's high school or school district as a specific number out of a specific number total class size.

(4) Class rank shall be determined by the school or school district from which the student graduated or is expected to graduate.

A student is considered to have satisfied the course requirements of the distinguished level of achievement under the Foundation High School Program if the student completed the portion of those programs that was available to the student but which the student was unable to complete because the courses were unavailable as a result of circumstances not within the student's control.

To qualify for automatic admission an applicant must

(1) submit an application before the deadline established by the Texas college or university to which the student seeks admission; and

(2) provide a high school transcript or diploma that indicates whether the student has satisfied or is on schedule to satisfy the requirements of the distinguished level of achievement under the Foundation High School Program or the portion of the requirements that was available to the student; and

(3) have graduated from high school within the two years prior to the academic year for which the student is applying for admission.

Valedictorian Automatic Admission Requirements

A student who graduated as the valedictorian of the student's high school graduating class within the two school years preceding the academic year for which the student is applying is eligible for automatic admission, provided the student meets the applicable eligibility requirements described above.

Texas colleges and universities are required to admit an applicant for admission as an undergraduate student if the applicant is the child of a public servant who was killed or sustained a fatal injury in the line of duty and meets the minimum requirements, if any, established by the governing board of the college or university for high school or prior college- level grade point average and performance on standardized tests.

* The University of Texas at Austin (UT) is not required to automatically admit applicants in excess of 75% of its enrollment capacity for first-time resident undergraduate students. Should the number of applicants who qualify for automatic admission exceed 75% of enrollment capacity, UT must provide notice of the percentage of qualified applicants that are anticipated to be offered admission.

State Financial Aid Programs with Curriculum Requirements

Under TEC, Title 3, there are several state financial aid programs available for Texas public high school students. The following state financial aid programs include certain curriculum requirements to be considered when planning a student's high school career to ensure eligibility for financial aid under one of these programs. **Please note that this is not a complete list of requirements and additional eligibility requirements apply.** A full list of requirements for each program is available through the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board's financial aid webpage at https://www.hhloans.com/types-of-financial-aid/.

Texas First Scholarship

The purpose of the program, in conjunction with the Texas Early High School Completion Program established under TEC, Section 28.0253, is to promote efficiency in the state public education system and incentivize the enrollment of high-performing students at eligible institutions.

To receive a Texas First Scholarship, a student must:

- be enrolled at a public college or university;
- be a Resident of Texas in accordance with Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board rules;
- have graduated early from high school under the Texas First Early High School Completion Program with a Texas First Diploma; and
- Complete the high school graduation requirement relating to the financial aid application.

TEXAS Grant

The purpose of the Toward EXcellence, Access, and Success (TEXAS) Grant program is to provide need-based grants to eligible students attending public universities and health-related institutions in this state.

Basic Initial Year (IY) Student Eligibility Curriculum Requirements

A student must be a Texas resident, have financial need, have completed a FAFSA/TASFA form, and meet other enrollment criteria. A full list of eligibility requirements may be found at https://www.hhloans.com/types-of-financial-aid/toward-excellence-access-and-success-grant-program-texas-grant/.

Priority Model Initial Year (IY) Student Curriculum Eligibility Requirements

In addition to the basic initial year (IY) student eligibility requirements, to receive priority consideration for an IY award through the TEXAS Grant Program, a student must meet at least one high school graduation requirement in at least two of the four following areas:

AREA	HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENT(S)
Advanced Academic Program	• Earn 12 hours of college credit (dual credit or AP courses) • Complete the distinguished level of achievement on the Foundation High School Program or • Complete the International Baccalaureate (IB) Program
TSI Readiness	• Meet the Texas Success Initiatives (TSI) assessment thresholds or qualify for an exemption
Class Standing	• Graduate in the top one-third of the HS graduating class or • Graduate with a GPA of at least 3.0 on a 4-point scale or the equivalent
Advanced Math	• Complete at least one math course beyond Algebra II or • Complete at least one advanced career and technical education course

Guarantee for Top 25% Students

Beginning with the 2026-27 academic year, institutions of higher education are required to ensure that any eligible student who graduated in the top 25% percent of their high school graduating class within the two prior academic years, has a Student Aid Index at/or below the state priority level, and who applies for financial aid by June 1 prior to the applicable fiscal year receives an initial-year TEXAS Grant.

My signature below constitutes my acknowledgement that I have been provided with a copy of the explanation of automatic college admission and curriculum requirements for financial aid form.

_____ Date _____

Signature of Student

_____ Date _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian

_____ Date _____

Signature of School Counselor

Figure: 19 TAC §78.3001(b)(1)

NOTIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR AUTOMATIC COLLEGE ADMISSION

This notice confirms that, pending the satisfaction of all applicable requirements (see below),

_____ will be eligible for automatic college admission.

In accordance with Texas Education Code (TEC), §51.803, a student is eligible for automatic admission as an undergraduate student to a Texas college or university if the student earned a grade point average in the top 10 percent of the student's high school graduating class or within the percentage of qualified applicants anticipated to be offered automatic admission to The University of Texas at Austin. The applicant in either case must also:

(1) earn the distinguished level of achievement under the Foundation High School Program; or

(2) satisfy ACT's College Readiness Benchmarks on the ACT assessment or earn [earned] on the SAT assessment. a minimum score of 480 on the Evidenced-Based Reading and Writing (EBRW) test and a minimum score of 530 on the mathematics test (no combined score).

Additionally, a student who graduated as the valedictorian of the student's high school graduating class within the two school years preceding the academic year for which the student is applying is eligible for automatic admission, provided the student meets the applicable eligibility requirements described above.

In accordance with Title 19 Texas Administrative Code (TAC), §5.5(f), high school rank for students seeking automatic admission to a general academic teaching institution on the basis of class rank is determined and reported as follows.

(1) Class rank shall be based on a point in time no earlier than the end of the 11th grade.

(2) The top 10 percent of a high school class shall not contain more than 10 percent of the total class size.

(3) The student's rank shall be reported by the applicant's high school or school district as a specific number out of a specific number total class size.

(4) Class rank shall be determined by the school or school district from which the student graduated or is expected to graduate.

An applicant who does not satisfy the course requirements for the distinguished level of achievement under the Foundation High School Program is considered to have satisfied those requirements if the student completed the portion of those programs that was available to the student but which the student was unable to complete solely because courses were unavailable to the student at the appropriate times in the student's high school career as a result of circumstances not within the student's control.

To qualify for automatic admission an applicant must:

(1) submit an application before the deadline established by the college or university to which the student seeks admission; and

(2) provide a high school transcript or diploma that indicates whether the student has satisfied or is on schedule to satisfy the requirements of the distinguished level of achievement under the Foundation High School Program or the portion of the distinguished level of achievement under the Foundation High School Program that was available to the student; and

(3) have graduated from high school within the two years prior to the academic year for which the student is applying for admission.

Valedictorian Automatic Admission Requirements

A student who graduated as the valedictorian of the student's high school graduating class within the two school years preceding the academic year for which the student is applying is eligible for automatic admission, provided the student meets the applicable eligibility requirements described above.

Texas colleges and universities are required to admit an applicant for admission as an undergraduate student if the applicant is the child of a public servant who was killed or sustained a fatal injury in the line of duty and meets the minimum requirements, if any, established by the governing board of the college or university for high school or prior college-level grade point average and performance on standardized tests.

My signature below constitutes my acknowledgement that I have been provided with a copy of the notification of eligibility for automatic college admission.

Signature of Student Date

Signature of Parent or Guardian Date

IN ADDITION

The *Texas Register* is required by statute to publish certain documents, including applications to purchase control of state banks, notices of rate ceilings issued by the Office of Consumer Credit Commissioner, and consultant proposal requests and awards. State agencies also may publish other notices of general interest as space permits.

Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

Great Springs Project Request for Proposals

The Great Springs Project (GSP) is seeking proposals from qualified firms to conduct and deliver the Great Springs Project Alamo to the Capitol Rail-Trail Compatibility and Safety Study.

The Request for Proposals (RFP) may be obtained by downloading the RFP and attachments from GSP's website at www.greatspringsproject.org or emailing Darcie Schipull at RFP@greatspringsproject.org. Anyone wishing to submit a proposal must email it by 5:00 p.m. (CST), December 18, 2026 to GSP at RFP@greatspringsproject.org.

Reimbursable funding for this study is contingent upon the availability of federal transportation planning funds.

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Darcie Schipull
Trail and Transportation Planner
Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization
Filed: November 4, 2026

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RFP - Beitel Creek Greenway - North - GSP

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Office of Consumer Credit Commissioner

Notice of Rate Ceilings

The Consumer Credit Commissioner of Texas has ascertained the following rate ceilings by use of the formulas and methods described in §303.003, 303.005, and §303.009, Texas Finance Code.

The weekly ceiling as prescribed by §303.003 and §303.009 for the period of 11/09/26 - 11/15/26 is 18.00% for consumer[1] credit.

The weekly ceiling as prescribed by §303.003 and §303.009 for the period of 11/09/26 - 11/15/26 is 18.00% for commercial[2] credit.

The monthly ceiling as prescribed by §303.005[3] and §303.009 for the period of 11/01/26 - 11/30/26 is 18.00%.

[1] Credit for personal, family, or household use.

[2] Credit for business, commercial, investment, or other similar purpose.

[3] Only for variable rate commercial transactions, as provided by §303.004(a)

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Leslie L. Pettijohn
Commissioner
Office of Consumer Credit Commissioner
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Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

Agreed Orders

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ, agency, or commission) staff is providing an opportunity for written public comment on the listed Agreed Orders (AOs) in accordance with Texas Water Code (TWC), §7.075. TWC, §7.075 requires that before the commission may approve the AOs, the commission shall allow the public an opportunity to submit written comments on the proposed AOs. TWC, §7.075 requires that notice of the proposed orders and the opportunity to comment must be published in the *Texas Register* no later than the 30th day before the date on which the public comment period closes, which in this case is **December 17, 2026**. TWC, §7.075 also requires that the commission promptly consider any written comments received and that the commission may withdraw or withhold approval of an AO if a comment discloses facts or considerations that indicate that consent is inappropriate, improper, inadequate, or inconsistent with the requirements of the statutes and rules within the commission's jurisdiction or the commission's orders and permits issued in accordance with the commission's regulatory authority. Additional notice of changes to a proposed AO is not required to be published if those changes are made in response to written comments.

A physical copy of each proposed AO is available for public inspection at both the commission's central office, located at 12100 Park 35 Circle, Building C, 1st Floor, Austin, Texas 78753, (512) 239-2545 and at the applicable regional office listed as follows. Additionally, copies of the proposed AO can be found online by using either the Chief Clerk's eFiling System at https://www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/efilings or the TCEQ Commissioners' Integrated Database at https://www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/cid, and searching either of those databases with the proposed AO's identifying information, such as its docket number. Written comments about an AO should be sent to the enforcement coordinator designated for each AO at the commission's central office at Enforcement Division, MC 128, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087 and must be postmarked by 5:00 p.m. on **December 17, 2026**. Written comments may also be sent to the enforcement coordinator by email to ENFCOMNT@tceq.texas.gov or by facsimile machine at (512) 239-2550. The commission enforcement coordinators are available to discuss the AOs and/or the comment procedure at the listed contact information; however, TWC, §7.075 provides that comments on the AOs shall be submitted to the commission in writing.

(1) COMPANY: 842 Lakeview LLC; DOCKET NUMBER: 2025-0239-EAQ-E; IDENTIFIER: RN112069158; LOCATION: New Braunfels, Comal County; TYPE OF FACILITY: construction site; PENALTY: $20,000; ENFORCEMENT COORDINATOR: Taylor Williamson, (512) 239-2097; REGIONAL OFFICE: 5425 Polk Street, Suite H, Houston, Texas 77023-1452, REGION 12 - HOUSTON.

(2) COMPANY: ACCREDO PACKAGING, INC.; DOCKET NUMBER: 2026-0824-AIR-E; IDENTIFIER: RN105348007; LOCATION: Sugar Land, Fort Bend County; TYPE OF FACILITY: flexographic printing facility; PENALTY: $2,500; ENFORCEMENT COORDINATOR: Jonathan Hawkins, (512) 239-4662; REGIONAL OFFICE: 12100 Park 35 Circle, Austin, Texas 78753, CENTRAL OFFICE - AUSTIN.

(3) COMPANY: AQUA TEXAS, INC.; DOCKET NUMBER: 2025-1866-MWD-E; IDENTIFIER: RN101515179; LOCATION: Conroe, Montgomery County; TYPE OF FACILITY: wastewater treatment facility; PENALTY: $11,438; ENFORCEMENT COORDINATOR: Harley Hobson, (512) 239-1337; REGIONAL OFFICE: 12100 Park 35 Circle, Austin, Texas 78753, CENTRAL OFFICE - AUSTIN.

(4) COMPANY: Addicks Utility District; DOCKET NUMBER: 2026-0576-PWS-E; IDENTIFIER: RN101178713; LOCATION: Houston, Harris County; TYPE OF FACILITY: public water supply; PENALTY: $9,127; ENFORCEMENT COORDINATOR: Kaisie Hubschmitt, (512) 239-1482; REGIONAL OFFICE: 12100 Park 35 Circle, Austin, Texas 78753, CENTRAL OFFICE - AUSTIN.

(5) COMPANY: Advario Texas City, L.P.; DOCKET NUMBER: 2026-0981-AIR-E; IDENTIFIER: RN100217231; LOCATION: Texas City, Galveston County; TYPE OF FACILITY: bulk liquid storage and logistics terminal; PENALTY: $4,875; ENFORCEMENT COORDINATOR: Krystina Sepulveda, (956) 430-6045; REGIONAL OFFICE: 1804 West Jefferson Avenue, Harlingen, Texas 78550-5247, REGION 15 - HARLINGEN.

(6) COMPANY: Arcom.NY LLC; DOCKET NUMBER: 2025-1372-PST-E; IDENTIFIER: RN102235777; LOCATION: San Antonio, Bexar County; TYPE OF FACILITY: operator; PENALTY: $2,625; ENFORCEMENT COORDINATOR: Rachel Murray, (903) 535-5149; REGIONAL OFFICE: 2916 Teague Drive, Tyler, Texas 75701-3734, REGION 5 - TYLER.

(7) COMPANY: Bayport Polymers LLC; DOCKET NUMBER: 2025-1881-AIR-E; IDENTIFIER: RN109845768; LOCATION: Port Arthur, Jefferson County; TYPE OF FACILITY: petrochemical manufacturing plant; PENALTY: $37,500; SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT OFFSET: $15,000; ENFORCEMENT COORDINATOR: Michael Wilkins, (325) 698-6134; REGIONAL OFFICE: 1977 Industrial Boulevard, Abilene, Texas 79602-7833, REGION 3 - ABILENE.

(8) COMPANY: Boat Club Operations LLC; DOCKET NUMBER: 2026-0637-PST-E; IDENTIFIER: RN101551281; LOCATION: Lake Worth, Tarrant County; TYPE OF FACILITY: convenience store with retail sales of gasoline; PENALTY: $8,731; ENFORCEMENT COORDINATOR: Bryce Huck, (512) 239-4655; REGIONAL OFFICE: 12100 Park 35 Circle, Austin, Texas 78753, CENTRAL OFFICE - AUSTIN.

(9) COMPANY: Brock McKay Alexander; DOCKET NUMBER: 2026-1315-OSI-E; IDENTIFIER: RN112488267; LOCATION: Crowley, Tarrant County; TYPE OF FACILITY: operator; PENALTY: $175; ENFORCEMENT COORDINATOR: Adriana Fuentes, (956) 430-6057; REGIONAL OFFICE: 1804 West Jefferson Avenue, Harlingen, Texas 78550-5247, REGION 15 - HARLINGEN.

(10) COMPANY: Candy & Amanda, LLC; DOCKET NUMBER: 2025-1832-PST-E; IDENTIFIER: RN104188701; LOCATION: Brownsville, Cameron County; TYPE OF FACILITY: convenience store with retail sales of gasoline; PENALTY: $6,099; ENFORCEMENT COORDINATOR: Rachel Murray, (903) 535-5149; REGIONAL OFFICE: 2916 Teague Drive, Tyler, Texas 75701-3734, REGION 5 - TYLER.

