

AN ACT

relating to the authority of certain municipalities and counties to regulate subdivisions in the extraterritorial jurisdiction of a municipality by agreement.

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

SECTION 1. Section 242.001(h), Local Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(h) This subsection applies only to a county to which Subsections (b)-(g) do not apply, except that this subsection does not apply to a county subject to Section 242.002 or a county that has entered into an agreement under Section 242.003. For an area in a municipality's extraterritorial jurisdiction, as defined by Section 212.001, a plat may not be filed with the county clerk without the approval of both the municipality and the county. If a municipal regulation and a county regulation relating to plats and subdivisions of land conflict, the more stringent regulation prevails. However, if one governmental entity requires a plat to be filed for the subdivision of a particular tract of land in the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the municipality and the other governmental entity does not require the filing of a plat for that subdivision, the authority responsible for approving plats for the governmental entity that does not require the filing shall issue on request of the subdivider a written certification stating that a plat is not required to be filed for that subdivision of the land.

1 The certification must be attached to a plat required to be filed  
2 under this subsection.

3 SECTION 2. Chapter 242, Local Government Code, is amended  
4 by adding Section 242.003 to read as follows:

5 Sec. 242.003. AUTHORITY OF CERTAIN BORDER COUNTIES AND  
6 MUNICIPALITIES TO REGULATE SUBDIVISIONS IN EXTRATERRITORIAL  
7 JURISDICTION BY AGREEMENT. (a) This section applies only to a  
8 county having a population of more than 800,000 and located on the  
9 international border and a municipality that has extraterritorial  
10 jurisdiction, as defined by Section 212.001, in that county.

11 (b) A county and a municipality may enter into an agreement  
12 that identifies the governmental entity authorized to regulate  
13 subdivision plats and approve related permits in the  
14 extraterritorial jurisdiction of the municipality in a manner  
15 consistent with Section 242.001(d). The county and the  
16 municipality shall adopt the agreement by order, ordinance, or  
17 resolution.

18 (c) The agreement must be amended by the county and the  
19 municipality if necessary to take into account an expansion or  
20 reduction in the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the  
21 municipality. The municipality shall notify the county of any  
22 expansion or reduction in the municipality's extraterritorial  
23 jurisdiction. Any expansion or reduction in the municipality's  
24 extraterritorial jurisdiction that affects property that is  
25 subject to a preliminary or final plat, a plat application, or an  
26 application for a related permit filed with the municipality or the  
27 county or that was previously approved under Section 212.009 or

1 Chapter 232 does not affect any rights accrued under Chapter 245.  
2 The approval of the plat, any permit, a plat application, or an  
3 application for a related permit remains effective as provided by  
4 Chapter 245 regardless of the change in designation as  
5 extraterritorial jurisdiction of the municipality.

6 (d) In an unincorporated area outside the extraterritorial  
7 jurisdiction of a municipality, the municipality may not regulate  
8 subdivisions or approve the filing of plats, except as provided by  
9 Chapter 791, Government Code.

10 (e) Property subject to pending approval of a preliminary or  
11 final plat is governed by Section 242.001(i).

12 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
13 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
14 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
15 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
16 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1970 was passed by the House on April 25, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 136, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1970 was passed by the Senate on May 20, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor