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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to the creation of the Heritage Ranch Municipal Utility  
3 District No. 1 of Grayson County; granting a limited power of  
4 eminent domain; providing authority to issue bonds; providing  
5 authority to impose assessments, fees, and taxes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

7 SECTION 1. Subtitle F, Title 6, Special District Local Laws  
8 Code, is amended by adding Chapter 7920A to read as follows:

9 CHAPTER 7920A. HERITAGE RANCH MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF  
10 GRAYSON COUNTY

11 SUBCHAPTER A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

12 Sec. 7920A.0101. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

13 (1) "Board" means the district's board of directors.

14 (2) "Commission" means the Texas Commission on  
15 Environmental Quality.

16 (3) "Director" means a board member.

17 (4) "District" means the Heritage Ranch Municipal  
18 Utility District No. 1 of Grayson County.

19 Sec. 7920A.0102. NATURE OF DISTRICT. The district is a  
20 municipal utility district created under Section 59, Article XVI,  
21 Texas Constitution.

22 Sec. 7920A.0103. CONFIRMATION AND DIRECTOR ELECTION  
23 REQUIRED. The temporary directors shall hold an election to  
24 confirm the creation of the district and to elect five permanent

1 directors as provided by Section 49.102, Water Code.

2 Sec. 7920A.0104. CONSENT OF MUNICIPALITY REQUIRED. The  
3 temporary directors may not hold an election under Section  
4 7920A.0103 until each municipality in whose corporate limits or  
5 extraterritorial jurisdiction the district is located has  
6 consented by ordinance or resolution to the creation of the  
7 district and to the inclusion of land in the district.

8 Sec. 7920A.0105. FINDINGS OF PUBLIC PURPOSE AND BENEFIT.

9 (a) The district is created to serve a public purpose and benefit.

10 (b) The district is created to accomplish the purposes of:

11 (1) a municipal utility district as provided by  
12 general law and Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution; and

13 (2) Section 52, Article III, Texas Constitution, that  
14 relate to the construction, acquisition, improvement, operation,  
15 or maintenance of macadamized, graveled, or paved roads, or  
16 improvements, including storm drainage, in aid of those roads.

17 Sec. 7920A.0106. INITIAL DISTRICT TERRITORY. (a) The  
18 district is initially composed of the territory described by  
19 Section 2 of the Act enacting this chapter.

20 (b) The boundaries and field notes contained in Section 2 of  
21 the Act enacting this chapter form a closure. A mistake made in the  
22 field notes or in copying the field notes in the legislative process  
23 does not affect the district's:

24 (1) organization, existence, or validity;

25 (2) right to issue any type of bond for the purposes  
26 for which the district is created or to pay the principal of and  
27 interest on a bond;

1           (3) right to impose a tax; or

2           (4) legality or operation.

3                   SUBCHAPTER B. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

4           Sec. 7920A.0201. GOVERNING BODY; TERMS. (a) The district  
5 is governed by a board of five elected directors.

6           (b) Except as provided by Section 7920A.0202, directors  
7 serve staggered four-year terms.

8           Sec. 7920A.0202. TEMPORARY DIRECTORS. (a) The temporary  
9 board consists of:

10           (1) Mike Mayberry;

11           (2) Daniel Worrell;

12           (3) Russell Maine;

13           (4) Chris Colombe; and

14           (5) Rick Ellis.

15           (b) Temporary directors serve until the earlier of:

16           (1) the date permanent directors are elected under  
17 Section 7920A.0103; or

18           (2) the fourth anniversary of the effective date of  
19 the Act enacting this chapter.

20           (c) If permanent directors have not been elected under  
21 Section 7920A.0103 and the terms of the temporary directors have  
22 expired, successor temporary directors shall be appointed or  
23 reappointed as provided by Subsection (d) to serve terms that  
24 expire on the earlier of:

25           (1) the date permanent directors are elected under  
26 Section 7920A.0103; or

27           (2) the fourth anniversary of the date of the

1 appointment or reappointment.