(11) COMPANY: City of Angleton; DOCKET NUMBER: 2026-0788-WQ-E; IDENTIFIER: RN103779021; LOCATION: Angleton, Brazoria County; TYPE OF FACILITY: wastewater treatment facility; PENALTY: $17,775; SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT OFFSET: $13,821; ENFORCEMENT COORDINATOR: Samantha Smith, (512) 239-2099; REGIONAL OFFICE: 5425 Polk Street, Suite H, Houston, Texas 77023-1452, REGION 12 - HOUSTON.

(12) COMPANY: City of Blanco; DOCKET NUMBER: 2025-1089-MWD-E; IDENTIFIER: RN101721504; LOCATION: Blanco, Blanco County; TYPE OF FACILITY: wastewater treatment facility; PENALTY: $32,715; SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT OFFSET: $26,172; ENFORCEMENT COORDINATOR: Logan Thompson, (512) 239-4576; REGIONAL OFFICE: 12100 Park 35 Circle, Austin, Texas 78753, CENTRAL OFFICE - AUSTIN.

(13) COMPANY: City of Corpus Christi; DOCKET NUMBER: 2022-0641-MLM-E; IDENTIFIER: RN101610400; LOCATION: Corpus Christi, Nueces County; TYPE OF FACILITY: wastewater treatment facility; PENALTY: $13,597; ENFORCEMENT COORDINATOR: Raven Daigle, (713) 767-3634; REGIONAL OFFICE: Corpus Christi, REGION 12 - HOUSTON.

(14) COMPANY: City of Eagle Lake; DOCKET NUMBER: 2025-1707-MWD-E; IDENTIFIER: RN102181195; LOCATION: Eagle Lake, Colorado County; TYPE OF FACILITY: wastewater treatment facility; PENALTY: $9,563; SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT OFFSET: $7,651; ENFORCEMENT COORDINATOR: Hannah Moreno, (512) 239-2509; REGIONAL OFFICE: 12100 Park 35 Circle, Austin, Texas 78753, CENTRAL OFFICE - AUSTIN.

(15) COMPANY: City of East Tawakoni; DOCKET NUMBER: 2024-1118-MWD-E; IDENTIFIER: RN101917847; LOCATION: East Tawakoni, Rains County; TYPE OF FACILITY: wastewater treatment facility; PENALTY: $42,525; SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT OFFSET: $41,938; ENFORCEMENT COORDINATOR: Logan Thompson, (512) 239-4576; REGIONAL OFFICE: 12100 Park 35 Circle, Austin, Texas 78753, CENTRAL OFFICE - AUSTIN.

(16) COMPANY: City of Elmendorf; DOCKET NUMBER: 2025-0585-MWD-E; IDENTIFIER: RN104369434; LOCATION: Elmendorf, Bexar County; TYPE OF FACILITY: wastewater treatment facility; PENALTY: $32,000; SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT OFFSET: $32,000; ENFORCEMENT COORDINATOR: Logan Thompson, (512) 239-4576; REGIONAL OFFICE: 12100 Park 35 Circle, Austin, Texas 78753, CENTRAL OFFICE - AUSTIN.

(17) COMPANY: City of Hillsboro; DOCKET NUMBER: 2025-1639-WQ-E; IDENTIFIER: RN102844180; LOCATION: Hillsboro, Hill County; TYPE OF FACILITY: wastewater treatment facility; PENALTY: $27,400; SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT OFFSET: $21,920; ENFORCEMENT COORDINATOR: Monica Larina, (361) 881-6965; REGIONAL OFFICE: 500 North Shoreline Boulevard, Suite 500, Corpus Christi, Texas 78401, REGION 14 - CORPUS CHRISTI.

(18) COMPANY: City of La Porte; DOCKET NUMBER: 2026-0767-MWD-E; IDENTIFIER: RN101610889; LOCATION: La Porte, Harris County; TYPE OF FACILITY: wastewater treatment facility; PENALTY: $29,250; SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT OFFSET: $29,250; ENFORCEMENT COORDINATOR: Samantha Smith, (512) 239-2099; REGIONAL OFFICE: 5425 Polk Street, Suite H, Houston, Texas 77023-1452, REGION 12 - HOUSTON.

(19) COMPANY: City of Leander; DOCKET NUMBER: 2025-1691-MWD-E; IDENTIFIER: RN101917722; LOCATION: Leander, Williamson County; TYPE OF FACILITY: wastewater treatment facility; PENALTY: $58,800; SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT OFFSET: $58,800; ENFORCEMENT COORDINATOR: Madison Crawford, (512) 239-4603; REGIONAL OFFICE: 12100 Park 35 Circle, Austin, Texas 78753, CENTRAL OFFICE - AUSTIN.

(20) COMPANY: City of Lubbock; DOCKET NUMBER: 2025-0236-MWD-E; IDENTIFIER: RN101609949; LOCATION: Lubbock, Lubbock County; TYPE OF FACILITY: wastewater treatment facility; PENALTY: $593,525; SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT OFFSET: $593,525; ENFORCEMENT COORDINATOR: Taylor Williamson, (512) 239-2097; REGIONAL OFFICE: 14250 Judson Road, San Antonio, Texas 78233-4480, REGION 13 - SAN ANTONIO.

(21) COMPANY: City of Magnolia; DOCKET NUMBER: 2022-0648-MWD-E; IDENTIFIER: RN101919769; LOCATION: Magnolia, Montgomery County; TYPE OF FACILITY: wastewater treatment facility; PENALTY: $21,000; SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT OFFSET: $21,000; ENFORCEMENT COORDINATOR: Harley Hobson, (512) 239-1337; REGIONAL OFFICE: 12100 Park 35 Circle, Austin, Texas 78753, CENTRAL OFFICE - AUSTIN.

(22) COMPANY: City of Montgomery; DOCKET NUMBER: 2025-0280-MWD-E; IDENTIFIER: RN105021836; LOCATION: Montgomery, Montgomery County; TYPE OF FACILITY: wastewater treatment facility; PENALTY: $7,875; SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT OFFSET: $6,300; ENFORCEMENT COORDINATOR: Logan Thompson, (512) 239-4576; REGIONAL OFFICE: 12100 Park 35 Circle, Austin, Texas 78753, CENTRAL OFFICE - AUSTIN.

(23) COMPANY: City of Pearsall; DOCKET NUMBER: 2026-0625-MWD-E; IDENTIFIER: RN103016275; LOCATION: Pearsall, Frio County; TYPE OF FACILITY: wastewater treatment facility; PENALTY: $20,000; SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT OFFSET: $16,000; ENFORCEMENT COORDINATOR: Madison Crawford, (512) 239-4603; REGIONAL OFFICE: 12100 Park 35 Circle, Austin, Texas 78753, CENTRAL OFFICE - AUSTIN.

(24) COMPANY: City of Richmond; DOCKET NUMBER: 2026-0818-MWD-E; IDENTIFIER: RN102096310; LOCATION: Richmond, Fort Bend County; TYPE OF FACILITY: wastewater treatment facility; PENALTY: $54,625; SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT OFFSET: $43,700; ENFORCEMENT COORDINATOR: Madison Crawford, (512) 239-4603; REGIONAL OFFICE: 12100 Park 35 Circle, Austin, Texas 78753, CENTRAL OFFICE - AUSTIN.

(25) COMPANY: City of Robert Lee; DOCKET NUMBER: 2025-1109-MWD-E; IDENTIFIER: RN101920163; LOCATION: Robert Lee, Coke County; TYPE OF FACILITY: wastewater treatment facility; PENALTY: $19,500; SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT OFFSET: $19,500; ENFORCEMENT COORDINATOR: Hannah Moreno, (512) 239-2509; REGIONAL OFFICE: 401 East Franklin Avenue, Suite 560, El Paso, Texas 79901-1212, REGION 6 - EL PASO.

(26) COMPANY: City of The Colony; DOCKET NUMBER: 2025-1528-MWD-E; IDENTIFIER: RN105292783; LOCATION: The Colony, Denton County; TYPE OF FACILITY: wastewater treatment facility; PENALTY: $25,000; SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT OFFSET: $25,000; ENFORCEMENT COORDINATOR: Harley Hobson, (512) 239-1337; REGIONAL OFFICE: 12100 Park 35 Circle, Austin, Texas 78753, CENTRAL OFFICE - AUSTIN.

(27) COMPANY: Corrigan OSB, L.L.C.; DOCKET NUMBER: 2026-0460-AIR-E; IDENTIFIER: RN107922510; LOCATION: Corrigan, Polk County; TYPE OF FACILITY: reconstituted wood product manufacturing facility; PENALTY: $29,000; ENFORCEMENT COORDINATOR: Krystina Sepulveda, (956) 430-6045; REGIONAL OFFICE: 1804 West Jefferson Avenue, Harlingen, Texas 78550-5247, REGION 15 - HARLINGEN.

(28) COMPANY: Crosby Municipal Utility District; DOCKET NUMBER: 2026-0667-MWD-E; IDENTIFIER: RN102080462; LOCATION: Crosby, Harris County; TYPE OF FACILITY: wastewater treatment facility; PENALTY: $53,125; SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT OFFSET: $53,125; ENFORCEMENT COORDINATOR: Madison Crawford, (512) 239-4603; REGIONAL OFFICE: 12100 Park 35 Circle, Austin, Texas 78753, CENTRAL OFFICE - AUSTIN.

(29) COMPANY: Cross Custom Homes, LLC; DOCKET NUMBER: 2026-0487-WQ-E; IDENTIFIER: RN112359518; LOCATION: Weatherford, Parker County; TYPE OF FACILITY: construction site; PENALTY: $26,250; ENFORCEMENT COORDINATOR: Monica Larina, (361) 881-6965; REGIONAL OFFICE: 500 North Shoreline Boulevard, Suite 500, Corpus Christi, Texas 78401, REGION 14 - CORPUS CHRISTI.

(30) COMPANY: Crossroads Fuel, LLC; DOCKET NUMBER: 2026-0876-PST-E; IDENTIFIER: RN104795273; LOCATION: Bandera, Bandera County; TYPE OF FACILITY: underground storage tank system; PENALTY: $6,868; ENFORCEMENT COORDINATOR: Sarah Kalainoff, (512) 239-4631; REGIONAL OFFICE: 12100 Park 35 Circle, Austin, Texas 78753, CENTRAL OFFICE - AUSTIN.

(31) COMPANY: Gosdin's Dozer Service, Inc.; DOCKET NUMBER: 2026-1352-WQ-E; IDENTIFIER: RN112512124; LOCATION: Grand Saline, Van Zandt County; TYPE OF FACILITY: operator; PENALTY: $875; ENFORCEMENT COORDINATOR: Alejandra Basave, (713) 767-3751; REGIONAL OFFICE: 14250 Judson Road, San Antonio, Texas 78233-4480, REGION 13 - SAN ANTONIO.

(32) COMPANY: Goshen Erets L.L.C.; DOCKET NUMBER: 2025-1848-PWS-E; IDENTIFIER: RN112003231; LOCATION: Kirbyville, Newton County; TYPE OF FACILITY: public water supply; PENALTY: $8,201; ENFORCEMENT COORDINATOR: Savannah Jackson, (512) 239-4306; REGIONAL OFFICE: 12100 Park 35 Circle, Austin, Texas 78753, CENTRAL OFFICE - AUSTIN.

(33) COMPANY: INEOS OLIGOMERS USA LLC; DOCKET NUMBER: 2026-0716-AIR-E; IDENTIFIER: RN108783614; LOCATION: Alvin, Brazoria County; TYPE OF FACILITY: petrochemical manufacturing plant; PENALTY: $135,000; ENFORCEMENT COORDINATOR: Desmond Martin, (512) 239-2814; REGIONAL OFFICE: 12100 Park 35 Circle, Austin, Texas 78753, CENTRAL OFFICE - AUSTIN.

(34) COMPANY: KM Liquids Terminals LLC; DOCKET NUMBER: 2025-1262-AIR-E; IDENTIFIER: RN100224815; LOCATION: Pasadena, Harris County; TYPE OF FACILITY: bulk storage termi-

nal; PENALTY: $12,750; SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT OFFSET: $5,100; ENFORCEMENT COORDINATOR: Desmond Martin, (512) 239-2814; REGIONAL OFFICE: 12100 Park 35 Circle, Austin, Texas 78753, CENTRAL OFFICE - AUSTIN.

(35) COMPANY: Military Highway Water Supply Corporation; DOCKET NUMBER: 2026-1001-PWS-E; IDENTIFIER: RN101258515; LOCATION: San Benito, Cameron County; TYPE OF FACILITY: public water supply; PENALTY: $7,100; ENFORCEMENT COORDINATOR: Taner Hengst, (512) 239-1143; REGIONAL OFFICE: 12100 Park 35 Circle, Austin, Texas 78753, CENTRAL OFFICE - AUSTIN.

(36) COMPANY: Murphy Oil USA, Inc.; DOCKET NUMBER: 2025-0204-PST-E; IDENTIFIER: RN102389012; LOCATION: Greenville, Hunt County; TYPE OF FACILITY: convenience store with retail sales of gasoline; PENALTY: $26,188; ENFORCEMENT COORDINATOR: Raven Daigle, (713) 767-3634; REGIONAL OFFICE: 12100 Park 35 Circle, Austin, Texas 78753, CENTRAL OFFICE - AUSTIN.

(37) COMPANY: New Progress WSC; DOCKET NUMBER: 2026-1239-PWS-E; IDENTIFIER: RN101654317; LOCATION: Cresson, Parker County; TYPE OF FACILITY: public water supply; PENALTY: $765; ENFORCEMENT COORDINATOR: Savannah Jackson, (512) 239-4306; REGIONAL OFFICE: 12100 Park 35 Circle, Austin, Texas 78753, CENTRAL OFFICE - AUSTIN.

(38) COMPANY: Richmond Pate; DOCKET NUMBER: 2026-1017-WR-E; IDENTIFIER: RN112493549; LOCATION: Buffalo, Freestone County; TYPE OF FACILITY: private property; PENALTY: $250; ENFORCEMENT COORDINATOR: Monica Larina, (361) 881-6965; REGIONAL OFFICE: 500 North Shoreline Boulevard, Suite 500, Corpus Christi, Texas 78401, REGION 14 - CORPUS CHRISTI.

(39) COMPANY: SUNOCO RETAIL LLC; DOCKET NUMBER: 2026-0933-PST-E; IDENTIFIER: RN102348661; LOCATION: Laredo, Webb County; TYPE OF FACILITY: underground storage tank system; PENALTY: $4,375; ENFORCEMENT COORDINATOR: Julie Nieto, (512) 239-2539; REGIONAL OFFICE: 12100 Park 35 Circle, Austin, Texas 78753, CENTRAL OFFICE - AUSTIN.

(40) COMPANY: Sam's East, Inc.; DOCKET NUMBER: 2026-0420-PST-E; IDENTIFIER: RN101505881; LOCATION: Odessa, Ector County; TYPE OF FACILITY: convenience store with retail sales of gasoline; PENALTY: $8,875; ENFORCEMENT COORDINATOR: Sujata Sinha, (512) 239-1963; REGIONAL OFFICE: 5425 Polk Street, Suite H, Houston, Texas 77023-1452, REGION 12 - HOUSTON.

(41) COMPANY: The Colonel Museum, Inc.; DOCKET NUMBER: 2026-0952-PWS-E; IDENTIFIER: RN101196467; LOCATION: Galveston, Galveston County; TYPE OF FACILITY: public water supply; PENALTY: $3,500; ENFORCEMENT COORDINATOR: Katherine Mckinney, (512) 239-4619; REGIONAL OFFICE: 12100 Park 35 Circle, Austin, Texas 78753, CENTRAL OFFICE - AUSTIN.

(42) COMPANY: The Sherwin-Williams Manufacturing Company; DOCKET NUMBER: 2025-1208-AIR-E; IDENTIFIER: RN100212166; LOCATION: Ennis, Ellis County; TYPE OF FACILITY: chemical manufacturing plant; PENALTY: $70,500; ENFORCEMENT COORDINATOR: Yuliya Dunaway, (210) 403-4077; REGIONAL OFFICE: 14250 Judson Road, San Antonio, Texas 78233-4480, REGION 13 - SAN ANTONIO.

