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H.B. No. 219

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to requirements regarding a municipality's comprehensive plan for long-range development, including adoption of an environmental report.

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

SECTION 1. Section 213.003, Local Government Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(a) A comprehensive plan may be adopted or amended only by ordinance following:

(1) a hearing at which the public is given the opportunity to give testimony and present written evidence; and

(2) review by the municipality's planning commission or department, if one exists.

(c) The governing body of a municipality that has adopted a comprehensive plan shall update the plan at least every five years.

SECTION 2. Chapter 213, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Section 213.006 to read as follows:

Sec. 213.006. ENVIRONMENTAL EVALUATION REPORT. (a) As part of a municipality's comprehensive plan, the municipality's governing body must also adopt an environmental evaluation report that includes:

(1) projections regarding adverse and beneficial environmental results that may be reasonably anticipated due to

1 implementation of the comprehensive plan, including changes in air,
2 water, and soil quality;

3 (2) plans for the identification and monitoring of,
4 and protection against, any adverse environmental results
5 projected under Subdivision (1); and

6 (3) either:

7 (A) an assessment of the cost to remedy or
8 mitigate any adverse results projected under Subdivision (1); or

9 (B) a feasibility study of alternative planning
10 that mitigates those projected adverse results.

11 (b) The environmental evaluation report may include:

12 (1) the organizational structure of community
13 planning committees; and

14 (2) the identification of best practices, procedures,
15 processes, and resources for developing, implementing, achieving,
16 reviewing, and maintaining continuous improvement in environmental
17 policy.

18 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.