2 (d) If Subsection (c) applies, the owner or owners of a  
3 majority of the assessed value of the real property in the district  
4 may submit a petition to the commission requesting that the  
5 commission appoint as successor temporary directors the five  
6 persons named in the petition. The commission shall appoint as  
7 successor temporary directors the five persons named in the  
8 petition.

9 SUBCHAPTER C. POWERS AND DUTIES

10 Sec. 7920A.0301. GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES. The district  
11 has the powers and duties necessary to accomplish the purposes for  
12 which the district is created.

13 Sec. 7920A.0302. MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT POWERS AND  
14 DUTIES. The district has the powers and duties provided by the  
15 general law of this state, including Chapters 49 and 54, Water Code,  
16 applicable to municipal utility districts created under Section 59,  
17 Article XVI, Texas Constitution.

18 Sec. 7920A.0303. AUTHORITY FOR ROAD PROJECTS. Under  
19 Section 52, Article III, Texas Constitution, the district may  
20 design, acquire, construct, finance, issue bonds for, improve,  
21 operate, maintain, and convey to this state, a county, or a  
22 municipality for operation and maintenance macadamized, graveled,  
23 or paved roads, or improvements, including storm drainage, in aid  
24 of those roads.

25 Sec. 7920A.0304. ROAD STANDARDS AND REQUIREMENTS. (a) A  
26 road project must meet all applicable construction standards,  
27 zoning and subdivision requirements, and regulations of each

1 municipality in whose corporate limits or extraterritorial  
2 jurisdiction the road project is located.

3 (b) If a road project is not located in the corporate limits  
4 or extraterritorial jurisdiction of a municipality, the road  
5 project must meet all applicable construction standards,  
6 subdivision requirements, and regulations of each county in which  
7 the road project is located.

8 (c) If the state will maintain and operate the road, the  
9 Texas Transportation Commission must approve the plans and  
10 specifications of the road project.

11 Sec. 7920A.0305. COMPLIANCE WITH MUNICIPAL CONSENT  
12 ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION. The district shall comply with all  
13 applicable requirements of any ordinance or resolution that is  
14 adopted under Section 54.016 or 54.0165, Water Code, and that  
15 consents to the creation of the district or to the inclusion of land  
16 in the district.

17 Sec. 7920A.0306. DIVISION OF DISTRICT. (a) The district  
18 may be divided into two or more new districts only if the district:

- 19 (1) has no outstanding bonded debt; and  
20 (2) is not imposing ad valorem taxes.

21 (b) This chapter applies to any new district created by  
22 division of the district, and a new district has all the powers and  
23 duties of the district.

24 (c) A new district created by the division of the district  
25 may not, at the time the new district is created, contain any land  
26 outside the area described by Section 2 of the Act enacting this  
27 chapter.

1       (d) The board, on its own motion or on receipt of a petition  
2 signed by the owner or owners of a majority of the assessed value of  
3 the real property in the district, may adopt an order dividing the  
4 district.

5       (e) The board may adopt an order dividing the district  
6 before or after the date the board holds an election under Section  
7 7920A.0103 to confirm the district's creation.

8       (f) An order dividing the district shall:

9           (1) name each new district;

10          (2) include the metes and bounds description of the  
11 territory of each new district;

12          (3) appoint temporary directors for each new district;

13 and

14          (4) provide for the division of assets and liabilities  
15 between the new districts.

16       (g) On or before the 30th day after the date of adoption of  
17 an order dividing the district, the district shall file the order  
18 with the commission and record the order in the real property  
19 records of each county in which the district is located.

20       (h) A new district created by the division of the district  
21 shall hold a confirmation and directors' election as required by  
22 Section 7920A.0103. If the voters of a new district do not confirm  
23 the creation of the new district, the assets, obligations,  
24 territory, and governance of the new district revert to the  
25 original district.