(43) COMPANY: The Sherwin-Williams Manufacturing Company; DOCKET NUMBER: 2026-0799-AIR-E; IDENTIFIER: RN100212166; LOCATION: Ennis, Ellis County; TYPE OF FACILITY: chemical manufacturing plant; PENALTY: $19,000; ENFORCEMENT COORDINATOR: Jonathan Hawkins, (512) 239-4662; REGIONAL OFFICE: 12100 Park 35 Circle, Austin, Texas 78753, CENTRAL OFFICE - AUSTIN.

(44) COMPANY: Thirdsies, LLC; DOCKET NUMBER: 2026-0621-MLM-E; IDENTIFIER: RN112340500; LOCATION: Giddings, Lee County; TYPE OF FACILITY: plant nursery; PENALTY: $10,688; ENFORCEMENT COORDINATOR: Monica Larina, (361) 881-6965; REGIONAL OFFICE: 500 North Shoreline Boulevard, Suite 500, Corpus Christi, Texas 78401, REGION 14 - CORPUS CHRISTI.

(45) COMPANY: Zee Investments SL LLC; DOCKET NUMBER: 2024-1370-PST-E; IDENTIFIER: RN101264810; LOCATION: Jones Creek, Brazoria County; TYPE OF FACILITY: convenience store with retail sales of gasoline; PENALTY: $5,744; ENFORCEMENT COORDINATOR: Bryce Huck, (512) 239-4655; REGIONAL OFFICE: 12100 Park 35 Circle, Austin, Texas 78753, CENTRAL OFFICE - AUSTIN.

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Gitanjali Yadav
Deputy Director, Litigation Division
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
Filed: November 3, 2026

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Enforcement Orders

An agreed order was adopted regarding Luis Guerra and Rogelio Guerra, Docket No. 2022-1630-MLM-E on November 3, 2026 assessing $12,470 in administrative penalties with $2,493 deferred. Information concerning any aspect of this order may be obtained by contacting Celicia Garza, Enforcement Coordinator at (512) 239-2545, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087.

An agreed order was adopted regarding East Texas Commercial Properties, LLC dba Central Heights Depot, Docket No. 2023-1207-PST-E on November 3, 2026 assessing $5,000 in administrative penalties. Information concerning any aspect of this order may be obtained by contacting William Hogan, Staff Attorney at (512) 239-3400, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087.

An agreed order was adopted regarding Interstate RV, LLC and Give2Get, LLC, Docket No. 2023-1326-PWS-E on November 3, 2026 assessing $3,820 in administrative penalties with $764 deferred. Information concerning any aspect of this order may be obtained by contacting Kadrienn Woodard, Enforcement Coordinator at (512) 239-2545, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087.

An expedited compliance order was adopted regarding Bhamipura Corp LLC dba John T White Shell, Docket No. 2024-0890-PST-E on November 3, 2026 assessing $1,875 in administrative penalties. Information concerning any aspect of this order may be obtained by contacting Penny Wimberly, Enforcement Coordinator at (512) 239-2545, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087.

An agreed order was adopted regarding SA MARKET, INC. dba Big Wolf Market, Docket No. 2025-1117-PST-E on November 3, 2026 assessing $9,301 in administrative penalties with $1,860 deferred. Information concerning any aspect of this order may be obtained by contacting Bryce Huck, Enforcement Coordinator at (512) 239-2545, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087.

An agreed order was adopted regarding Debbie Harvey, Docket No. 2025-1201-EAQ-E on November 3, 2026 assessing $10,000 in administrative penalties with $2,000 deferred. Information concerning any aspect of this order may be obtained by contacting Adriana Fuentes, Enforcement Coordinator at (512) 239-2545, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087.

An agreed order was adopted regarding Addie Marlin dba Marlin Marina Water System, Docket No. 2025-1389-PWS-E on November 3, 2026 assessing $2,813 in administrative penalties with $562 deferred. Information concerning any aspect of this order may be obtained by contacting Wyatt Throm, Enforcement Coordinator at (512) 239-2545, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087.

An agreed order was adopted regarding Tammie King, Docket No. 2025-1447-MSW-E on November 3, 2026 assessing $6,562 in administrative penalties with $1,312 deferred. Information concerning any aspect of this order may be obtained by contacting Bryce Huck, Enforcement Coordinator at (512) 239-2545, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087.

An agreed order was adopted regarding Sajana Florence LLC, Docket No. 2025-1632-PST-E on November 3, 2026 assessing $3,000 in administrative penalties with $600 deferred. Information concerning any aspect of this order may be obtained by contacting Stephanie McCurley, Enforcement Coordinator at (512) 239-2545, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087.

An agreed order was adopted regarding the City of Baird, Docket No. 2025-1685-MWD-E on November 3, 2026 assessing $4,687 in administrative penalties with $937 deferred. Information concerning any aspect of this order may be obtained by contacting Alejandra Basave, Enforcement Coordinator at (512) 239-2545, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087.

An agreed order was adopted regarding the City of La Villa, Docket No. 2025-1688-MWD-E on November 3, 2026 assessing $7,125 in administrative penalties with $1,425 deferred. Information concerning any aspect of this order may be obtained by contacting Penny Wimberly, Enforcement Coordinator at (512) 239-2545, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087.

An agreed order was adopted regarding Eloy Martinez Salazar and Maria De Los Angeles Perez Salazar, Docket No. 2025-1741-PST-E on November 3, 2026 assessing $7,712 in administrative penalties with $1,542 deferred. Information concerning any aspect of this order may be obtained by contacting Ramyia Wendt, Enforcement Coordinator at (512) 239-2545, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087.

An agreed order was adopted regarding Edgar Maddox, Docket No. 2025-1880-MSW-E on November 3, 2026 assessing $3,937 in administrative penalties with $787 deferred. Information concerning any aspect of this order may be obtained by contacting Bryce Huck, Enforcement Coordinator at (512) 239-2545, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087.

An agreed order was adopted regarding HCA Healthcare, Inc dba Medical City Frisco, Docket No. 2025-1911-PST-E on November 3, 2026 assessing $8,280 in administrative penalties with $1,656 deferred. Information concerning any aspect of this order may be obtained by contacting Ramyia Wendt, Enforcement Coordinator at (512) 239-2545, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087.

An agreed order was adopted regarding Barbra Reynolds dba Lakeview Water Coop, Docket No. 2026-0096-PWS-E on November 3, 2026 assessing $1,000 in administrative penalties with $200 deferred. Information concerning any aspect of this order may be obtained by contacting Stephanie McKinney, Enforcement Coordinator at (512) 239-2545, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087.

An agreed order was adopted regarding North Texas Natural Select Materials, LLC, Docket No. 2026-0201-WQ-E on November 3, 2026 assessing $8,750 in administrative penalties with $1,750 deferred. Information concerning any aspect of this order may be obtained by contacting Monica Larina, Enforcement Coordinator at (512) 239-2545, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087.

An agreed order was adopted regarding MAP Real Estate, LLC, Docket No. 2026-0226-PWS-E on November 3, 2026 assessing $1,063 in administrative penalties with $212 deferred. Information concerning any aspect of this order may be obtained by contacting Stephanie McKinney, Enforcement Coordinator at (512) 239-2545, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087.

An agreed order was adopted regarding A. E. HILLER & SONS, INC., Docket No. 2026-0274-MLM-E on November 3, 2026 assessing $5,625 in administrative penalties with $1,125 deferred. Information concerning any aspect of this order may be obtained by contacting Monica Larina, Enforcement Coordinator at (512) 239-2545, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087.

An agreed order was adopted regarding Milestone Environmental Services, LLC, Docket No. 2026-0300-AIR-E on November 3, 2026 assessing $6,750 in administrative penalties with $1,350 deferred. Information concerning any aspect of this order may be obtained by contacting Morgan Kopcho, Enforcement Coordinator at (512) 239-2545, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087.

An expedited compliance order was adopted regarding GPM Southeast, LLC dba EZ Mart 4277, Docket No. 2026-0403-PST-E on November 3, 2026 assessing $1,875 in administrative penalties. Information concerning any aspect of this order may be obtained by contacting Kensington Mikulenka, Enforcement Coordinator at (512) 239-2545, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087.

An expedited compliance order was adopted regarding GPM Southeast, LLC dba GPM Site 24278, Docket No. 2026-0419-PST-E on November 3, 2026 assessing $1,875 in administrative penalties. Information concerning any aspect of this order may be obtained by contacting Kensington Mikulenka, Enforcement Coordinator at (512) 239-2545, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087.

An agreed order was adopted regarding Red Ewald, LLC, Docket No. 2026-0484-AIR-E on November 3, 2026 assessing $9,500 in administrative penalties with $1,900 deferred. Information concerning any aspect of this order may be obtained by contacting Krystina Sepulveda, Enforcement Coordinator at (512) 239-2545, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087.

An agreed order was adopted regarding Urbanec Enterprises, LLC dba Harvest Acres RV Park, Docket No. 2026-0530-PWS-E on November 3, 2026 assessing $3,635 in administrative penalties with $727 deferred. Information concerning any aspect of this order may be obtained by contacting Tessa Bond, Enforcement Coordinator at (512) 239-2545, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087.

An agreed order was adopted regarding the City of Corrigan, Docket No. 2026-0552-PWS-E on November 3, 2026 assessing $3,570 in ad-

ministrative penalties with $714 deferred. Information concerning any aspect of this order may be obtained by contacting Wyatt Throm, Enforcement Coordinator at (512) 239-2545, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087.

An agreed order was adopted regarding TRIM LINE, INC., Docket No. 2026-0581-AIR-E on November 3, 2026 assessing $3,375 in administrative penalties with $675 deferred. Information concerning any aspect of this order may be obtained by contacting Morgan Kopcho, Enforcement Coordinator at (512) 239-2545, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087.

An agreed order was adopted regarding Ardagh Glass Packaging Inc., Docket No. 2026-0598-AIR-E on November 3, 2026 assessing $5,000 in administrative penalties with $1,000 deferred. Information concerning any aspect of this order may be obtained by contacting Jonathan Hawkins, Enforcement Coordinator at (512) 239-2545, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087.

An agreed order was adopted regarding Texas Greenhouse Properties, LLC, Docket No. 2026-0605-MLM-E on November 3, 2026 assessing $8,250 in administrative penalties with $1,650 deferred. Information concerning any aspect of this order may be obtained by contacting Adriana Fuentes, Enforcement Coordinator at (512) 239-2545, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087.

An agreed order was adopted regarding Bradley D. Hutcheson, Docket No. 2026-0633-OSI-E on November 3, 2026 assessing $1,125 in administrative penalties with $225 deferred. Information concerning any aspect of this order may be obtained by contacting Amy Lane, Enforcement Coordinator at (512) 239-2545, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087.

An agreed order was adopted regarding Eagleridge Operating, LLC, Docket No. 2026-0648-AIR-E on November 3, 2026 assessing $5,000 in administrative penalties with $1,000 deferred. Information concerning any aspect of this order may be obtained by contacting Rajesh Acharya, Enforcement Coordinator at (512) 239-2545, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087.

An expedited compliance order was adopted regarding Texas Water Utilities, L.P., Docket No. 2026-0704-PWS-E on November 3, 2026 assessing $50 in administrative penalties. Information concerning any aspect of this order may be obtained by contacting Deshaune Blake, Enforcement Coordinator at (512) 239-2545, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087.

An expedited compliance order was adopted regarding Wesley Wiebe, Docket No. 2026-0710-WQ-E on November 3, 2026 assessing $1,250 in administrative penalties. Information concerning any aspect of this order may be obtained by contacting Monica Larina, Enforcement Coordinator at (512) 239-2545, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087.

An agreed order was adopted regarding CHASCO CONSTRUCTORS, LTD., L.L.P., Docket No. 2026-0711-MLM-E on November 3, 2026 assessing $9,375 in administrative penalties with $1,875 deferred. Information concerning any aspect of this order may be obtained by contacting Stephanie McCurley, Enforcement Coordinator at (512) 239-2545, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087.

An agreed order was adopted regarding Lone Star Bulk Water LLC, Docket No. 2026-0722-PWS-E on November 3, 2026 assessing $1,100 in administrative penalties with $220 deferred. Information concerning any aspect of this order may be obtained by contacting Hilda Iyasele, Enforcement Coordinator at (512) 239-2545, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087.

An agreed order was adopted regarding US Sand & Gravel, LLC, Docket No. 2026-0768-WQ-E on November 3, 2026 assessing $2,625 in administrative penalties with $525 deferred. Information concerning any aspect of this order may be obtained by contacting Alejandra Basave, Enforcement Coordinator at (512) 239-2545, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087.

An expedited compliance order was adopted regarding Blue Dolphin Unlimited Investments, L.P., Docket No. 2026-0796-PWS-E on November 3, 2026 assessing $200 in administrative penalties. Information concerning any aspect of this order may be obtained by contacting Anjali Talpallikar, Enforcement Coordinator at (512) 239-2545, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087.

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Enforcement Orders

An agreed order was adopted regarding Vicky Rodriguez, Docket No. 2025-0948-MLM-E on November 9, 2026 assessing $8,014 in administrative penalties. Information concerning any aspect of this order may be obtained by contacting William Hogan, Staff Attorney at (512) 239-3400, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087.

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Enforcement Orders

An agreed order was adopted regarding Calumet San Antonio Refining LLC, Docket No. 2019-0516-AIR-E on November 4, 2026 assessing $457,498 in administrative penalties with $91,499 deferred. Information concerning any aspect of this order may be obtained by contacting Katie Phillips, Enforcement Coordinator at (512) 239-2545, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087.

An agreed order was adopted regarding INV Nylon Chemicals Americas LLC, Docket No. 2022-0633-AIR-E on November 4, 2026 assessing $204,975 in administrative penalties with $40,995 deferred. Information concerning any aspect of this order may be obtained by contacting Yuliya Dunaway, Enforcement Coordinator at (512) 239-2545, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087.

An agreed order was adopted regarding City Of Morgan, Docket No. 2022-1244-MWD-E on November 4, 2026 assessing $115,500 in administrative penalties. Information concerning any aspect of this order may be obtained by contacting Casey Cobb, Enforcement Coordinator at (512) 239-2545, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087.

An agreed order was adopted regarding Eco Tire Processing LLC, Docket No. 2023-0477-MSW-E on November 4, 2026 assessing $14,325 in administrative penalties with $2,865 deferred. Information concerning any aspect of this order may be obtained by contacting Jennifer Graves, Enforcement Coordinator at (512) 239-2545, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087.

An agreed order was adopted regarding Targa Midstream Services LLC, Docket No. 2023-0490-AIR-E on November 4, 2026 assessing $997,430 in administrative penalties. Information concerning any aspect of this order may be obtained by contacting Raven Daigle, Enforcement Coordinator at (512) 239-2545, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087.

An agreed order was adopted regarding Tarango, Sandra P Burciaga, Docket No. 2023-0712-OSS-E on November 4, 2026 assessing $787 in administrative penalties with $157 deferred. Information concerning any aspect of this order may be obtained by contacting Benjamin Pence, Staff Attorney at (512) 239-3400, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087.

An agreed order was adopted regarding Seaport Lakes Water System LLC, Docket No. 2023-0886-PWS-E on November 4, 2026 assessing $14,797 in administrative penalties. Information concerning any aspect of this order may be obtained by contacting Taylor Packell, Staff Attorney at (512) 239-3400, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087.

An agreed order was adopted regarding City Of Runaway Bay, Docket No. 2023-1113-MWD-E on November 4, 2026 assessing $61,187 in administrative penalties with $12,237 deferred. Information concerning any aspect of this order may be obtained by contacting Kadrienn Woodard, Enforcement Coordinator at (512) 239-2545, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087.

An agreed order was adopted regarding Equistar Chemicals LP, Docket No. 2023-1240-AIR-E on November 4, 2026 assessing $132,937 in administrative penalties with $26,587 deferred. Information concerning any aspect of this order may be obtained by contacting Kadrienn Woodard, Enforcement Coordinator at (512) 239-2545, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087.

