

391 Commission Purposes

Texas Local Government Code Chapter 391 provides that local governmental units may join and cooperate to improve the health, safety and general welfare of their residents. They may also plan for the future development of communities, areas and regions so that:

- (A) the planning of transportation systems is improved;
- (B) adequate street utility, health, educational, recreational, and other essential facilities are provided as the communities, areas and regions grow;
- (C) the needs of agriculture, business, and industry are recognized;
- (D) healthful surroundings for family life in residential areas are provided;
- (E) historical and cultural values are preserved; and
- (F) the efficient and economical use of public funds is commensurate with the growth of the communities, areas, and regions.

The general purpose of a 391 commission is to make studies and plans to guide the unified, far-reaching development of a region, eliminate duplication, and promote economy and efficiency in the coordinated development of a region.

A 391 commission is a political subdivision of the state.

A 391 commission may plan for the development of a region and make recommendations concerning major thoroughfares, streets, traffic and transportation studies, bridges, airports, parks, recreation sites, school sites, public utilities, land use, water supply, sanitation facilities, drainage, public buildings, population density, open spaces, and other items relating to the commission's general purpose.