26       (i) If the creation of the new district is confirmed, the  
27 new district shall provide the election date and results to the

1 commission.

2 (j) A new district created by the division of the district  
3 must hold an election as required by this chapter to obtain voter  
4 approval before the district may impose a maintenance tax or issue  
5 bonds payable wholly or partly from ad valorem taxes.

6 (k) Municipal consent to the creation of the district and to  
7 the inclusion of land in the district granted under Section  
8 7920A.0104 acts as municipal consent to the creation of any new  
9 district created by the division of the district and to the  
10 inclusion of land in the new district.

11 SUBCHAPTER D. GENERAL FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

12 Sec. 7920A.0401. ELECTIONS REGARDING TAXES OR BONDS. (a)  
13 The district may issue, without an election, bonds and other  
14 obligations secured by:

- 15 (1) revenue other than ad valorem taxes; or  
16 (2) contract payments described by Section  
17 7920A.0403.

18 (b) The district must hold an election in the manner  
19 provided by Chapters 49 and 54, Water Code, to obtain voter approval  
20 before the district may impose an ad valorem tax or issue bonds  
21 payable from ad valorem taxes.

22 (c) The district may not issue bonds payable from ad valorem  
23 taxes to finance a road project unless the issuance is approved by a  
24 vote of a two-thirds majority of the district voters voting at an  
25 election held for that purpose.

26 Sec. 7920A.0402. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE TAX. (a) If  
27 authorized at an election held under Section 7920A.0401, the

1 district may impose an operation and maintenance tax on taxable  
2 property in the district in accordance with Section 49.107, Water  
3 Code.

4 (b) The board shall determine the tax rate. The rate may not  
5 exceed the rate approved at the election.

6 Sec. 7920A.0403. CONTRACT TAXES. (a) In accordance with  
7 Section 49.108, Water Code, the district may impose a tax other than  
8 an operation and maintenance tax and use the revenue derived from  
9 the tax to make payments under a contract after the provisions of  
10 the contract have been approved by a majority of the district voters  
11 voting at an election held for that purpose.

12 (b) A contract approved by the district voters may contain a  
13 provision stating that the contract may be modified or amended by  
14 the board without further voter approval.

15 SUBCHAPTER E. BONDS AND OTHER OBLIGATIONS

16 Sec. 7920A.0501. AUTHORITY TO ISSUE BONDS AND OTHER  
17 OBLIGATIONS. The district may issue bonds or other obligations  
18 payable wholly or partly from ad valorem taxes, impact fees,  
19 revenue, contract payments, grants, or other district money, or any  
20 combination of those sources, to pay for any authorized district  
21 purpose.

22 Sec. 7920A.0502. TAXES FOR BONDS. At the time the district  
23 issues bonds payable wholly or partly from ad valorem taxes, the  
24 board shall provide for the annual imposition of a continuing  
25 direct ad valorem tax, without limit as to rate or amount, while all  
26 or part of the bonds are outstanding as required and in the manner  
27 provided by Sections 54.601 and 54.602, Water Code.

1       Sec. 7920A.0503. BONDS FOR ROAD PROJECTS. At the time of  
2 issuance, the total principal amount of bonds or other obligations  
3 issued or incurred to finance road projects and payable from ad  
4 valorem taxes may not exceed one-fourth of the assessed value of the  
5 real property in the district.