An agreed order was adopted regarding A & B Business LLC, Docket No. 2024-0049-PST-E on November 4, 2026 assessing $5,369 in administrative penalties. Information concerning any aspect of this order may be obtained by contacting Casey Kurnath, Staff Attorney at (512) 239-3400, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087.

An agreed order was adopted regarding INEOS Americas LLC, Docket No. 2024-0385-AIR-E on November 4, 2026 assessing $212,650 in administrative penalties. Information concerning any aspect of this order may be obtained by contacting Johnnie Wu, Enforcement Coordinator at (512) 239-2545, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087.

An agreed order was adopted regarding Westport Orange Shipyard LLC, Docket No. 2024-0587-AIR-E on November 4, 2026 assessing $26,000 in administrative penalties with $5,200 deferred. Information concerning any aspect of this order may be obtained by contacting Katie Phillips, Enforcement Coordinator at (512) 239-2545, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087.

An agreed order was adopted regarding City Of Hutto, Docket No. 2024-0832-MWD-E on November 4, 2026 assessing $42,250 in administrative penalties. Information concerning any aspect of this order may be obtained by contacting Bethany Batchelor, Enforcement Coordinator at (512) 239-2545, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087.

An agreed order was adopted regarding Strain, Jonathan, Docket No. 2024-1349-WQ-E on November 4, 2026 assessing $20,000 in administrative penalties with $16,400 deferred. Information concerning any aspect of this order may be obtained by contacting Penny Wimberly, Enforcement Coordinator at (512) 239-2545, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087.

An agreed order was adopted regarding TotalEnergies Petrochemicals & Refining USA Inc, Docket No. 2024-1411-AIR-E on November 4, 2026 assessing $33,000 in administrative penalties with $6,600 deferred. Information concerning any aspect of this order may be obtained by contacting Katie Phillips, Enforcement Coordinator at (512) 239-2545, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087.

An agreed order was adopted regarding INEOS USA LLC, Docket No. 2024-1901-AIR-E on November 4, 2026 assessing $13,125 in administrative penalties. Information concerning any aspect of this order may be obtained by contacting Katie Phillips, Enforcement Coordinator at (512) 239-2545, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087.

An agreed order was adopted regarding MCWANE Inc, Docket No. 2024-1934-AIR-E on November 4, 2026 assessing $18,000 in administrative penalties with $3,600 deferred. Information concerning any aspect of this order may be obtained by contacting Christina Ferrara, Enforcement Coordinator at (512) 239-2545, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087.

An agreed order was adopted regarding City Of Tolar, Docket No. 2025-0070-MWD-E on November 4, 2026 assessing $68,687 in administrative penalties. Information concerning any aspect of this order may be obtained by contacting Samantha Smith, Enforcement Coordinator at (512) 239-2545, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087.

An agreed order was adopted regarding Renda Environmental Inc, Docket No. 2025-0185-WQ-E on November 4, 2026 assessing $45,000 in administrative penalties. Information concerning any aspect of this order may be obtained by contacting Jennifer Graves, Enforcement Coordinator at (512) 239-2545, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087.

An agreed order was adopted regarding Bayport Polymers LLC, Docket No. 2025-0219-AIR-E on November 4, 2026 assessing $36,352 in administrative penalties with $7,270 deferred. Information concerning any aspect of this order may be obtained by contacting Raven Daigle, Enforcement Coordinator at (512) 239-2545, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087.

An agreed order was adopted regarding Federal Heath Sign Company LLC, Docket No. 2025-0433-AIR-E on November 4, 2026 assessing $21,900 in administrative penalties with $4,380 deferred. Information concerning any aspect of this order may be obtained by contacting Katie Phillips, Enforcement Coordinator at (512) 239-2545, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087.

An agreed order was adopted regarding Arcanum Infrastructure LLC, Docket No. 2025-0591-AIR-E on November 4, 2026 assessing $84,220 in administrative penalties with $16,844 deferred. Information concerning any aspect of this order may be obtained by contacting Raven Daigle, Enforcement Coordinator at (512) 239-2545, Texas

Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087.

An agreed order was adopted regarding TPC Group LLC, Docket No. 2025-0692-AIR-E on November 4, 2026 assessing $32,625 in administrative penalties with $6,525 deferred. Information concerning any aspect of this order may be obtained by contacting Kadrienn Woodard, Enforcement Coordinator at (512) 239-2545, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087.

An agreed order was adopted regarding City Of Duncanville, Docket No. 2025-0727-PST-E on November 4, 2026 assessing $18,125 in administrative penalties with $3,625 deferred. Information concerning any aspect of this order may be obtained by contacting Cheryl Thompson, Enforcement Coordinator at (512) 239-2545, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087.

An agreed order was adopted regarding Targa Pipeline Mid-Continent WestTex LLC, Docket No. 2025-1260-AIR-E on November 4, 2026 assessing $71,250 in administrative penalties with $14,250 deferred. Information concerning any aspect of this order may be obtained by contacting Cheryl Thompson, Enforcement Coordinator at (512) 239-2545, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087.

An agreed order was adopted regarding TotalEnergies Petrochemicals & Refining USA Inc, Docket No. 2025-1343-AIR-E on November 4, 2026 assessing $21,900 in administrative penalties with $4,380 deferred. Information concerning any aspect of this order may be obtained by contacting Krystina Sepulveda, Enforcement Coordinator at (512) 239-2545, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087.

An agreed order was adopted regarding Triumvirate Environmental Services LLC, Docket No. 2025-1419-MLM-E on November 4, 2026 assessing $24,383 in administrative penalties with $4,876 deferred. Information concerning any aspect of this order may be obtained by contacting Stephanie Mccurley, Enforcement Coordinator at (512) 239-2545, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087.

An agreed order was adopted regarding KB Foundation Of Texas, Docket No. 2025-1515-MWD-E on November 4, 2026 assessing $60,821 in administrative penalties. Information concerning any aspect of this order may be obtained by contacting Cheryl Thompson, Enforcement Coordinator at (512) 239-2545, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087.

An agreed order was adopted regarding ExxonMobil Oil Corporation, Docket No. 2025-1716-AIR-E on November 4, 2026 assessing $12,750 in administrative penalties with $2,550 deferred. Information concerning any aspect of this order may be obtained by contacting Mackenzie Mehlmann, Enforcement Coordinator at (512) 239-2545, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087.

An agreed order was adopted regarding Equistar Chemicals LP, Docket No. 2025-1763-IWD-E on November 4, 2026 assessing $102,090 in administrative penalties with $20,418 deferred. Information concerning any aspect of this order may be obtained by contacting Madison Crawford, Enforcement Coordinator at (512) 239-2545, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087.

An agreed order was adopted regarding City Of Granger, Docket No. 2025-1772-MWD-E on November 4, 2026 assessing $43,875 in administrative penalties. Information concerning any aspect of this order may be obtained by contacting Kolby Farren, Enforcement Coordinator at (512) 239-2545, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087.

An agreed order was adopted regarding Texas Water Utilities LP, Docket No. 2025-1776-MWD-E on November 4, 2026 assessing $42,187 in administrative penalties. Information concerning any aspect of this order may be obtained by contacting Kolby Farren, Enforcement Coordinator at (512) 239-2545, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087.

An agreed order was adopted regarding City Of Seminole, Docket No. 2025-1780-MWD-E on November 4, 2026 assessing $27,312 in administrative penalties. Information concerning any aspect of this order may be obtained by contacting Kolby Farren, Enforcement Coordinator at (512) 239-2545, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087.

An agreed order was adopted regarding City Of Fort Worth, Docket No. 2026-0037-WQ-E on November 4, 2026 assessing $9,375 in administrative penalties. Information concerning any aspect of this order may be obtained by contacting Cynthia Sidoa, Enforcement Coordinator at (512) 239-2545, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087.

An agreed order was adopted regarding Def Rentals LLC, Docket No. 2026-0078-SLG-E on November 4, 2026 assessing $31,781 in administrative penalties with $6,356 deferred. Information concerning any aspect of this order may be obtained by contacting Alejandra Basave, Enforcement Coordinator at (512) 239-2545, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087.

An agreed order was adopted regarding The Lubrizol Corporation, Docket No. 2026-0111-AIR-E on November 4, 2026 assessing $13,125 in administrative penalties with $2,625 deferred. Information concerning any aspect of this order may be obtained by contacting Krystina Sepulveda, Enforcement Coordinator at (512) 239-2545, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087.

An agreed order was adopted regarding Aqua Texas Inc, Docket No. 2026-0116-MWD-E on November 4, 2026 assessing $12,500 in administrative penalties. Information concerning any aspect of this order may be obtained by contacting Jasmine Jimerson, Enforcement Coordinator at (512) 239-2545, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087.

An agreed order was adopted regarding Celanese Ltd, Docket No. 2026-0127-AIR-E on November 4, 2026 assessing $22,500 in administrative penalties. Information concerning any aspect of this order may be obtained by contacting Christina Ferrara, Enforcement Coordinator at (512) 239-2545, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087.

An agreed order was adopted regarding Eagle Railcar Services-Orange Texas LLC, Docket No. 2026-0278-AIR-E on November 4, 2026 assessing $16,500 in administrative penalties with $3,300 deferred. Information concerning any aspect of this order may be obtained by contacting Johnnie Wu, Enforcement Coordinator at (512) 239-2545, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087.

An agreed order was adopted regarding West Wise Special Utility District, Docket No. 2026-0305-PWS-E on November 4, 2026 assessing $10,500 in administrative penalties. Information concerning any aspect of this order may be obtained by contacting Katherine Argueta, Enforcement Coordinator at (512) 239-2545, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087.

An agreed order was adopted regarding Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company LP, Docket No. 2026-0317-AIR-E on November 4, 2026 assessing $22,500 in administrative penalties with $4,500 deferred. Information concerning any aspect of this order may be obtained by contacting Johnnie Wu, Enforcement Coordinator at (512) 239-2545, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087.

An agreed order was adopted regarding Hartree Channelview LLC, Docket No. 2026-0370-IWD-E on November 4, 2026 assessing $37,812 in administrative penalties with $7,562 deferred. Information concerning any aspect of this order may be obtained by contacting Madison Crawford, Enforcement Coordinator at (512) 239-2545, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087.

An agreed order was adopted regarding City Of Runaway Bay, Docket No. 2026-0402-PWS-E on November 4, 2026 assessing $2,925 in administrative penalties. Information concerning any aspect of this order may be obtained by contacting Ilia Perez Ramirez, Enforcement Coordinator at (512) 239-2545, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087.

An agreed order was adopted regarding Winkler WSC, Docket No. 2026-0449-PWS-E on November 4, 2026 assessing $5,812 in administrative penalties. Information concerning any aspect of this order may be obtained by contacting Tessa Bond, Enforcement Coordinator at (512) 239-2545, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087.

An agreed order was adopted regarding Texas Water Utilities LP, Docket No. 2026-0475-PWS-E on November 4, 2026 assessing $2,875 in administrative penalties. Information concerning any aspect of this order may be obtained by contacting Katherine Mckinney, Enforcement Coordinator at (512) 239-2545, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087.

An agreed order was adopted regarding Targa Midstream Services LLC, Docket No. 2026-0524-AIR-E on November 4, 2026 assessing $25,438 in administrative penalties. Information concerning any aspect of this order may be obtained by contacting Christina Ferrara, Enforcement Coordinator at (512) 239-2545, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087.

An agreed order was adopted regarding Equistar Chemicals LP, Docket No. 2026-0572-AIR-E on November 4, 2026 assessing $13,125 in administrative penalties with $2,625 deferred. Information concerning any aspect of this order may be obtained by contacting Krystina Sepulveda, Enforcement Coordinator at (512) 239-2545, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087.

An agreed order was adopted regarding Albert Re Partners LP, Docket No. 2026-0642-PWS-E on November 4, 2026 assessing $5,500 in administrative penalties with $5,500 deferred. Information concerning any aspect of this order may be obtained by contacting Katherine Mckinney, Enforcement Coordinator at (512) 239-2545, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087.

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Notice of an Application for a Water Use Permit 5826A

Notices Issued November 2, 2026

The City of Houston (City/Applicant), 611 Walker Street, Houston, Texas 77002, seeks to amend Water Use Permit No. 5826 to add diversion reaches on Sims, Brays, White Oak, and Buffalo Bayous, in Harris County, San Jacinto River Basin. The City also seeks to add agricultural purposes of use to the water authorized for diversion, and to modify stream flow restrictions in Paragraphs 5.B.(1) for Sims Bayou and 5.B.(4) for Buffalo Bayou to be consistent with those included in Water Use Permit No. 5827. More information on the application and how to participate in the permitting process is given below.

The application and partial fees were received on March 7, 2021. Additional fees were received on April 28, 2021. The application was declared administratively complete and accepted for filing with the Office of the Chief Clerk on May 7, 2021. Additional information was received on March 10, 2023, and April 29, 2025. The application was amended on December 1, 2022, and on July 1, 2026.

The Executive Director has completed the technical review of the application and prepared a draft amendment. The draft amendment, if granted, would include special conditions, including, but not limited to, maintaining an accounting plan and streamflow restrictions. The application, technical memoranda, and Executive Director's draft amendment are available for viewing on the TCEQ webpage at: https: //www.tceq.texas.gov/permitting/water_rights/wr-permitting/view-wr-pend-apps. Alternatively, you may request a copy of the documents by contacting the TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk by phone at (512) 239-3300 or by mail at TCEQ OCC, Notice Team (MC-105), P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711.

Written public comments and requests for a public meeting should be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, at the address provided in the information section below, within 30 days of the date of newspaper publication of the notice. A public meeting is intended for the taking of public comment and is not a contested case hearing. A public meeting will be held if the Executive Director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application.

The TCEQ may grant a contested case hearing on this application if a written hearing request is filed within 30 days from the date of newspaper publication of this notice. The Executive Director may approve the application unless a written request for a contested case hearing is filed within 30 days after newspaper publication of this notice.

To request a contested case hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number, and fax number, if any; (2) applicant's name and permit number; (3) the statement "[*I/we*] request a contested case hearing;" (4) a brief and specific description of how you would be affected by the application in a way not common to the general public; and (5) the location and distance of your property relative to the proposed activity. You may also submit proposed conditions for the requested amendment which would satisfy your concerns. Requests for a contested case hearing must be submitted in writing to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address provided in the information section below.

If a hearing request is filed, the Executive Director will not issue the amendment and will forward the application and hearing request to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

Written hearing requests, public comments or requests for a public meeting should be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087 or electronically at https://www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/ by entering WRPERM 5826 in the search field. For information concerning the hearing process, please contact the Public Interest Counsel, MC 103, at the same address.

For additional information, individual members of the general public may contact the Public Education Program at (800) 687-4040. General information regarding the TCEQ can be found at our website at www.tceq.texas.gov. Si desea información en español, puede llamar al (800) 687-4040 o por el internet al http://www.tceq.texas.gov.

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Laurie Gharis
Chief Clerk
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
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Notice of an Application to Amend a Certificate of Adjudication Application No. 02-4901A

Notices Issued November 2, 2026

City of Denison (Owner/Applicant), 300 W. Main St., Denison, Texas 75020, seeks to amend Certificate of Adjudication No. 02-4901 to add industrial and agricultural purposes for use in Grayson County within the Red River Basin, to authorize the diversion of its currently authorized water from anywhere along the perimeter of Lake Texoma in Texas, to increase the maximum combined diversion rate to 61.92 /CFS (27,802 GPM), and to remove the requirement that water diverted from Lake Texoma must be transported to Randall Lake prior to use. More information on the application and how to participate in the permitting process is given below.

The application was received on December 12, 2025, and partial fees were received on December 16, 2025. Additional fees were received May 13, 2026. The application was declared administratively complete and filed with the Office of the Chief Clerk on May 28, 2026.

The Executive Director completed the technical review of the application and prepared a draft amendment. The draft amendment, if granted, would include special conditions including, but not limited to, the installation of measuring devices. The application, technical memoranda, and Executive Director's draft amendment are available for viewing on the TCEQ webpage at: https://www.tceq.texas.gov/permitting/water_rights/wr-permitting/view-wr-pend-apps.

Alternatively, you may request a copy of the documents by contacting the TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk by phone at (512) 239-3300 or by mail at TCEQ OCC, Notice Team (MC-105), P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711.

