

September 22, 2020

Federal Aviation Administration
Unmanned Aircraft Tactical Operations, AJV-115
490 L'Enfant Plaza SW Suite 7105
Washington, DC 20024

RE: Fort Bend County's Public Declaration Letter in Support of a Certificate of Waiver and Authorization

Dear Sir or Madam:

Fort Bend County seeks to apply for a Certificate of Waiver and Authorization. Fort Bend County is a political subdivision of the State of Texas pursuant to Article 9, § 1 of the Texas Constitution. Further, counties are corporate and political bodies in the State of Texas. *See* TEX. LOC. GOV'T CODE ANN. § 71.001 (West 2020). Fort Bend County qualifies as a "political subdivision" and should be permitted to operate public aircrafts pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 40102(a)(41)(C). Fort Bend County provides law enforcement services, including emergency management services for both disaster preparedness, response, and recovery.

Fort Bend County seeks to acquire and operate an Unmanned Aircraft System ("UAS") to assist in law enforcement services, and emergency operations. As operated by Fort Bend County, this UAS qualifies as a "public aircraft" as defined in 49 U.S.C. § 40102(a)(41)(C) and will be operated to fulfill "governmental function(s)" pursuant to 49 USC § 40125(a)(2). The UAS will not be used for "commercial purposes" pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 40125(b).

Please contact me if you have any questions or if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

KP George
Fort Bend County Judge