6       SECTION 2. The Heritage Ranch Municipal Utility District  
7 No. 1 of Grayson County initially includes all the territory  
8 contained in the following area:

9       FIELD NOTES

10      173.916 Acres

11       SITUATED in the County of Grayson, State of Texas, and being a  
12 part of the Uriah Burns Survey, Abstract No. 121, and John Jennings  
13 Survey, Abstract No. 647, and being part of the 184.50 acre tract of  
14 land conveyed by Warranty Deed with Vendor's Lien from John H.  
15 Becker, Jr., Trustee, and Amy H. Fennell, Co-Trustee of the Hugh L.  
16 Head, Jr., Revocable Trust, to TPJ Properties, LTD, on February 15,  
17 2002, recorded in Volume 3203, Page 464, Official Public Records,  
18 Grayson County, Texas, and being more particularly described by  
19 metes and bounds as follows, to-wit:

20       BEGINNING at a spike nail found in or near the center of  
21 Plainview Road, an Ell corner of said Burns Survey, the Southwest  
22 corner of the Alexander and Richards Survey, Abstract No. 42, the  
23 Northwest comer of said TPJ 184.50 ac., the East line of Heritage  
24 Ranch Land Holdings, LTD 254.489 acre tract of land, recorded in  
25 Instrument No. 2020-19193, said Official Public Records, Grayson  
26 County, Texas, the Southwest corner of Astoria Homes, LLC 100.832  
27 acre tract of land (Tract I), recorded in Instrument

1 No. 2020-30762, said Official Public Records, Grayson County,  
2 Texas, the Northwest comer of the herein described tract;

3       THENCE South 88 deg. 00 min. 43 sec. East, with the North  
4 lines of both said Burns Survey and TPJ 184.50 ac., the South lines  
5 of both said Richards Survey and Astoria 100.832 ac., a distance of  
6 1,495.81 ft. to a point at the Northwest comer of BMT Global, LLC  
7 37.08 acre tract of land (Tract Two), recorded in Instrument  
8 No. 2018-12534, said Official Public Records, Grayson County,  
9 Texas, an Ell corner of said Burns Survey, the South line of said  
10 Richards Survey, the Northwest corner of said Jennings Survey, the  
11 most Northerly Northeast comer of both said TPJ 184.50 ac. and the  
12 herein described tract;

13       THENCE South 01 deg. 25 min. 51 sec. West, with East lines of  
14 both said Burns Survey and TPJ 184.50 ac., the West line of both  
15 said Jennings Survey and BMT 37.08 ac., a distance of 1,687.83 ft.  
16 to a 1/2 inch rebar found on the East line of said Burns Survey, the  
17 West line of said Jennings Survey, the Southwest corner of Melissa  
18 Smith Murray, et al "called" 58.42 acre tract of land, recorded in  
19 Volume 4413, Page 186, said Official Public Records, Grayson  
20 County, Texas, an Ell comer of both said TPJ 184.50 ac. and the  
21 herein described tract;

22       THENCE South 88 deg. 22 min. 24 sec. East, with a North line  
23 of said TPJ 184.50 ac., the South line of said Murray 58.42 ac., a  
24 distance of 1,909.01 ft. to a 1/2 inch rebar found at the Northwest  
25 corner of Legacy Title Holding Corp. 9.71 acre tract of land,  
26 recorded in Volume 5581, Page 396, said Official Public Records,  
27 Grayson County, Texas, the South line of said Murray 58.42 ac., the

1 most Southerly Northeast corner of both said TPJ 184.50 ac. and the  
2 herein described tract;

3         THENCE South 25 deg. 37 min. 12 sec. East, with an East line  
4 of said TPJ 184.50 ac., the West line of said Legacy 9.71 ac., a  
5 distance of 1,234.96 ft. to a concrete nail found in or near the  
6 center of Canyon Grove Road, the South line of said Jennings Survey,  
7 the North line of the J. B. McAnair Survey, Abstract No. 763, the  
8 Southwest corner of said Legacy 9.71 ac., the Southeast corner of  
9 both said TPJ 184.50 ac. and the herein described tract;

10         THENCE South 75 deg. 51 min. 38 sec. West, with or near the  
11 center of said Canyon Grove Road, the South line of said Jennings  
12 Survey, the North line of said McAnair Survey, a South line of said  
13 TPJ 184.50 ac., a distance of 1,284.66 ft. to a point at an Ell corner  
14 of said TPJ 184.50 ac. and the herein described tract;