Written public comments and requests for a public meeting should be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, at the address provided in the information section below by November 17, 2026. A public meeting is intended for the taking of public comment and is not a contested case hearing. A public meeting will be held if the Executive Director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application.

The TCEQ may grant a contested case hearing on this application if a written hearing request is filed by November 17, 2026. The Executive Director can consider an approval of the application unless a written request for a contested case hearing is filed by November 17, 2026.

To request a contested case hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number, and fax number, if any; (2) applicant's name and permit number; (3) the statement "[*I/we*] request a contested case hearing;" (4) a brief and specific description of how you would be affected by the application in a way not common to the general public; and (5) the location and distance of your property relative to the proposed activity. You may also submit proposed conditions for the requested permit which would satisfy your concerns. Requests for a contested case hearing must be submitted in writing to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address provided in the information section below.

If a hearing request is filed, the Executive Director will not issue the permit and will forward the application and hearing request to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

Written hearing requests, public comments, or requests for a public meeting should be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087 or electronically at https://www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/ by entering ADJ 4901 in the search field. For information concerning the hearing process, please contact the Public Interest Counsel, MC 103, at the same address. For additional information, individual members of the general public may contact the Public Education Program at (800) 687-4040. General information regarding the TCEQ can be found at our website at www.tceq.texas.gov. Si desea información en español, puede llamar al (800) 687-4040 o por el internet al http://www.tceq.texas.gov.

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Laurie Gharis
Chief Clerk
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
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Notice of Opportunity to Comment on a Default Order of Administrative Enforcement Actions

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ or commission) staff is providing an opportunity for written public comment on the listed Default Order (DO). The commission staff proposes a DO when the staff has sent the Executive Director's Preliminary Report and Petition (EDPRP) to an entity outlining the alleged violations; the proposed penalty; the proposed technical requirements necessary to bring the entity back into compliance; and the entity fails to request a hearing on the matter within 20 days of its receipt of the EDPRP or requests a hearing and fails to participate at the hearing. Similar to the procedure followed with respect to Agreed Orders entered into by the executive director of the commission, in accordance with Texas Water Code (TWC), §7.075, this notice of the proposed order and the opportunity to comment is published in the *Texas Register* no later than the 30th day before the date on which the public comment period closes, which in this case is **December 17, 2026**. The commission will consider any written comments received, and the commission may withdraw or withhold approval of a DO if a comment discloses facts or considerations that indicate that consent to the proposed DO is inappropriate, improper, inadequate, or inconsistent with the requirements of the statutes and rules within the commission's jurisdiction, or the commission's orders and permits issued in accordance with the commission's regulatory authority. Additional notice of changes to a proposed DO is not required to be published if those changes are made in response to written comments.

A copy of the proposed DO is available for public inspection at both the commission's central office, located at 12100 Park 35 Circle, Building A, 3rd Floor, Austin, Texas 78753, (512) 239-3400 and at the applicable regional office listed as follows. Additionally, copies of the DO can be found online by using either the Chief Clerk's eFiling System at https://www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/efilings or the TCEQ Commissioners' Integrated Database at https://www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/cid, and searching either of those databases with the proposed DO's identifying information, such as its docket number. Written comments about

the DO should be sent to the attorney designated for the DO at the commission's central office at P.O. Box 13087, MC 175, Austin, Texas 78711-3087 and must be **received by 5:00 p.m. on December 17, 2026**. The commission's attorney is available to discuss the DO and/or the comment procedure at the listed phone number; however, TWC, §7.075, provides that comments on the DO shall be submitted to the commission in **writing**.

(1) COMPANY: Bending Oaks Ranch RV Resort, LLC; DOCKET NUMBER: 2024-1158-PWS-E; TCEQ ID NUMBER: RN101257129; LOCATION: 5681 East United States Highway 290, near Fredericksburg, Gillespie County; TYPE OF FACILITY: a public water supply; PENALTY: $1,437; STAFF ATTORNEY: William Hogan, Litigation, MC 175, (512) 239-5918; REGIONAL OFFICE: San Antonio Regional Office, 14250 Judson Road, San Antonio, Texas 78233-4480, (210) 490-3096.

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Gitanjali Yadav
Deputy Director, Litigation Division
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
Filed: November 3, 2026

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Notice of Opportunity to Comment on an Agreed Order of Administrative Enforcement Actions

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ or commission) staff is providing an opportunity for written public comment on the listed Agreed Order (AO) in accordance with Texas Water Code (TWC), §7.075. TWC, §7.075, requires that before the commission may approve the AO, the commission shall allow the public an opportunity to submit written comments on the proposed AO. TWC, §7.075, requires that notice of the opportunity to comment must be published in the *Texas Register* no later than the 30th day before the date on which the public comment period closes, which in this case is **December 17, 2026**. TWC, §7.075, also requires that the commission promptly consider any written comments received and that the commission may withdraw or withhold approval of an AO if a comment discloses facts or considerations that indicate that consent is inappropriate, improper, inadequate, or inconsistent with the requirements of the statutes and rules within the commission's jurisdiction or the commission's orders and permits issued in accordance with the commission's regulatory authority. Additional notice of changes to a proposed AO is not required to be published if those changes are made in response to written comments.

A physical copy of the proposed AO is available for public inspection at both the commission's central office, located at 12100 Park 35 Circle, Building A, 3rd Floor, Austin, Texas 78753, (512) 239-3400 and at the applicable regional office listed as follows. Additionally, copies of the proposed AO can be found online by using either the Chief Clerk's eFiling System at https://www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/efilings or the TCEQ Commissioners' Integrated Database at https://www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/cid, and searching either of those databases with the proposed AO's identifying information, such as its docket number. Written comments about an AO should be sent to the attorney designated for the AO at the commission's central office at P.O. Box 13087, MC 175, Austin, Texas 78711-3087 and must be **received by 5:00 p.m. on December 17, 2026**. The designated attorney is available to discuss the AO and/or the comment procedure at the listed phone number; however, TWC, §7.075, provides that comments on an AO shall be submitted to the commission in **writing**.

(1) COMPANY: Fuel Centers Environmental Management, LLC; DOCKET NUMBER: 2023-1197-PST-E; TCEQ ID NUMBER: RN102257193; LOCATION: 2310 Babcock Road, San Antonio, Bexar County; TYPE OF FACILITY: an underground storage tank system and a convenience store with retail sales of gasoline; PENALTY: $7,500; STAFF ATTORNEY: Jennifer Peltier, Litigation, MC 175, (512) 239-0544; REGIONAL OFFICE: San Antonio Regional Office, 14250 Judson Road, San Antonio, Texas 78233-4480, (210) 490-3096.

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Gitanjali Yadav
Deputy Director, Litigation Division
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
Filed: November 3, 2026

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Notice of Water Quality Application - WQ0003199000 Minor Amendment

The following notice was issued on October 30, 2026:

The following notice does not require publication in a newspaper. Written comments or requests for a public meeting may be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, Mail Code 105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087 WITHIN (30) DAYS FROM THE DATE THIS NOTICE IS MAILED.

INFORMATION SECTION

Consideration of the application by Kuiper Dairy, LLC for a Minor Amendment of Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0003199000, for a Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO), to authorize the applicant to decrease the acreage of land management unit (LMU) #7 from 8 to 6 acres; and combine and reconfigure portions of LMU #1 and LMU #2 to create new LMU #1A - 34 acres, which will decrease the acreage of LMU #1 from 151 to 121 acres and LMU #2 from 73 to 60 acres. The total land application area will decrease from 388 to 377 acres. The facility is located at 5040 County Road 209, Hico in Erath County, Texas 76457.

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Laurie Gharis
Chief Clerk
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
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General Land Office

Coastal Boundary Survey - Gordy Marsh, Trinity Bay, Merten, Chambers County, Texas

Surveying Services

Coastal Boundary Survey

Project: Gordy Marsh-Trinity Bay - Merten

Project No: CEPRA Project No. 1676

Project Manager: Carver Wray, CEPRA Project Mgr

Surveyor: William ‘Bill’ Merten, LSLS, RPLS

Description: Coastal Boundary Survey dated August 16, 2023, Revised September 30, 2026, delineating the littoral boundary of Trinity Bay Adjacent to the Mathews, Bryan, Franklin, Casey & Dick Surveys in Chambers County, in connection with CEPRA Project Number 1676. Centroid coordinates 29.592670°, -94.725785°, WGS84. A copy of the

survey recorded in Book 4, Page 217, of the County Surveyors Records of Chambers County, Texas.

A Coastal Boundary Survey for the above-referenced project has been reviewed and accepted by Surveying Services; upon completion of public notice requirements, the survey will be filed in the Texas General Land Office, Archives and Records, in accordance with provisions of the Tex. Nat. Res. Code §33.136.

by:

Signed: Miguel A. Escobar, Assistant Chief Surveyor

Date: October 22, 2026

Pursuant to Tex. Nat. Res. Code §33.136, the herein described Coastal Boundary Survey is approved by Dawn Buckingham, M.D., Commissioner of the Texas General Land Office.

by:

Signed: Jennifer G. Jones, Chief Clerk and Deputy Land Commissioner

Date: October 30, 2026

Filed as: Chambers County, NRC Article 33.136 Sketch No. 19

Tex. Nat. Res. Code §33.136

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Jennifer Jones
Chief Clerk and Deputy Land Commissioner
General Land Office
Filed: November 2, 2026

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Texas Department of Insurance

Correction of Error

The Texas Department of Insurance (TDI) adopted amendments to 28 TAC §5.9970 and §5.9971 in the October 2, 2026, issue of the *Texas Register* (51 TexReg 6949). Because of an error by TDI, the table of contents in Figure 1: 28 TAC §5.9971(b) inadvertently included the incorrect title for #23, so it does not match the proper title for #23 included in the body of the figure. The table of contents should read as follows:

"23. Use of credit information to determine what you pay for your policy……7"

The corrected figure is as follows:

CONSUMER BILL OF RIGHTS

Homeowners, Dwelling, and Renters Insurance

What is the Bill of Rights?

It is a basic outline of important rights you have under Texas law. Insurance companies must give you this Bill of Rights with your policy. It is important to read and understand your policy.

The Bill of Rights is <u>not</u>:

- A complete list of all your rights,
- Part of your policy, or
- A list of everything that you are responsible for.

Questions about these rights?

- If you are not sure about anything in your policy, ask your agent or insurance company.
- If you have questions or a complaint, contact the Texas Department of Insurance (TDI) at:

  Call with a question: 1-800-252-3439
  Email with a question: ConsumerProtection@tdi.texas.gov
  File a complaint through the website:
  www.tdi.texas.gov/consumer/get-help-with-an-insurance-complaint.html

- To learn more about insurance, visit www.opic.texas.gov or call the Office of Public Insurance Counsel (OPIC) at 1-877-611-6742.

AVISO: Este documento es un resumen de sus derechos como asegurado. Tiene derecho a llamar a su compañía de seguros y obtener una copia de estos derechos en español. Además, puede ser que su compañía de seguros tenga disponible una versión de su póliza en español.

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Where to Get Information

1. **Your insurance company.** When you get a copy of your policy you will also get an "Important Notice" from the company. The notice explains how to contact your company and how to file a complaint. You may request a complete copy of your policy from your company at any time.

2. **Your declarations page.** The declarations page, also called the "dec page," shows: (a) the name and address of your insurance company, (b) the location of the insured property, (c) the dates your policy is in effect, and (d) the amounts and types of coverage.

   Your company must list the exact dollar amount of each deductible in your policy. The declarations page, or a separate page, must also list any part of your policy that changes any deductible amount.

3. **The Texas Department of Insurance (TDI).** You have the right to call TDI for free at 1-800-252-3439 for information and help with a complaint against an insurer. You can also find information on the TDI website at www.tdi.texas.gov.

4. **Resources for shopping for insurance.** The Office of Public Insurance Counsel (OPIC) and TDI developed www.HelpInsure.com to help you compare rates and coverages for different insurance companies. OPIC also has an online tool to help you compare policies. You can find this policy comparison tool at www.opic.texas.gov.

What You Should Know When You File a Claim

5. **Deadlines for processing claims and payments for your damages.** You should file your claim with your insurance company as soon as possible. When you file a claim for your damages on your own policy, the insurance company must meet these deadlines:

   - **Within 15 days after you file a claim:** The company must let you know they received your claim. The company must also start their investigation and ask you for any other information they need.
   - **Within 15 business days after they get all the information they need:** The company must approve or deny your claim in writing. They can extend this deadline up to **45 days** from the date they: (a) let you know they need more time, and (b) tell you why.
   - **Within 5 business days after they let you know your claim is approved:** The company must pay the claim.

   Note: TDI can extend these deadlines by 15 more days if there is a weather-related catastrophe.

   If your company fails to meet these deadlines, you may be able to collect the claim amount, interest, and attorney's fees.

6. **Written explanation of claim denial.** Your insurance company must tell you in writing why your claim or part of your claim was denied.

7. **Reasonable investigation.** Your insurance company cannot refuse to pay your claim without a reasonable investigation of the claim. You should keep records of all claim communications (including notes from phone calls) and other claim documentation (including damage estimates and receipts).

8. **Information not required for processing your claim.** Your insurance company can only ask for information reasonably needed for their claim investigation. However, they cannot ask for your federal income tax returns unless: (a) they get a court order, or (b) your claim involves a fire loss, loss of profits, or lost income.

9. **Right to contract with a public insurance adjuster.** Your insurer cannot include a provision in your policy that prohibits you from contracting with a licensed public insurance adjuster to act on your behalf in negotiating for or effecting the settlement of a claim.

10. **Appraisal.** You or your insurance company have the right to demand appraisal to resolve a dispute about the amount to repair or replace your damaged property.

11. **Release of claim payments from lenders.** Often an insurance company will make a claim payment to you and your lender. If your lender gets the payment:

    - **No later than 10 days after receiving it they must:** (a) notify you, and (b) tell you what you must do so the money can be released.
    - **No later than 10 days after you ask for the money, they must:** (a) send the money to you, or (b) tell you how to get the money released.

    If your lender does not: (a) provide the notices mentioned above, or (b) pay the money after all the requirements have been met, the lender must pay you interest on the money.

12. **Notice of liability claim settlement.** Liability means you are responsible for other people's injuries or damage to their property. Your insurance company must let you know in writing:

    - About the first offer to settle a claim against you within **10 days** after the offer is made.
    - About any claim settled against you within **30 days** after the date of the settlement.

Who to Contact for Claim Disagreements

13. **Claim disagreements.** You can dispute the amount of your claim payment or what is covered under your policy. You can:

    - Contact your insurance company.
    - Contact an attorney to advise you of your rights under the law. The State Bar of Texas can help you find an attorney.

- Pay a licensed public adjuster to review the damage and handle the claim.
- File a complaint with TDI.

What You Should Know about Renewal, Cancellation, and Nonrenewal

Renewal means that your insurance company is extending your policy for another term.

Cancellation means that, **before the end of the policy period**, the insurance company:

- Terminates the policy;
- Gives you less coverage or limits your coverage; or
- Refuses to give additional coverage that you are entitled to under the policy.

"Refusal to renew" and **"nonrenewal"** are terms that mean your coverage ends **at the end of the policy period**. The policy period is shown on the declarations page of your policy.

14. **Notice of premium increase.** If your insurance company plans to increase your premium by 10% or more on renewal, your company must send you notice of the rate increase at least **30 days** before your renewal date.

15. **Insurance company cancellation of homeowners policies.** If your homeowners policy has been in effect for **60 days or more**, your company can only cancel your policy if:

    - You don't pay your premium when it is due;
    - You file a fraudulent claim;
    - There is an increase in the risk covered by the policy that is: (a) within your control, and (b) would make your premium go up; or
    - TDI decides that keeping the policy violates the law.

    If your policy has been in effect for **less than 60 days**, your company can only cancel your policy if:

    - One of the reasons listed above applies;
    - They reject a required inspection report within **10 days** after getting the report. The report must be done by a licensed or authorized inspector and cannot be more than 90 days old; or
    - They find something that creates an increase in risk that you did not include in your application and is not related to a prior claim.

