

THE STATE OF TEXAS §
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 COUNTY OF FORT BEND §

**ORDER AUTHORIZING
 COURTESY NOTIFICATION SIGNS FOR TEXAS PENAL CODE SECTIONS 46.03
 AT FORT BEND COUNTY LIBRARY LOCATIONS**

On this the 9th day of February, 2016, at a regular meeting of the Commissioners Court of Fort Bend County, Texas, sitting as the governing body of Fort Bend County, upon motion of Commissioner Patterson, seconded by Commissioner Meyers, duly put and carried;

Whereas, the Texas Attorney General determined in 1962¹ that the county library was created to assist in the spread of public education throughout the State; and

Whereas, the Texas Local Government Code Section 323.005(c) currently assigns the county librarian with the responsibility of distributing books, other printed matter and other **educational materials** as quickly as circumstances permit; and

Whereas, the Fort Bend County Library system provides high-quality educational and cultural programs and classes on a frequent basis; and

Whereas, such programming includes but is not limited to:

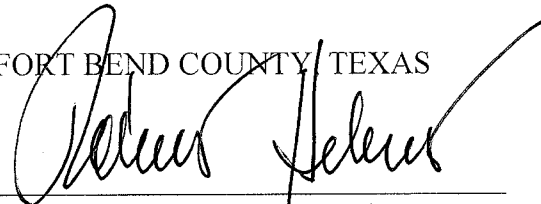
- Youth programs that promote early and continuing literacy skills and provide access to interactive educational technology for the county's children;
- Outreach classes for senior residents providing information on wills and other legal forms; and
- Multi-cultural history exhibits and computer classes for the community at large.

¹ See Texas Attorney General Ruling WW-1494 (1962).

NOW, THEREFORE, this Commissioners Court concludes that the Fort Bend County Library System is an educational institution as described in Texas Penal Code Section 46.03.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT the County Facilities Director post courtesy notification signs notifying the public that weapons are prohibited at all County owned or leased library locations.

FORT BEND COUNTY, TEXAS



Robert E. Hebert, County Judge

ATTEST:



Laura Richard, County Clerk

