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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

| 1 | AN ACT |
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| 2 | relating to the creation of the Gateway Park Municipal Management |
| 3 | District; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority |
| 4 | to impose assessments, fees, and taxes. |
| 5 | BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS: |
| 6 | SECTION 1. Subtitle C, Title 4, Special District Local Laws |
| 7 | Code, is amended by adding Chapter 3985 to read as follows: |
| 8 | CHAPTER 3985. GATEWAY PARK MUNICIPAL MANAGEMENT DISTRICT |
| 9 | SUBCHAPTER A. GENERAL PROVISIONS |
| 10 | Sec. 3985.0101. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter: |
| 11 | (1) "Board" means the district's board of directors. |
| 12 | (2) "City" means the City of El Campo. |
| 13 | (3) "Development agreement" means a development |
| 14 | agreement between the city and the primary landowner that |
| 15 | establishes the standards that apply to development in the |
| 16 | district, in addition to those contained in zoning, subdivision, |
| 17 | and other applicable ordinances of the city. |
| 18 | (4) "Director" means a board member. |
| 19 | (5) "District" means the Gateway Park Municipal |
| 20 | Management District. |
| 21 | (6) "Rail facilities" includes all real and personal |
| 22 | property owned or held by the district for railroad purposes, |
| 23 | including land, interests in land, structures, easements, rail |
| 2/1 | lines stations platforms rolling stock garages equipment and |

- 1 other facilities necessary or convenient for the operation of those
- 2 facilities.
- 3 Sec. 3985.0102. NATURE OF DISTRICT. The Gateway Park
- 4 Municipal Management District is a special district created under
- 5 Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution.
- 6 Sec. 3985.0103. PURPOSE; DECLARATION OF INTENT. (a) The
- 7 creation of the district is essential to accomplish the purposes of
- 8 Sections 52 and 52-a, Article III, and Section 59, Article XVI,
- 9 Texas Constitution, and other public purposes stated in this
- 10 chapter.
- 11 (b) By creating the district and in authorizing the city and
- 12 other political subdivisions to contract with the district, the
- 13 legislature has established a program to accomplish the public
- 14 purposes set out in Section 52-a, Article III, Texas Constitution.
- 15 <u>(c) The creation of the district is necessary to promote,</u>
- 16 develop, encourage, and maintain employment, commerce,
- 17 transportation, housing, tourism, recreation, the arts,
- 18 entertainment, economic development, safety, and the public
- 19 welfare in the district.
- 20 (d) This chapter and the creation of the district may not be
- 21 interpreted to relieve the city from providing the level of
- 22 <u>services provided as of the effective date of the Act enacting this</u>
- 23 chapter to the area in the district. The district is created to
- 24 supplement and not to supplant city services provided in the
- 25 district.
- Sec. 3985.0104. FINDINGS OF BENEFIT AND PUBLIC PURPOSE.
- 27 (a) All land and other property included in the district will

- 1 benefit from the improvements and services to be provided by the
- 2 district under powers conferred by Sections 52 and 52-a, Article
- 3 III, and Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, and other
- 4 powers granted under this chapter.
- 5 (b) The district is created to serve a public use and
- 6 benefit.
- 7 (c) The creation of the district is in the public interest
- 8 and is essential to further the public purposes of:
- 9 (1) developing and diversifying the economy of the
- 10 state;
- 11 (2) eliminating unemployment and underemployment; and
- 12 (3) developing or expanding transportation and
- 13 commerce.
- 14 (d) The district will:
- 15 (1) promote the health, safety, and general welfare of
- 16 residents, employers, potential employees, employees, visitors,
- 17 and consumers in the district, and of the public;
- 18 (2) provide needed funding for the district to
- 19 preserve, maintain, and enhance the economic health and vitality of
- 20 the district territory as a community and business center;
- 21 (3) promote the health, safety, welfare, and enjoyment
- 22 of the public by providing pedestrian ways and by landscaping and
- 23 developing certain areas in the district, which are necessary for
- 24 the restoration, preservation, and enhancement of scenic beauty;
- 25 and
- 26 (4) provide for water, wastewater, drainage, road,
- 27 rail, and recreational facilities for the district.