16. **Insurance company cancellation of other residential property policies.** After your policy has been in effect for **90 days**, your company can only cancel your policy if:

    - You don't pay your premium when it is due;
    - You file a fraudulent claim;
    - There is an increase in the risk covered by the policy that is: (a) within your control, and (b) would make your premium go up; or

- TDI decides that keeping the policy violates the law.

17. **Notice of cancellation.** If your insurance company cancels your policy, they must let you know by mail at least **10 days** before the effective date of the cancellation. Check your policy because your company may give you more than 10 days' notice.

18. **Your right to cancel.** You can cancel your policy at any time and get a refund of the unearned premium.

19. **Refund of premium.** If you or your insurance company cancel your policy, the company must refund any unearned premium within 15 business days from:

    - the date the company receives notice of the cancellation; or
    - the date of cancellation, whichever is later.

20. **Limits on using claims history for nonrenewal.** Your insurance company cannot refuse to renew your policy based on claims for damage from natural causes, including weather-related damage, or claims that are filed but not paid or payable under the policy.

    Appliance-related water damage claims. Your insurance company cannot refuse to renew your policy based on an appliance-related water damage claim if:

    - The damage has been properly repaired or remediated; and
    - The repair or remediation was inspected and certified.

    However, your insurance company may refuse to renew your policy based on appliance-related water damage claims if:

    - Three or more claims were filed and paid (including a claim filed by a prior owner on your property); or
    - You (a) file 2 claims within a three-year period; and (b) after the second claim, your company gives you written notice that filing a third appliance-related claim could result in your policy not being renewed; and
    - You file a third claim.

    Claims other than appliance-related water damage claims. Your insurance company cannot refuse to renew your policy based on other claims unless:

    - You (a) file 2 claims within a three-year period; and (b) after the second claim, your company gives you written notice that filing a third claim could result in your policy not being renewed; and
    - You file a third claim.

21. **Limits on using claims history to increase premium.** Your insurance company cannot increase your premium based on claims for damage from natural causes, including weather-related damage, or claims that are filed but not paid or payable under your policy.

Appliance-related water damage claims. Your company cannot increase your premium based on a prior appliance-related water damage claim if:

- The damage has been properly repaired or remediated; and
- The repair or remediation was inspected and certified.

However, your insurance company may increase your premium based on prior appliance-related water damage claims if:

- Three or more claims were filed and paid (including a claim filed by a prior owner on your property).

Claims other than appliance-related water damage claims. Your insurance company cannot increase your premium based on other claims unless:

- You file 2 or more claims within a three-year period.

22. **Right to ask questions.** You can ask your insurance company a question about your policy. They cannot use your questions to deny, nonrenew, or cancel your coverage. Your questions also cannot be used to determine your premium.

    For example, you may ask:

    - General questions about your policy;
    - Questions about the company's claims filing process; and
    - Questions about whether the policy will cover a loss, unless the question is about damage: (a) that occurred, and (b) that results in an investigation or claim.

23. **Use of credit information to determine what you pay for your policy.** If your insurance company uses credit information to rate your policy:

    - The company must:
        - review and update the credit information considered in the rating of your policy not less than every 36-months; and
        - reassess policy rating and adjust premiums based on the updated credit information.
    - When credit information is used to take an action that results in an adverse effect to you, the company must:
        - use a credit report issued not more than 90 days before the policy is renewed; and
        - send you written or electronic notice of your right to request your policy be re-rated as indicated in the last bullet below.
    - You or your agent may request re-underwriting and re-rating of your insurance policy once in a 12-month period. If requested, your company must reassess your policy rating and adjust premiums at renewal based upon the current credit report or insurance score.

24. **Protections from discrimination.** An insurance company cannot refuse to insure you; limit the coverage you buy; refuse to renew your policy; or charge you a different rate based on your race, color, creed, country of origin, or religion.

25. **Widow classification for rating.** An insurance company may not charge an individual who is widowed or whose marital status otherwise reflects the death of a spouse a rate that is different from the rate that would be charged if the individual's marital status was married.

26. **Protection for low-value property.** An insurance company cannot refuse to renew your policy because the property value is low.

27. **Protection for older houses.** An insurance company cannot refuse to renew your policy based on the age of your property. However, they can refuse to renew your policy based on the condition of your property, including your plumbing, heating, air conditioning, wiring, or roof.

28. **Notice of nonrenewal.** Your insurance company must send you a notice that they are not renewing your policy. They must let you know at least **60 days** before your policy expires, or you can require them to renew your policy.

29. **Notice of a "material change" to your policy.** If your insurance company does not want to cancel or nonrenew your policy, but wants to make certain material changes, then they must explain the changes in writing at least **30 days** before the renewal date. Material changes include:

    - Giving you less coverage;
    - Changing a condition of coverage; or
    - Changing what you are required to do.

    Instead of a notice of "material change" a company may choose to not renew your existing policy. If so, the company has to send a nonrenewal letter, but may still offer you a different policy.

    Note: A company cannot reduce coverage during the policy period unless you ask for the change. If you ask for the change, the company does not have to send you a notice.

30. **Written statement of reasons for decision not to insure.** An insurance company must fully explain in writing the reasons for their decision not to insure you. This includes cancellation or nonrenewal.

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Scratch Ticket Game Number 2791 "$500 PAYOUT"

1.0 Name and Style of Scratch Ticket Game.

A. The name of Scratch Ticket Game No. 2791 is "$500 PAYOUT". The play style is "key number match".

1.1 Price of Scratch Ticket Game.

A. The price for Scratch Ticket Game No. 2791 shall be $5.00 per Scratch Ticket.

1.2 Definitions in Scratch Ticket Game No. 2791.

A. Display Printing - That area of the Scratch Ticket outside of the area where the overprint and Play Symbols appear.

B. Latex Overprint - The removable scratch-off covering over the Play Symbols on the front of the Scratch Ticket.

C. Play Symbol - The printed data under the latex on the front of the Scratch Ticket that is used to determine eligibility for a prize. Each Play Symbol is printed in Symbol font in black ink in positive except for dual-image games. The possible black Play Symbols are: 01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 06, 07, 08, 09, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, MONEY BAG SYMBOL, $5.00, $10.00, $15.00, $20.00, $25.00, $50.00, $100 and $500.

D. Play Symbol Caption - The printed material appearing below each Play Symbol which explains the Play Symbol. One caption appears under each Play Symbol and is printed in caption font in black ink in positive. The Play Symbol Caption which corresponds with and verifies each Play Symbol is as follows:

Figure 1: GAME NO. 2791 - 1.2D

PLAY SYMBOL	CAPTION
01	ONE
02	TWO
03	THR
04	FOR
05	FIV
06	SIX
07	SVN
08	EGT
09	NIN
10	TEN
11	ELV
12	TLV
13	TRN
14	FTN
15	FFN
16	SXN
17	SVT
18	ETN
19	NTN
20	TWY
21	TWON
22	TWTO
23	TWTH
24	TWFR

29	TWNI
30	TRTY
31	TRON
32	TRTO
33	TRTH
34	TRFR
35	TRFV
36	TRSX
37	TRSV
38	TRET
39	TRNI
40	FRTY
41	FRON
42	FRTO
43	FRTH
44	FRFR
45	FRFV
46	FRSX
47	FRSV
48	FRET
49	FRNI
50	FFTY
51	FFON
52	FFTO
53	FFTH
54	FFFR
55	FFFV
56	FFSX
57	FFSV
58	FFET

E. Serial Number - A unique thirteen (13) digit number appearing under the latex scratch-off covering on the front of the Scratch Ticket. The Serial Number is for validation purposes and cannot be used to play the game. The format will be: 0000000000000.

F. Bar Code - A twenty-four (24) character interleaved two (2) of five (5) Bar Code which will include a four (4) digit game ID, the seven (7) digit Pack number, the three (3) digit Ticket number and the ten (10) digit Validation Number. The Bar Code appears on the back of the Scratch Ticket.

G. Game-Pack-Ticket Number - A fourteen (14) digit number consisting of the four (4) digit game number (2791), a seven (7) digit Pack number, and a three (3) digit Ticket number. Ticket numbers start with 001 and end with 075 within each Pack. The format will be: 2791-0000001-001.

H. Pack - A Pack of the "$500 PAYOUT" Scratch Ticket Game contains 075 Tickets, packed in plastic shrink-wrapping and fanfolded in pages of one (1). Ticket 001 will be shown on the front of the Pack; the back of Ticket 075 will be revealed on the back of the Pack. All packs will be tightly shrink-wrapped. There will be no breaks between the Tickets in a Pack. Every other Pack will reverse; i.e., reverse order will be: the back of Ticket 001 will be shown on the front of the Pack and the front of Ticket 075 will be shown on the back of the Pack.

I. Non-Winning Scratch Ticket - A Scratch Ticket which is not programmed to be a winning Scratch Ticket or a Scratch Ticket that does not meet all of the requirements of these Game Procedures, the State Lottery Act (Texas Government Code, Chapter 466), and applicable rules adopted by the Texas Lottery pursuant to the State Lottery Act and referenced in 16 TAC, Chapter 140.

J. Scratch Ticket Game, Scratch Ticket or Ticket - Texas Lottery "$500 PAYOUT" Scratch Ticket Game No. 2791.

2.0 Determination of Prize Winners. The determination of prize winners is subject to the general Scratch Ticket validation requirements set forth in Texas Lottery Rule 140.302, Scratch Ticket Game Rules, these Game Procedures, and the requirements set out on the back of each Scratch Ticket. A prize winner in the "$500 PAYOUT" Scratch Ticket Game is determined once the latex on the Scratch Ticket is scratched off to expose forty-nine (49) Play Symbols. BONUS: If the player reveals 2 matching prize amounts in the same BONUS, the player wins that amount. $500 PAYOUT: If the player matches any of the YOUR NUMBERS Play Symbols to any of the WINNING NUMBERS Play Symbols, the player wins the prize for that number. If the player reveals a "MONEY BAG" Play Symbol, the player wins 5 TIMES the prize for that symbol. No portion of the Display Printing nor any extraneous matter whatsoever shall be usable or playable as a part of the Scratch Ticket.

2.1 Scratch Ticket Validation Requirements.

A. To be a valid Scratch Ticket, all of the following requirements must be met:

1. Exactly forty-nine (49) Play Symbols must appear under the Latex Overprint on the front portion of the Scratch Ticket;

2. Each of the Play Symbols must have a Play Symbol Caption underneath, unless specified, and each Play Symbol must agree with its Play Symbol Caption;

3. Each of the Play Symbols must be present in its entirety and be fully legible;

4. Each of the Play Symbols must be printed in black ink except for dual image games;

5. The Scratch Ticket shall be intact;

6. The Serial Number and Game-Pack-Ticket Number must be present in their entirety and be fully legible;

7. The Serial Number must correspond, using the Texas Lottery's codes, to the Play Symbols on the Scratch Ticket;

8. The Scratch Ticket must not have a hole punched through it, be mutilated, altered, unreadable, reconstituted or tampered with in any manner;

9. The Scratch Ticket must not be counterfeit in whole or in part;

10. The Scratch Ticket must have been issued by the Texas Lottery in an authorized manner;

11. The Scratch Ticket must not have been stolen, nor appear on any list of omitted Scratch Tickets or non-activated Scratch Tickets on file at the Texas Lottery;

12. The Play Symbols, Serial Number and Game-Pack-Ticket Number must be right side up and not reversed in any manner;

13. The Scratch Ticket must be complete and not miscut, and have exactly forty-nine (49) Play Symbols under the Latex Overprint on the front portion of the Scratch Ticket, exactly one Serial Number and exactly one Game-Pack-Ticket Number on the Scratch Ticket;

14. The Serial Number of an apparent winning Scratch Ticket shall correspond with the Texas Lottery's Serial Numbers for winning Scratch Tickets, and a Scratch Ticket with that Serial Number shall not have been paid previously;

15. The Scratch Ticket must not be blank or partially blank, misregistered, defective or printed or produced in error;

16. Each of the forty-nine (49) Play Symbols must be exactly one of those described in Section 1.2.C of these Game Procedures;

17. Each of the forty-nine (49) Play Symbols on the Scratch Ticket must be printed in the Symbol font and must correspond precisely to the artwork on file at the Texas Lottery; the Scratch Ticket Serial Numbers must be printed in the Serial font and must correspond precisely to the artwork on file at the Texas Lottery; and the Game-Pack-Ticket Number must be printed in the Game-Pack-Ticket Number font and must correspond precisely to the artwork on file at the Texas Lottery;

18. The Display Printing on the Scratch Ticket must be regular in every respect and correspond precisely to the artwork on file at the Texas Lottery; and

19. The Scratch Ticket must have been received by the Texas Lottery by applicable deadlines.

B. The Scratch Ticket must pass all additional validation tests provided for in these Game Procedures, the Texas Lottery's Rules governing the award of prizes of the amount to be validated, and any confidential validation and security tests of the Texas Lottery.

C. Any Scratch Ticket not passing all of the validation requirements is void and ineligible for any prize and shall not be paid. However, the Executive Director of the Texas Lottery ("Executive Director") may, solely at the Executive Director's discretion, refund the retail sales price of the Scratch Ticket. In the event a defective Scratch Ticket is purchased, the only responsibility or liability of the Texas Lottery shall be to replace the defective Scratch Ticket with another unplayed Scratch Ticket in that Scratch Ticket Game (or a Scratch Ticket of equivalent sales price from any other current Texas Lottery Scratch Ticket Game) or refund the retail sales price of the Scratch Ticket, solely at the Executive Director's discretion.

2.2 Programmed Game Parameters.

A. GENERAL: Consecutive Non-Winning Tickets within a Pack will not have matching patterns, in the same order, of either Play Symbols or Prize Symbols.

B. GENERAL: A Ticket can win as indicated by the prize structure.

C. GENERAL: A Ticket can win up to twenty-two (22) times.

D. GENERAL: The "MONEY BAG" (WINX5) Play Symbol will never appear in either of the two (2) BONUS play areas.

E. BONUS: A Ticket can win up to one (1) time in each of the two (2) BONUS play areas.

F. BONUS: A Ticket will not have matching, non-winning Prize Symbols across the two (2) BONUS play areas.

G. BONUS: Non-winning Prize Symbols in a BONUS play area will not be the same as winning Prize Symbols from the other BONUS play area.

H. BONUS: A non-winning BONUS play area will have two (2) different Prize Symbols.

I. $500 PAYOUT: A Ticket can win up to twenty (20) times in the main play area.

J. $500 PAYOUT: On winning and Non-Winning Tickets, the top cash prizes of $100 and $500 will each appear at least one (1) time, except on Tickets winning twenty (20) times in the main play area and with respect to other parameters.

K. $500 PAYOUT: All non-winning YOUR NUMBERS Play Symbols will be different.

L. $500 PAYOUT: Non-winning Prize Symbols will not match a winning Prize Symbol on a Ticket.

M. $500 PAYOUT: All WINNING NUMBERS Play Symbols will be different.

N. $500 PAYOUT: Tickets winning more than one (1) time will use as many WINNING NUMBERS Play Symbols as possible to create matches, unless restricted by other parameters, play action or prize structure.

O. $500 PAYOUT: On all Tickets, a Prize Symbol will not appear more than four (4) times, except as required by the prize structure to create multiple wins.

P. $500 PAYOUT: On Non-Winning Tickets, a WINNING NUMBERS Play Symbol will never match a YOUR NUMBERS Play Symbol.

Q. $500 PAYOUT: All YOUR NUMBERS Play Symbols will never equal the corresponding Prize Symbol (i.e., 05 and $5, 10 and $10, 15 and $15, 20 and $20 and 25 and $25).

R. $500 PAYOUT: The "MONEY BAG" (WINX5) Play Symbol will never appear as a WINNING NUMBERS Play Symbol.

S. $500 PAYOUT: The "MONEY BAG" (WINX5) Play Symbol will never appear on a Non-Winning Ticket.

T. $500 PAYOUT: The "MONEY BAG" (WINX5) Play Symbol will win 5 TIMES the prize for that Play Symbol and will win as per the prize structure.

