

Hidalgo County

Resolution supporting legislation relating to the provision of solid waste disposal services by Hidalgo County

Whereas access to safe and reliable sanitation services is critical to public health and safety; and

Whereas the provision of sanitation services in rural, unincorporated, and extraterritorial jurisdictions of Hidalgo County municipalities is a serious and growing public safety concern; and

Whereas the current sanitation model available to Hidalgo County does not allow for efficiently and effectively providing sanitation services to individuals residing outside of incorporated municipalities; and

Whereas the current Hidalgo County sanitation model costs Hidalgo County taxpayers in excess of \$8,000,000 annually; and

Whereas the current Hidalgo County sanitation model costs are expected to grow as development continues; and

Whereas proposed legislation would allow Hidalgo County to:

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1. Create a mandatory sanitation program in the unincorporated areas of the County.
 2. Create a mandatory sanitation program in the unserved extraterritorial jurisdictions of municipalities located within the County.
 3. Collect sanitation fees via utility billing
 4. Collect sanitation fees via the annual statement of tax-assessor collector
 5. Collect reasonable penalties that may not exceed 10% of the service fee

Now therefore, be it resolved that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court supports legislation relating to the provision of solid waste disposal services by Hidalgo County and urges the Texas Legislature to pass this bill into law and for the Governor of Texas to sign it into law.

Approved this 7th day of March 2023



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