- 1 (e) Pedestrian ways along or across a street, whether at
- 2 grade or above or below the surface, and street lighting, street
- 3 landscaping, parking, and street art objects are parts of and
- 4 necessary components of a street and are considered to be a street
- 5 or road improvement.
- 6 <u>(f) The district will not act as the agent or</u>
- 7 <u>instrumentality of any private interest even though the district</u>
- 8 will benefit many private interests as well as the public.
- 9 Sec. 3985.0105. INITIAL DISTRICT TERRITORY. (a) The
- 10 <u>district</u> is initially composed of the territory described by
- 11 Section 2 of the Act enacting this chapter.
- 12 (b) The boundaries and field notes contained in Section 2 of
- 13 the Act enacting this chapter form a closure. A mistake in the
- 14 <u>field notes or in copying the field notes in the legislative process</u>
- 15 does not affect the district's:
- (1) organization, existence, or validity;
- 17 (2) right to issue any type of bonds for the purposes
- 18 for which the district is created or to pay the principal of and
- 19 interest on the bonds;
- 20 (3) right to impose or collect an assessment or tax; or
- 21 <u>(4)</u> legality or operation.
- Sec. 3985.0106. ELIGIBILITY FOR INCLUSION IN SPECIAL ZONES.
- 23 All or any part of the area of the district is eligible to be
- 24 included in:
- 25 (1) a tax increment reinvestment zone created under
- 26 Chapter 311, Tax Code; or
- 27 (2) a tax abatement reinvestment zone created under

- 1 Chapter 312, Tax Code.
- 2 Sec. 3985.0107. APPLICABILITY OF MUNICIPAL MANAGEMENT
- 3 DISTRICTS LAW. Except as otherwise provided by this chapter,
- 4 Chapter 375, Local Government Code, applies to the district.
- 5 Sec. 3985.0108. CONSTRUCTION OF CHAPTER. This chapter
- 6 shall be liberally construed in conformity with the findings and
- 7 purposes stated in this chapter.
- 8 Sec. 3985.0109. MUNICIPAL CONSENT OR AGREEMENT. (a) The
- 9 district shall comply with all applicable requirements of a
- 10 municipal ordinance or resolution that consents to the creation of
- 11 the district or to the inclusion of land in the district.
- 12 (b) An agreement between the district and a municipality
- 13 related to municipal consent to the creation of the district,
- 14 including a development agreement, is valid and enforceable.
- SUBCHAPTER B. BOARD OF DIRECTORS
- Sec. 3985.0201. GOVERNING BODY; TERMS. (a) The district is
- 17 governed by a board of five directors who serve staggered four-year
- 18 terms.
- 19 (b) Three directors must be elected in the manner provided
- 20 by Subchapter D, Chapter 49, Water Code.
- 21 (c) Two directors must be appointed by the governing body of
- 22 the city.
- Sec. 3985.0202. QUALIFICATIONS. (a) To be qualified to
- 24 serve as a director, a person must be at least 18 years old.
- 25 (b) Of the elected directors:
- 26 (1) two directors must be qualified under Section
- 27 375.063, Local Government Code; and

- 1 (2) one director must be a resident of the city.
- 2 (c) The directors appointed by the governing body of the
- 3 city must be residents of the city.
- 4 Sec. 3985.0203. VACANCY. If a vacancy occurs on the board,
- 5 the remaining directors shall appoint a director for the remainder
- 6 of the unexpired term.
- 7 Sec. 3985.0204. COMPENSATION; EXPENSES. (a) The district
- 8 may compensate each elected director in an amount not to exceed \$150
- 9 for each board meeting. The total amount of compensation for each
- 10 director in one year may not exceed \$7,200.
- 11 (b) An appointed director is not entitled to compensation
- 12 for service on the board.
- 13 (c) An elected or appointed director is entitled to
- 14 reimbursement for necessary and reasonable expenses incurred in
- 15 carrying out the duties and responsibilities of the board.
- Sec. 3985.0205. INITIAL DIRECTORS. (a) On or after the
- 17 effective date of the Act enacting this chapter, the owner or owners
- 18 of a majority of the <u>assessed value of the real property in the</u>
- 19 district, together with the city, may submit a petition to the Texas
- 20 Commission on Environmental Quality requesting that the commission
- 21 appoint as initial directors five persons named in the petition.
- 22 The commission shall appoint as initial directors the persons named
- 23 <u>in the petition.</u>
- 24 (b) Initial directors serve until the earlier of:
- 25 (1) for each director serving in a position for which
- 26 the directors are elected, the date the permanent directors are
- 27 elected under Section 3985.0201 or June 1, 2023; and