U. $500 PAYOUT: The "MONEY BAG" (WINX5) Play Symbol will never appear more than one (1) time on a Ticket.

2.3 Procedure for Claiming Prizes.

A. To claim a "$500 PAYOUT" Scratch Ticket Game prize of $5.00, $10.00, $15.00, $20.00, $25.00, $50.00, $100 or $500, a claimant shall sign the back of the Scratch Ticket in the space designated on the Scratch Ticket and may present the winning Scratch Ticket to any Texas Lottery Retailer. The Texas Lottery Retailer shall verify the claim and, if valid, and upon presentation of proper identification, if appropriate, make payment of the amount due the claimant and physically void the Scratch Ticket; provided that the Texas Lottery Retailer may, but is not required, to pay a $25.00, $50.00, $100 or $500 Scratch Ticket Game. In the event the Texas Lottery Retailer cannot verify the claim, the Texas Lottery Retailer shall provide the claimant with a claim form and instruct the claimant on how to file a claim with the Texas Lottery. If the claim is validated by the Texas Lottery, a check shall be forwarded to the claimant in the amount due. In the event the claim is not validated, the claim shall be denied and the claimant shall be notified promptly. A claimant may also claim any of the above prizes under the procedure described in Section 2.3.B and Section 2.3.C of these Game Procedures.

B. As an alternative method of claiming a "$500 PAYOUT" Scratch Ticket Game prize, the claimant may submit the signed winning Scratch Ticket and a thoroughly completed claim form via mail. If a prize value is $1,000,000 or more, the claimant must also provide proof of Social Security number or Taxpayer Identification (for U.S. Citizens or Resident Aliens). Mail all to: Texas Lottery, P.O. Box 16600, Austin, Texas 78761-6600. The Texas Lottery is not responsible for Scratch Tickets lost in the mail. In the event that the claim is not validated by the Texas Lottery, the claim shall be denied and the claimant shall be notified promptly.

C. Prior to payment by the Texas Lottery of any prize, the Texas Lottery shall deduct the amount of a delinquent tax or other money from the winnings of a prize winner who has been finally determined to be:

1. delinquent in the payment of a tax or other money to a state agency and that delinquency is reported to the Comptroller under Government Code §403.055;

2. in default on a loan made under Chapter 52, Education Code;

3. in default on a loan guaranteed under Chapter 57, Education Code; or

4. delinquent in child support payments in the amount determined by a court or a Title IV-D agency under Chapter 231, Family Code.

D. If a person is indebted or owes delinquent taxes to the State, other than those specified in the preceding paragraph, the winnings of a person shall be withheld until the debt or taxes are paid.

2.4 Allowance for Delay of Payment. The Texas Lottery may delay payment of the prize pending a final determination by the Executive Director, under any of the following circumstances:

A. if a dispute occurs, or it appears likely that a dispute may occur, regarding the prize;

B. if there is any question regarding the identity of the claimant;

C. if there is any question regarding the validity of the Scratch Ticket presented for payment; or

D. if the claim is subject to any deduction from the payment otherwise due, as described in Section 2.3.D of these Game Procedures. No liability for interest for any delay shall accrue to the benefit of the claimant pending payment of the claim.

2.5 Payment of Prizes to Persons Under 18. If a person under the age of 18 years is entitled to a cash prize under $600 from the "$500 PAYOUT" Scratch Ticket Game, the Texas Lottery shall deliver to an adult member of the minor's family or the minor's guardian a check or warrant in the amount of the prize payable to the order of the minor.

2.6 If a person under the age of 18 years is entitled to a cash prize of $600 or more from the "$500 PAYOUT" Scratch Ticket Game, the Texas Lottery shall deposit the amount of the prize in a custodial bank account, with an adult member of the minor's family or the minor's guardian serving as custodian for the minor.

2.7 Scratch Ticket Claim Period. All Scratch Ticket prizes must be claimed within 180 days following the end of the Scratch Ticket Game or within the applicable time period for certain eligible military personnel as set forth in Texas Government Code §466.408. Any rights to a prize that is not claimed within that period, and in the manner specified in these Game Procedures and on the back of each Scratch Ticket, shall be forfeited.

2.8 Disclaimer. The number of prizes in a game is approximate based on the number of Scratch Tickets ordered. The number of actual prizes available in a game may vary based on number of Scratch Tickets manufactured, testing, distribution, sales and number of prizes claimed. A Scratch Ticket Game may continue to be sold even when all the top prizes have been claimed.

3.0 Scratch Ticket Ownership.

A. Until such time as a signature is placed upon the back portion of a Scratch Ticket in the space designated, a Scratch Ticket shall be owned by the physical possessor of said Scratch Ticket. When a signature is placed on the back of the Scratch Ticket in the space designated, the player whose signature appears in that area shall be the owner of the Scratch Ticket and shall be entitled to any prize attributable thereto. Notwithstanding any name or names submitted on a claim form, the Executive Director shall make payment to the player whose signature appears on the back of the Scratch Ticket in the space designated. If more than one name appears on the back of the Scratch Ticket, the Executive Director will require that one of those players whose name appears thereon be designated by such players to receive payment.

B. The Texas Lottery shall not be responsible for lost or stolen Scratch Tickets and shall not be required to pay on a lost or stolen Scratch Ticket.

4.0 Number and Value of Scratch Prizes. There will be approximately 5,040,000 Scratch Tickets in Scratch Ticket Game No. 2791. The approximate number and value of prizes in the game are as follows:

Figure 2: GAME NO. 2791 - 4.0

Prize Amount	Approximate Number of Winners*	Approximate Odds are 1 in **
$5.00	497,280	10.14
$10.00	443,520	11.36
$15.00	161,280	31.25
$20.00	107,520	46.88
$25.00	23,100	218.18
$50.00	35,700	141.18
$100	6,650	757.89
$500	5,250	960.00

*The number of prizes in a game is approximate based on the number of tickets ordered. The number of actual prizes available in a game may vary based on number of tickets manufactured, testing, distribution, sales and number of prizes claimed.

**The overall odds of winning a prize are 1 in 3.94. The individual odds of winning for a particular prize level may vary based on sales, distribution, testing, and number of prizes claimed.

A. The actual number of Scratch Tickets in the game may be increased or decreased at the sole discretion of the Texas Lottery.

5.0 End of the Scratch Ticket Game. The Executive Director may, at any time, announce a closing date (end date) for the Scratch Ticket Game No. 2791 without advance notice, at which point no further Scratch Tickets in that game may be sold. The determination of the closing date and reasons for closing will be made in accordance with the Scratch Ticket closing procedures and the Scratch Ticket Game Rules. See 16 TAC §140.302(j).

6.0 Governing Law. In purchasing a Scratch Ticket, the player agrees to comply with, and abide by, these Game Procedures for Scratch Ticket Game No. 2791, the State Lottery Act (Texas Government Code, Chapter 466), applicable rules adopted by the Texas Lottery pursuant to the State Lottery Act and referenced in 16 TAC, Chapter 140, and all final decisions of the Executive Director.

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Scratch Ticket Game Number 2831 "MONEY BAGS"

1.0 Name and Style of Scratch Ticket Game.

A. The name of Scratch Ticket Game No. 2831 is "MONEY BAGS". The play style is "key number match".

1.1 Price of Scratch Ticket Game.

A. The price for Scratch Ticket Game No. 2831 shall be $10.00 per Scratch Ticket.

1.2 Definitions in Scratch Ticket Game No. 2831.

A. Display Printing - That area of the Scratch Ticket outside of the area where the overprint and Play Symbols appear.

B. Latex Overprint - The removable scratch-off covering over the Play Symbols on the front of the Scratch Ticket.

C. Play Symbol - The printed data under the latex on the front of the Scratch Ticket that is used to determine eligibility for a prize. Each Play Symbol is printed in Symbol font in black ink in positive except for dual-image games. The possible black Play Symbols are: 01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 06, 07, 08, 09, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, $10.00, $20.00, $25.00, $30.00, $50.00, $75.00, $100, $200, $500, $1,000, $10,000, $50,000 and $250,000.

D. Play Symbol Caption - The printed material appearing below each Play Symbol which explains the Play Symbol. One caption appears under each Play Symbol and is printed in caption font in black ink in positive. The Play Symbol Caption which corresponds with and verifies each Play Symbol is as follows:

Figure 1: GAME NO. 2831 - 1.2D

PLAY SYMBOL	CAPTION
01	ONE
02	TWO
03	THR
04	FOR
05	FIV
06	SIX
07	SVN
08	EGT
09	NIN
10	TEN
11	ELV
12	TLV
13	TRN
14	FTN
15	FFN
16	SXN
17	SVT
18	ETN
19	NTN
20	TWY
21	TWON
22	TWTO
23	TWTH
24	TWFR
25	TWFV
26	TWSX
27	TWSV
28	TWET

29	TWNI
30	TRTY
31	TRON
32	TRTO
33	TRTH
34	TRFR
35	TRFV
36	TRSX
37	TRSV
38	TRET
39	TRNI
40	FRTY
41	FRON
42	FRTO
43	FRTH
44	FRFR
45	FRFV
46	FRSX
47	FRSV
48	FRET
49	FRNI
50	FFTY
51	FFON
52	FFTO
53	FFTH
54	FFFR
55	FFFV
56	FFSX
57	FFSV
58	FFET

59	FFNI
60	SXTY
$10.00	TEN$
$20.00	TWY$
$25.00	TWFV$
$30.00	TRTY$
$50.00	FFTY$
$75.00	SVFV$
$100	ONHN
$200	TOHN
$500	FVHN
$1,000	ONTH
$10,000	10TH
$50,000	50TH
$250,000	250TH

E. Serial Number - A unique thirteen (13) digit number appearing under the latex scratch-off covering on the front of the Scratch Ticket. The Serial Number is for validation purposes and cannot be used to play the game. The format will be: 0000000000000.

F. Bar Code - A twenty-four (24) character interleaved two (2) of five (5) Bar Code which will include a four (4) digit game ID, the seven (7) digit Pack number, the three (3) digit Ticket number and the ten (10) digit Validation Number. The Bar Code appears on the back of the Scratch Ticket.

G. Game-Pack-Ticket Number - A fourteen (14) digit number consisting of the four (4) digit game number (2831), a seven (7) digit Pack number, and a three (3) digit Ticket number. Ticket numbers start with 001 and end with 050 within each Pack. The format will be: 2831-0000001-001.

H. Pack - A Pack of the "MONEY BAGS" Scratch Ticket Game contains 050 Tickets, packed in plastic shrink-wrapping and fanfolded in pages of one (1). Ticket back 001 and 050 will both be exposed.

I. Non-Winning Scratch Ticket - A Scratch Ticket which is not programmed to be a winning Scratch Ticket or a Scratch Ticket that does not meet all of the requirements of these Game Procedures, the State Lottery Act (Texas Government Code, Chapter 466), and applicable rules adopted by the Texas Lottery and Charitable Bingo Division of the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation ("Texas Lottery") pursuant to the State Lottery Act and referenced in 16 TAC, Chapter 140.

J. Scratch Ticket Game, Scratch Ticket or Ticket - Texas Lottery "MONEY BAGS" Scratch Ticket Game No. 2831.

2.0 Determination of Prize Winners. The determination of prize winners is subject to the general Scratch Ticket validation requirements set forth in Texas Lottery Rule 140.302, Scratch Ticket Game Rules, these Game Procedures, and the requirements set out on the back of each Scratch Ticket. A prize winner in the "MONEY BAGS" Scratch Ticket Game is determined once the latex on the Scratch Ticket is scratched off to expose sixty (60) Play Symbols. BONUS PLAY INSTRUCTIONS: If the player reveals 2 matching prize amounts in the same BONUS play area, the player wins that amount. MONEY BAGS PLAY INSTRUCTIONS: If the player matches any of the YOUR NUMBERS Play Symbols to any of the WINNING NUMBERS Play Symbols, the player wins the PRIZE for that number. No portion of the Display Printing nor any extraneous matter whatsoever shall be usable or playable as a part of the Scratch Ticket.

2.1 Scratch Ticket Validation Requirements.

A. To be a valid Scratch Ticket, all of the following requirements must be met:

1. Exactly sixty (60) Play Symbols must appear under the Latex Overprint on the front portion of the Scratch Ticket;

2. Each of the Play Symbols must have a Play Symbol Caption underneath, unless specified, and each Play Symbol must agree with its Play Symbol Caption;

3. Each of the Play Symbols must be present in its entirety and be fully legible;

4. Each of the Play Symbols must be printed in black ink except for dual image games;

5. The Scratch Ticket shall be intact;

6. The Serial Number and Game-Pack-Ticket Number must be present in their entirety and be fully legible;

7. The Serial Number must correspond, using the Texas Lottery's codes, to the Play Symbols on the Scratch Ticket;

8. The Scratch Ticket must not have a hole punched through it, be mutilated, altered, unreadable, reconstituted or tampered with in any manner;

9. The Scratch Ticket must not be counterfeit in whole or in part;

10. The Scratch Ticket must have been issued by the Texas Lottery in an authorized manner;

11. The Scratch Ticket must not have been stolen, nor appear on any list of omitted Scratch Tickets or non-activated Scratch Tickets on file at the Texas Lottery;

12. The Play Symbols, Serial Number and Game-Pack-Ticket Number must be right side up and not reversed in any manner;

13. The Scratch Ticket must be complete and not miscut, and have exactly sixty (60) Play Symbols under the Latex Overprint on the front portion of the Scratch Ticket, exactly one Serial Number and exactly one Game-Pack-Ticket Number on the Scratch Ticket;

14. The Serial Number of an apparent winning Scratch Ticket shall correspond with the Texas Lottery's Serial Numbers for winning Scratch Tickets, and a Scratch Ticket with that Serial Number shall not have been paid previously;

15. The Scratch Ticket must not be blank or partially blank, misregistered, defective or printed or produced in error;

16. Each of the sixty (60) Play Symbols must be exactly one of those described in Section 1.2.C of these Game Procedures;

17. Each of the sixty (60) Play Symbols on the Scratch Ticket must be printed in the Symbol font and must correspond precisely to the artwork on file at the Texas Lottery; the Scratch Ticket Serial Numbers must be printed in the Serial font and must correspond precisely to the artwork on file at the Texas Lottery; and the Game-Pack-Ticket Number must be printed in the Game-Pack-Ticket Number font and must correspond precisely to the artwork on file at the Texas Lottery;

18. The Display Printing on the Scratch Ticket must be regular in every respect and correspond precisely to the artwork on file at the Texas Lottery; and

19. The Scratch Ticket must have been received by the Texas Lottery by applicable deadlines.

B. The Scratch Ticket must pass all additional validation tests provided for in these Game Procedures, the Texas Lottery's Rules governing the award of prizes of the amount to be validated, and any confidential validation and security tests of the Texas Lottery.

C. Any Scratch Ticket not passing all of the validation requirements is void and ineligible for any prize and shall not be paid. However, the Executive Director of the Texas Lottery ("Executive Director") may, solely at the Executive Director's discretion, refund the retail sales price of the Scratch Ticket. In the event a defective Scratch Ticket is purchased, the only responsibility or liability of the Texas Lottery shall be to replace the defective Scratch Ticket with another unplayed Scratch Ticket in that Scratch Ticket Game (or a Scratch Ticket of equivalent sales price from any other current Texas Lottery Scratch Ticket Game) or refund the retail sales price of the Scratch Ticket, solely at the Executive Director's discretion.

2.2 Programmed Game Parameters.

A. GENERAL: A Ticket can win up to twenty-seven (27) times in accordance with the prize structure.

B. GENERAL: Consecutive Non-Winning Tickets within a Pack will not have matching patterns, in the same order, of either Play Symbols or Prize Symbols.

C. KEY NUMBER MATCH: The top Prize Symbol will appear on every Ticket, unless restricted by other parameters, play action or prize structure.

D. KEY NUMBER MATCH: Each Ticket will have six (6) different WINNING NUMBERS Play Symbols.

E. KEY NUMBER MATCH: Non-winning YOUR NUMBERS Play Symbols will all be different.

F. KEY NUMBER MATCH: Identical non-winning Prize Symbols will never appear more than three (3) times.

G. KEY NUMBER MATCH: Non-winning Prize Symbol(s) will never be the same as the winning Prize Symbol(s).

H. KEY NUMBER MATCH: No prize amount in a non-winning spot will correspond with the YOUR NUMBERS Play Symbol (i.e., 10 and $10).