15         THENCE North 03 deg. 51 min. 00 sec. West, continuing with a  
16 South line of said TPJ 184.50 ac., a distance of 17.20 ft. to a point  
17 at an Ell corner of both said TPJ 184.50 ac. and the herein described  
18 tract;

19         THENCE South 75 deg. 46 min. 55 sec. West, continuing with a  
20 South line of said TPJ 184.50 ac., a distance of 778.89 ft. to a  
21 point at the intersection of the North right-of-way line of U. S.  
22 Highway No. 82 and said Canyon Grove Road, an angle point of both  
23 said TPJ 184.50 ac., and the herein described tract;

24         THENCE Northwesterly, with a curve to the right having a  
25 radius of 5,579.68 ft., a central angle of 04 deg. 45 min. 50 sec.,  
26 (Chord Bears: North 86 deg. 01 min. 55 sec. West, 463.80 ft.) an arc  
27 distance of 463.93 ft. to a point on the North right-of-way line of

1 said Highway 82, an angle point of both said TPJ 184.50 ac. and the  
2 herein described tract;

3           THENCE North 83 deg. 39 min. 00 sec. West, continuing with the  
4 North right-of-way line of said Highway 82, a South line of said TPJ  
5 184.50 ac., a distance of 892.95 ft. to a point on the North  
6 right-of-way line of said Highway 82, a South line of said TPJ  
7 184.50 ac., the most Southerly Southwest corner of the herein  
8 described tract;

9           THENCE North 01 deg. 03 min. 03 sec. East, over and across  
10 said TPJ 184.50 ac., a distance of 798.17 ft. to a point at an Ell  
11 corner of the herein described tract;

12           THENCE North 88 deg. 56 mm. 57 sec. West, continuing over and  
13 across said TPJ 184.50 ac., a distance of 602.69 ft. to a point in or  
14 near the center of said Plainview Road, the West line of said TPJ  
15 184.50 ac., the East line of said Heritage 254.489 ac., the most  
16 Northerly Southwest corner of the herein described tract;

17           THENCE North 01 deg. 03 min. 03 sec. East, with or near the  
18 center of said Plainview Road, the West line of said TPJ 184.50 ac.,  
19 the East line of said Heritage 254.489 ac., a distance of 2,455.35  
20 ft. to the PLACE OF BEGINNING and containing 173.916 ACRES of land.

21           SECTION 3. (a) The legal notice of the intention to  
22 introduce this Act, setting forth the general substance of this  
23 Act, has been published as provided by law, and the notice and a  
24 copy of this Act have been furnished to all persons, agencies,  
25 officials, or entities to which they are required to be furnished  
26 under Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, and Chapter 313,  
27 Government Code.

1 (b) The governor, one of the required recipients, has  
2 submitted the notice and Act to the Texas Commission on  
3 Environmental Quality.

4 (c) The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality has filed  
5 its recommendations relating to this Act with the governor, the  
6 lieutenant governor, and the speaker of the house of  
7 representatives within the required time.

8 (d) All requirements of the constitution and laws of this  
9 state and the rules and procedures of the legislature with respect  
10 to the notice, introduction, and passage of this Act are fulfilled  
11 and accomplished.

12 SECTION 4. (a) If this Act does not receive a two-thirds  
13 vote of all the members elected to each house, Subchapter C, Chapter  
14 7920A, Special District Local Laws Code, as added by Section 1 of  
15 this Act, is amended by adding Section 7920A.0307 to read as  
16 follows:

17 Sec. 7920A.0307. NO EMINENT DOMAIN POWER. The district may  
18 not exercise the power of eminent domain.

19 (b) This section is not intended to be an expression of a  
20 legislative interpretation of the requirements of Section 17(c),  
21 Article I, Texas Constitution.

22 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
23 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
24 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
25 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
26 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.