- 1 (2) for each director serving in a position for which
- 2 the directors are appointed under Section 3985.0201, June 1, 2023.
- 3 (c) If the permanent elected directors have not been elected
- 4 under Section 3985.0201 and the terms of those temporary directors
- 5 have expired, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality shall
- 6 appoint or reappoint successor directors to serve terms that expire
- 7 <u>on the earlier of:</u>
- 8 <u>(1) the date the permanent elected directors are</u>
- 9 elected under Section 3985.0201; or
- 10 (2) the fourth anniversary of the date of the
- 11 appointment or reappointment.
- 12 SUBCHAPTER C. POWERS AND DUTIES
- Sec. 3985.0301. GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES. The district
- 14 has the powers and duties necessary to accomplish the purposes for
- 15 which the district is created.
- Sec. 3985.0302. IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AND SERVICES. (a) The
- 17 district, using any money available to the district for the
- 18 purpose, may provide, design, construct, acquire, improve,
- 19 relocate, operate, maintain, or finance an improvement project or
- 20 service authorized under this chapter or Chapter 372 or 375, Local
- 21 Government Code.
- (b) The district may contract with a governmental or private
- 23 entity to carry out an action under Subsection (a).
- (c) The implementation of a district project or service is a
- 25 governmental function or service for the purposes of Chapter 791,
- 26 Government Code.
- Sec. 3985.0303. NONPROFIT CORPORATION. (a) The board by

- 1 resolution may authorize the creation of a nonprofit corporation to
- 2 assist and act for the district in implementing a project or
- 3 providing a service authorized by this chapter.
- 4 (b) The nonprofit corporation:
- 5 (1) has each power of and is considered to be a local
- 6 government corporation created under Subchapter D, Chapter 431,
- 7 Transportation Code; and
- 8 (2) may implement any project and provide any service
- 9 authorized by this chapter.
- 10 (c) The board shall appoint the board of directors of the
- 11 nonprofit corporation. The board of directors of the nonprofit
- 12 corporation shall serve in the same manner as the board of directors
- 13 of a local government corporation created under Subchapter D,
- 14 Chapter 431, Transportation Code, except that a board member is not
- 15 required to reside in the district.
- Sec. 3985.0304. LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES. To protect the
- 17 public interest, the district may contract with a qualified party,
- 18 including the city, to provide law enforcement services in the
- 19 district for a fee.
- Sec. 3985.0305. MEMBERSHIP IN CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS.
- 21 The district may join and pay dues to a charitable or nonprofit
- 22 <u>organization that performs a service or provides an activity</u>
- 23 consistent with the furtherance of a district purpose.
- Sec. 3985.0306. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS. (a) The
- 25 district may engage in activities that accomplish the economic
- 26 development purposes of the district.
- 27 (b) The district may establish and provide for the

- 1 administration of one or more programs to promote state or local
- 2 economic development and to stimulate business and commercial
- 3 activity in the district, including programs to:
- 4 (1) make loans and grants of public money; and
- 5 (2) provide district personnel and services.
- 6 (c) The district may create economic development programs
- 7 and exercise the economic development powers provided to
- 8 municipalities by:
- 9 (1) Chapter 380, Local Government Code; and
- 10 (2) Subchapter A, Chapter 1509, Government Code.
- 11 Sec. 3985.0307. PARKING FACILITIES. (a) The district may
- 12 acquire, lease as lessor or lessee, construct, develop, own,
- 13 operate, and maintain parking facilities or a system of parking
- 14 facilities, including lots, garages, parking terminals, or other
- 15 structures or accommodations for parking motor vehicles off the
- 16 streets and related appurtenances.
- 17 (b) The district's parking facilities serve the public
- 18 purposes of the district and are owned, used, and held for a public
- 19 purpose even if leased or operated by a private entity for a term of
- 20 years.
- 21 (c) The district's parking facilities are parts of and
- 22 necessary components of a street and are considered to be a street
- 23 or road improvement.
- 24 (d) The development and operation of the district's parking
- 25 facilities may be considered an economic development program.
- Sec. 3985.0308. ADDING OR EXCLUDING LAND. The district may
- 27 add or exclude land in the manner provided by Subchapter J, Chapter