I. BONUS: Matching Prize Symbols will only appear in a winning BONUS play area as dictated by the prize structure.

J. BONUS: Non-winning Prize Symbol(s) will never be the same as the winning Prize Symbol(s).

K. BONUS: A Ticket will not have matching non-winning Prize Symbols across the two (2) BONUS play areas.

2.3 Procedure for Claiming Prizes.

A. To claim a "MONEY BAGS" Scratch Ticket Game prize of $10.00, $20.00, $25.00, $30.00, $50.00, $75.00, $100, $200 or $500, a claimant shall sign the back of the Scratch Ticket in the space designated on the Scratch Ticket and may present the winning Scratch Ticket to any Texas Lottery Retailer. The Texas Lottery Retailer shall verify the claim and, if valid, and upon presentation of proper identification, if appropriate, make payment of the amount due the claimant and physically void the Scratch Ticket; provided that the Texas Lottery Retailer may, but is not required, to pay a $25.00, $30.00, $50.00, $75.00, $100, $200 or $500 Scratch Ticket Game. In the event the Texas Lottery Retailer cannot verify the claim, the Texas Lottery Retailer shall provide the claimant with a claim form and instruct the claimant on how to file a claim with the Texas Lottery. If the claim is validated by the Texas Lottery, a check shall be forwarded to the claimant in the amount due. In the event the claim is not validated, the claim shall be denied, and the claimant shall be notified promptly. A claimant may also claim any of the above prizes under the procedure described in Section 2.3.B and Section 2.3.C of these Game Procedures.

B. To claim a "MONEY BAGS" Scratch Ticket Game prize of $1,000, $10,000, $50,000 or $250,000, the claimant must sign the winning Scratch Ticket and may present it at one of the Texas Lottery's Claim Centers. If the claim is validated by the Texas Lottery, payment will be made to the bearer of the validated winning Scratch Ticket for that prize upon presentation of proper identification. When paying a prize of $600 or more, the Texas Lottery shall file the appropriate income reporting form with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and shall withhold federal income tax at a rate set by the IRS if required. In the event that the claim is not validated by the Texas Lottery, the claim shall be denied, and the claimant shall be notified promptly.

C. As an alternative method of claiming a "MONEY BAGS" Scratch Ticket Game prize, the claimant may submit the signed winning

Scratch Ticket and a thoroughly completed claim form via mail. If a prize value is $1,000,000 or more, the claimant must also provide proof of Social Security number or Taxpayer Identification (for U.S. Citizens or Resident Aliens). Mail all to: Texas Lottery, P.O. Box 16600, Austin, Texas 78761-6600. The Texas Lottery is not responsible for Scratch Tickets lost in the mail. In the event that the claim is not validated by the Texas Lottery, the claim shall be denied, and the claimant shall be notified promptly.

D. Prior to payment by the Texas Lottery of any prize, the Texas Lottery shall deduct the amount of a delinquent tax or other money from the winnings of a prize winner who has been finally determined to be:

1. delinquent in the payment of a tax or other money to a state agency and that delinquency is reported to the Comptroller under Government Code §403.055;

2. in default on a loan made under Chapter 52, Education Code;

3. in default on a loan guaranteed under Chapter 57, Education Code; or

4. delinquent in child support payments in the amount determined by a court or a Title IV-D agency under Chapter 231, Family Code.

E. If a person is indebted or owes delinquent taxes to the State, other than those specified in the preceding paragraph, the winnings of a person shall be withheld until the debt or taxes are paid.

2.4 Allowance for Delay of Payment. The Texas Lottery may delay payment of the prize pending a final determination by the Executive Director, under any of the following circumstances:

A. if a dispute occurs, or it appears likely that a dispute may occur, regarding the prize;

B. if there is any question regarding the identity of the claimant;

C. if there is any question regarding the validity of the Scratch Ticket presented for payment; or

D. if the claim is subject to any deduction from the payment otherwise due, as described in Section 2.3.D of these Game Procedures. No liability for interest for any delay shall accrue to the benefit of the claimant pending payment of the claim.

2.5 Payment of Prizes to Persons Under 18. If a person under the age of 18 years is entitled to a cash prize under $600 from the "MONEY BAGS" Scratch Ticket Game, the Texas Lottery shall deliver to an adult member of the minor's family or the minor's guardian a check or warrant in the amount of the prize payable to the order of the minor.

2.6 If a person under the age of 18 years is entitled to a cash prize of $600 or more from the "MONEY BAGS" Scratch Ticket Game, the Texas Lottery shall deposit the amount of the prize in a custodial bank account, with an adult member of the minor's family or the minor's guardian serving as custodian for the minor.

2.7 Scratch Ticket Claim Period. All Scratch Ticket prizes must be claimed within 180 days following the end of the Scratch Ticket Game or within the applicable time period for certain eligible military personnel as set forth in Texas Government Code §466.408. Any rights to a prize that is not claimed within that period, and in the manner specified in these Game Procedures and on the back of each Scratch Ticket, shall be forfeited.

2.8 Disclaimer. The number of prizes in a game is approximate based on the number of Scratch Tickets ordered. The number of actual prizes available in a game may vary based on number of Scratch Tickets manufactured, testing, distribution, sales and number of prizes claimed. A Scratch Ticket Game may continue to be sold even when all the top prizes have been claimed.

3.0 Scratch Ticket Ownership.

A. Until such time as a signature is placed upon the back portion of a Scratch Ticket in the space designated, a Scratch Ticket shall be owned by the physical possessor of said Scratch Ticket. When a signature is placed on the back of the Scratch Ticket in the space designated, the player whose signature appears in that area shall be the owner of the Scratch Ticket and shall be entitled to any prize attributable thereto. Notwithstanding any name or names submitted on a claim form, the Executive Director shall make payment to the player whose signature appears on the back of the Scratch Ticket in the space designated. If more than one name appears on the back of the Scratch Ticket, the Executive Director will require that one of those players whose name appears thereon be designated by such players to receive payment.

B. The Texas Lottery shall not be responsible for lost or stolen Scratch Tickets and shall not be required to pay on a lost or stolen Scratch Ticket.

4.0 Number and Value of Scratch Prizes. There will be approximately 8,160,000 Scratch Tickets in Scratch Ticket Game No. 2831. The approximate number and value of prizes in the game are as follows:

Figure 2: GAME NO. 2831 - 4.0

Prize Amount	Approximate Number of Winners*	Approximate Odds are 1 in **
$10.00	734,400	11.11
$20.00	816,000	10.00
$25.00	163,200	50.00
$30.00	163,200	50.00
$50.00	122,400	66.67
$75.00	81,600	100.00
$100	90,440	90.23
$200	4,080	2,000.00
$500	1,020	8,000.00
$1,000	204	40,000.00
$10,000	20	408,000.00
$50,000	10	816,000.00
$250,000	4	2,040,000.00

*The number of prizes in a game is approximate based on the number of tickets ordered. The number of actual prizes available in a game may vary based on number of tickets manufactured, testing, distribution, sales and number of prizes claimed.

**The overall odds of winning a prize are 1 in 3.75. The individual odds of winning for a particular prize level may vary based on sales, distribution, testing, and number of prizes claimed.

A. The actual number of Scratch Tickets in the game may be increased or decreased at the sole discretion of the Texas Lottery.

5.0 End of the Scratch Ticket Game. The Executive Director may, at any time, announce a closing date (end date) for the Scratch Ticket Game No. 2831 without advance notice, at which point no further Scratch Tickets in that game may be sold. The determination of the closing date and reasons for closing will be made in accordance with the Scratch Ticket closing procedures and the Scratch Ticket Game Rules. See 16 TAC §140.302(j).

6.0 Governing Law. In purchasing a Scratch Ticket, the player agrees to comply with, and abide by, these Game Procedures for Scratch Ticket Game No. 2831, the State Lottery Act (Texas Government Code, Chapter 466), applicable rules adopted by the Texas Lottery pursuant to the State Lottery Act and referenced in 16 TAC, Chapter 140, and all final decisions of the Executive Director.

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Public Utility Commission of Texas

Notice of Application to Relinquish Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier

Notice is given to the public of an application filed with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (commission) on November 2, 2026, to relinquish its eligible telecommunications carrier designation under 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) §26.418.

Docket Title and Number: Application of Texoma Communications, LLC dba TekWav to Relinquish Its Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Designation, Docket Number 60465.

The Application: Texoma Communications requests to relinquish its designation as a eligible telecommunications carrier in the State of Texas effective at the earliest date possible.

Persons who wish to comment on this application should notify the Public Utility Commission by November 20, 2026. Requests for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326, or you may call the PUCT Consumer Protection Division at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals may contact the commission through Relay Texas at (800) 735-2989. All comments should reference Docket Number 60465.

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Andrea Gonzalez
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Public Utility Commission of Texas
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Texas Department of Transportation

Request for Proposals - Traffic Safety Program

In accordance with 43 TAC §25.901 et seq., the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is requesting project proposals to support the targets and strategies of the Texas traffic safety program to reduce the number of motor vehicle related crashes, injuries, and fatalities in Texas.

Authority and responsibility for funding the traffic safety grant program derives from the National Highway Safety Act of 1966 (23 USC §401 et seq.), and the Texas Traffic Safety Act of 1967 (Transportation Code, Chapter 723). The TxDOT Executive Director is the designated Governor's Highway Safety Representative. The program is administered at the state level by TxDOT's Traffic Safety Division (TRF) through the Behavioral Traffic Safety Section (TRF-BTS). TRF-BTS manages the program through program managers for statewide projects and traffic safety specialists in twenty-five districts for local projects.

The following link provides the requirements for submitting Fiscal Year (FY) 2028 Traffic Safety Grants - Request for Proposals (RFP) for General Traffic Safety, Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP), and Driver Education proposals. Please review the full FY 2028 RFPs online at: *https://egrants.bts.txdot.gov/eGrantsHelp/rfp.html*

All questions regarding the development of proposals must be submitted by sending an email to: TRF_RFP@txdot.gov. A questions and answers (Q&A) document will undergo regular updates and can be accessed at: *https://egrants.bts.txdot.gov/eGrantsHelp/rfp.html*

All proposals must be submitted to TRF-BTS no later than Friday, January 15, 2027, at 5:00 p.m. CST. Proposals must be completed and submitted using eGrants. eGrants is located at: *https://egrants.bts.txdot.gov/*

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Statewide Transportation Improvement Program - FY 2027-2030 November 2026 Revision

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will hold a public hearing virtually (conducted electronically) on Tuesday, December 1, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. to receive comments on the proposed November 2026 Revision to the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) for FY 2027-2030.

Access to hearing:

Instructions for joining the hearing will be posted on TxDOT's website at: *https://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/get-involved/about/hearings-meetings.html*.

STIP Overview:

The STIP identifies federally funded transportation projects included in the FY 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Programs (TIPs) for each Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) in Texas. It also includes state and federally funded projects in nonattainment areas--Dallas-Fort Worth, El Paso, Houston, and San Antonio--as well as federally funded projects in rural areas outside MPO boundaries and other statewide programs.

Federal law (Title 23 USC §§134 and 135) requires MPOs and states to develop TIPs and STIPs to secure federal transportation funding. These plans must be developed in cooperation with MPOs, transit operators, and local officials, and must include opportunities for public participation and approval by the Governor or designee.

A copy of the proposed November 2026 Revision to the FY 2027-2030 STIP will be available for review when this notice is published at: *https://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/division/transportation-planning/stips.html*.

Speaking at the Hearing:

Individuals wishing to speak must register in advance by contacting Enyu Li, Transportation Planning and Programming Division, at (512) 416-2298 no later than 12:00 p.m. on Monday, November 30, 2026. Registered speakers will be called in order and limited to three minutes. Those who do not register will speak after all registered participants. Comments and testimony are welcome; however, questioning of witnesses will be limited to the presiding authority to ensure a complete record. The presiding authority may restrict testimony for time or repetitive content. Groups or organizations should designate one representative. Speakers are asked to avoid repeating previously presented testimony.

Accommodation:

The hearing will be conducted in English. Individuals needing special accommodation should contact Transportation Planning and Programming Division at (512) 416-2298 at least three business days before the hearing. TxDOT will make every reasonable effort to accommodate requests.

Submitting Written Comments:

Those unable to attend may submit written comments on the proposed November 2026 Revision to the FY 2027-2030 STIP by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, December 14, 2026, to:

Humberto Gonzalez, P.E.

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How to Use the Texas Register

Information Available: The sections of the *Texas Register* represent various facets of state government. Documents contained within them include:

Governor - Appointments, executive orders, and proclamations.

Attorney General - summaries of requests for opinions, opinions, and open records decisions.

Texas Ethics Commission - summaries of requests for opinions and opinions.

Emergency Rules - sections adopted by state agencies on an emergency basis.

Proposed Rules - sections proposed for adoption.

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Adopted Rules - sections adopted following public comment period.

Texas Department of Insurance Exempt Filings - notices of actions taken by the Texas Department of Insurance pursuant to Chapter 5, Subchapter L of the Insurance Code.

Review of Agency Rules - notices of state agency rules review.

Tables and Graphics - graphic material from the proposed, emergency and adopted sections.

Transferred Rules - notice that the Legislature has transferred rules within the *Texas Administrative Code* from one state agency to another, or directed the Secretary of State to remove the rules of an abolished agency.

In Addition - miscellaneous information required to be published by statute or provided as a public service.

Specific explanation on the contents of each section can be found on the beginning page of the section. The division also publishes cumulative quarterly and annual indexes to aid in researching material published.

How to Cite: Material published in the *Texas Register* is referenced by citing the volume in which the document appears, the words "TexReg" and the beginning page number on which that document was published. For example, a document published on page 2402 of Volume 51 (2026) is cited as follows: 51 TexReg 2402.

In order that readers may cite material more easily, page numbers are now written as citations. Example: on page 2 in the lower-left hand corner of the page, would be written "51 TexReg 2 issue date," while on the opposite page, page 3, in the lower right-hand corner, would be written "issue date 51 TexReg 3."

How to Research: The public is invited to research rules and information of interest between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays at the *Texas Register* office, James Earl Rudder Building, 1019 Brazos, Austin. Material can be found using *Texas Register* indexes, the *Texas Administrative Code* section numbers, or TRD number.

Both the *Texas Register* and the *Texas Administrative Code* are available online at: https://www.sos.texas.gov. The *Texas Register* is available in an .html version as well as a .pdf version through the internet. For website information, call the Texas Register at (512) 463-5561.

Texas Administrative Code

The *Texas Administrative Code (TAC*) is the compilation of all final state agency rules published in the *Texas Register*. Following its effective date, a rule is entered into the *Texas Administrative Code*. Emergency rules, which may be adopted by an agency on an interim basis, are not codified within the *TAC*.

The *TAC* volumes are arranged into Titles and Parts (using Arabic numerals). The Titles are broad subject categories into which the agencies are grouped as a matter of convenience. Each Part represents an individual state agency.

The complete *TAC* is available through the Secretary of State's website at http://www.sos.state.tx.us/tac.

The Titles of the *TAC*, and their respective Title numbers are:

1. Administration
4. Agriculture
7. Banking and Securities
10. Community Development
13. Cultural Resources
16. Economic Regulation
19. Education
22. Examining Boards
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28. Insurance
30. Environmental Quality
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34. Public Finance
37. Public Safety and Corrections
40. Social Services and Assistance
43. Transportation

How to Cite: Under the *TAC* scheme, each section is designated by a *TAC* number. For example in the citation 1 TAC §91.1: 1 indicates the title under which the agency appears in the *Texas Administrative Code*; *TAC* stands for the *Texas Administrative Code*; §91.1 is the section number of the rule (91 indicates that the section is under Chapter 91 of Title 1; 1 represents the individual section within the chapter).

How to Update: To find out if a rule has changed since the publication of the current supplement to the *Texas Administrative Code*, please look at the *Index of Rules*.

The *Index of Rules* is published cumulatively in the blue-cover quarterly indexes to the *Texas Register*.

If a rule has changed during the time period covered by the table, the rule's *TAC* number will be printed with the *Texas Register* page number and a notation indicating the type of filing (emergency, proposed, withdrawn, or adopted) as shown in the following example.

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