

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF NON-EMERGENCY SMALL UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS USE FOR MITIGATION, RESEARCH AND 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 health and 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 (unmanned aircraft systems) allows for all stages of data gathering, including 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 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 15th day of December 2020, the **Fort Bend County Commissioners Court**, meeting as a body in Richmond, Texas:

Supports reconciling Texas State Law with Federal Law by adding to The Government Code 423.002 the same language and/or intent of Federal Law regarding this topic.

SIGNED, THIS 15th DAY OF DECEMBER 2020.


County Judge KP George

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ATTEST:



Laura Richard, County Clerk