- 1 49, Water Code, or by Subchapter H, Chapter 54, Water Code.
- 2 Sec. 3985.0309. DISBURSEMENTS AND TRANSFERS OF MONEY. The
- 3 board by resolution shall establish the number of directors'
- 4 signatures and the procedure required for a disbursement or
- 5 transfer of district money.
- 6 Sec. 3985.0310. RAIL FACILITIES. The district may
- 7 construct, acquire, improve, maintain, finance, and operate rail
- 8 facilities and improvements for freight, commuter, or other rail
- 9 purposes.
- 10 Sec. 3985.0311. NO EMINENT DOMAIN POWER. The district may
- 11 not exercise the power of eminent domain.
- 12 SUBCHAPTER D. ASSESSMENTS
- 13 Sec. 3985.0401. PETITION REQUIRED FOR FINANCING SERVICES
- 14 AND IMPROVEMENTS WITH ASSESSMENTS. (a) The board may not finance a
- 15 service or improvement project with assessments under this chapter
- 16 unless a written petition requesting that service or improvement
- 17 has been filed with the board.
- 18 (b) A petition filed under Subsection (a) must be signed by
- 19 the owners of a majority of the assessed value of real property in
- 20 the district subject to assessment according to the most recent
- 21 certified tax appraisal roll for the county.
- Sec. 3985.0402. ASSESSMENTS; LIENS FOR ASSESSMENTS. (a)
- 23 The board by resolution may impose and collect an assessment for any
- 24 purpose authorized by this chapter in all or any part of the
- 25 district.
- 26 (b) An assessment, a reassessment, or an assessment
- 27 resulting from an addition to or correction of the assessment roll

- 1 by the district, penalties and interest on an assessment or
- 2 reassessment, an expense of collection, and reasonable attorney's
- 3 fees incurred by the district:
- 4 (1) are a first and prior lien against the property
- 5 assessed;
- 6 (2) are superior to any other lien or claim other than
- 7 <u>a lien or claim for county, school district, or municipal ad valorem</u>
- 8 taxes; and
- 9 <u>(3) are the personal liability of and a charge against</u>
- 10 the owners of the property even if the owners are not named in the
- 11 <u>assessment proceedings.</u>
- 12 (c) The lien is effective from the date of the board's
- 13 resolution imposing the assessment until the date the assessment is
- 14 paid. The board may enforce the lien in the same manner that the
- 15 board may enforce an ad valorem tax lien against real property.
- 16 <u>(d) The board may make a correction to or deletion from the</u>
- 17 assessment roll that does not increase the amount of assessment of
- 18 any parcel of land without providing notice and holding a hearing in
- 19 the manner required for additional assessments.
- 20 SUBCHAPTER E. TAXES AND BONDS
- Sec. 3985.0501. TAX ELECTION REQUIRED. The district must
- 22 hold an election in the manner provided by Chapter 49, Water Code,
- 23 or, if applicable, Chapter 375, Local Government Code, to obtain
- 24 voter approval before the district may impose an ad valorem tax.
- Sec. 3985.0502. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE TAX. (a) If
- 26 authorized by a majority of the district voters voting at an
- 27 election under Section 3985.0501, the district may impose an

- 1 operation and maintenance tax on taxable property in the district
- 2 in the manner provided by Section 49.107, Water Code, for any
- 3 district purpose, including to:
- 4 (1) maintain and operate the district;
- 5 (2) construct or acquire improvements; or
- 6 (3) provide a service.
- 7 (b) The board shall determine the operation and maintenance
- 8 tax rate. The rate may not exceed the rate approved at the
- 9 election.
- Sec. 3985.0503. AUTHORITY TO BORROW MONEY AND TO ISSUE
- 11 BONDS AND OTHER OBLIGATIONS. (a) The district may borrow money on
- 12 terms determined by the board.
- 13 (b) The district may issue bonds, notes, or other
- 14 obligations payable wholly or partly from ad valorem taxes,
- 15 assessments, impact fees, revenue, contract payments, grants, or
- 16 other district money, or any combination of those sources of money,
- 17 to pay for any authorized district purpose.
- 18 Sec. 3985.0504. BONDS SECURED BY REVENUE OR CONTRACT
- 19 PAYMENTS. The district may issue, without an election, bonds
- 20 secured by:
- 21 (1) revenue other than ad valorem taxes, including
- 22 contract revenues; or
- 23 (2) contract payments, provided that the requirements
- 24 of Section 49.108, Water Code, have been met.
- Sec. 3985.0505. BONDS SECURED BY AD VALOREM TAXES;
- 26 ELECTIONS. (a) If authorized at an election under Section
- 27 3985.0501, the district may issue bonds payable from ad valorem

