

THE STATE OF TEXAS §  
COUNTY OF FORT BEND §

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF NON-EMERGENCY SMALL UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS USE FOR MITIGATION, RESEARCH, & ASSESSMENTS**

**WHEREAS**, the use of modern technology allows more data to be gathered than by traditional means; and,

**WHEREAS**, sending a machine instead of a human protects the lives of our first responders and emergency management personnel at all times; and,

**WHEREAS**, constantly monitoring our critical infrastructure for assessment and analysis helps inform relevant County departments about the status of said project; and,

**WHEREAS**, use of sUAS (small unmanned aircraft systems) allows for all stages of data gathering from pre-disaster analysis, immediate disaster monitoring, activity after the primary disaster situation, and then for longer term recovery and maintenance efforts; and,

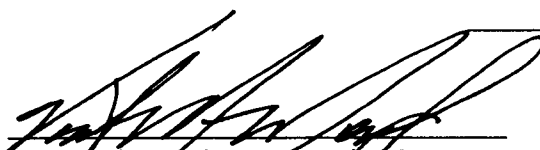
**WHEREAS**, the current Texas Government Code 423 prohibits activities of non-emergency flights by sUAS systems for training, planning, and mitigation unless a state of disaster or law enforcement investigation is created; and,

**WHEREAS**, Federal Government law allows for other governmental bodies to utilize sUAS technology for activities such as planning, migration, and engineering assessments without declaring a state of disaster.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF FORT BEND COUNTY, TEXAS, THAT:**

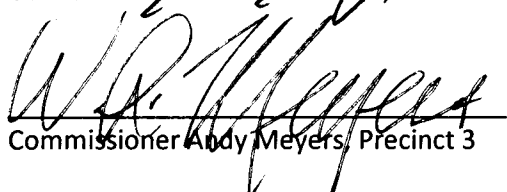
This 29<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2019, Fort Bend County Commissioners Court does hereby express its support of reconciling Texas State Law with Federal Law by adding into the Government Code §423.002:


- a. It is lawful to capture an image using an unmanned aircraft in the state:
  - (22) if the image is captured by state or local government personnel, or a person who is under contract with or otherwise acting under the direction or behalf of state or local authorities, for the purpose of performing non-disaster emergency management activities such as inspecting, maintaining, preparing public infrastructure facilities.

  
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Commissioner Vincent Morales, Pct. 1

  
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County Judge KP George

  
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Commissioner Grady Prestage, Pct. 2

  
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Commissioner Andy Meyers, Precinct 3

  
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Commissioner Ken R. DeMerchant, Pct. 4

ATTEST:  
  
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Laura Richard, County Clerk