- 1 taxes.
- 2 (b) Section 375.243, Local Government Code, does not apply
- 3 to the district.
- 4 (c) At the time the district issues bonds payable wholly or
- 5 partly from ad valorem taxes, the board shall provide for the annual
- 6 imposition of a continuing direct annual ad valorem tax, without
- 7 limit as to rate or amount, for each year that all or part of the
- 8 bonds are outstanding as required and in the manner provided by
- 9 Sections 54.601 and 54.602, Water Code.
- 10 (d) All or any part of any facilities or improvements that
- 11 may be acquired by a district by the issuance of its bonds may be
- 12 submitted as a single proposition or as several propositions to be
- 13 voted on at the election.
- 14 Sec. 3985.0506. BONDS AND OTHER OBLIGATIONS FOR IMPROVEMENT
- 15 UNDER AGREEMENT. If the improvements financed by an obligation
- 16 will be constructed or financed pursuant to the imposition of
- 17 assessments:
- 18 (1) the district must enter into an agreement with the
- 19 city before the issuance of the obligation; and
- 20 (2) the obligation may be in the form of bonds, notes,
- 21 or other obligations, payable wholly or partly from assessments,
- 22 issued by public or private sale, in the manner provided by
- 23 <u>Subchapter A, Chapter 372, Local Government Code.</u>
- Sec. 3985.0507. CONSENT OF MUNICIPALITY AND AGREEMENT
- 25 REQUIRED. (a) The board may not issue bonds until each
- 26 municipality in whose corporate limits or extraterritorial
- 27 jurisdiction the district is located has consented by ordinance or

- 1 resolution to the creation of the district and to the inclusion of
- 2 land in the district.
- 3 (b) Subsection (a) applies only to the district's first
- 4 issuance of bonds payable from ad valorem taxes.
- 5 (c) The board may not impose taxes or assessments, borrow
- 6 money, or issue obligations until the district and the city have
- 7 entered into an agreement for the development of the property in the
- 8 district and financing of improvement projects in the district.
- 9 <u>SUBCHAPTER I. DISSOLUTION</u>
- Sec. 3985.0901. DISSOLUTION. (a) The board shall dissolve
- 11 the district on written petition filed with the board by the owners
- 12 of:
- 13 (1) 66 percent or more of the assessed value of the
- 14 property subject to assessment by the district based on the most
- 15 recent certified county property tax rolls; or
- 16 (2) 66 percent or more of the surface area of the
- 17 district, excluding roads, streets, highways, utility
- 18 rights-of-way, other public areas, and other property exempt from
- 19 assessment by the district according to the most recent certified
- 20 county property tax rolls.
- 21 (b) The board by majority vote may dissolve the district at
- 22 any time.
- (c) The district may not be dissolved by its board under
- 24 Subsection (a) or (b) if the district:
- 25 (1) has any outstanding debt until that debt has been
- 26 repaid or defeased in accordance with the order or resolution
- 27 authorizing the issuance of the debt;

- 1 (2) has a contractual obligation to pay money until
- 2 that obligation has been fully paid in accordance with the
- 3 contract; or
- 4 (3) owns, operates, or maintains public works,
- 5 facilities, or improvements unless the district contracts with
- 6 another person for the ownership and operation or maintenance of
- 7 the public works, facilities, or improvements.
- 8 (d) Sections 375.261, 375.262, and 375.264, Local
- 9 Government Code, do not apply to the district.
- 10 SECTION 2. The Gateway Park Municipal Management District
- 11 initially includes all territory contained in the following area:
- Field Note Description of a 410.73 acre tract of land
- 13 situated in the I. & G.N. R.R. Co. Survey No. 37, Abstract No. 222,
- 14 the I. & G.N. R.R. Co. Survey No. 36, Abstract No. 223 and the H. &
- 15 T.C. R.R. Co. (J. Telfener) Survey No. 2, Abstract No. 453 in
- 16 Wharton County, Texas, being a part or portion of a called 540.95
- 17 acre tract of land conveyed to Joe A. Zalman, Jr., et al, in Volume
- 18 225, Page 156 in Official Records of Wharton County, Texas.
- 19 BEGINNING at a 5/8" Iron Rod called and found at the
- 20 intersection of the centerline of County Road 421 (measures 64'
- 21 wide), with the Southeast right-of-way of the Texas Mexican
- 22 Railway, for the North corner of said 540.95 acre tract, and for the
- 23 North corner of this herein described tract;
- 24 THENCE: S $34^{\circ}23'52''$ E along and with the centerline of
- 25 County Road 421, same being the Northeast line of said 540.95 acre
- 26 tract, a distance of 4,479.67 feet to a 5/8" Iron Rod (bent) called
- 27 and found for an angle point of said 540.95 acre tract, in the East

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- 1 line of Survey No. 37, same being the North corner of a called 4.00
- 2 acre tract of land conveyed to Joseph J. Kocurek in Volume 173, Page
- 3 566 in Official Records of Wharton County, Texas, and for an angle
- 4 point of this herein described tract;
- 5 THENCE: S 02°32'31" E along and with the upper East line of
- 6 said 540.95 acre tract, the East line of Survey No. 37, same being
- 7 the West line of said 4.00 acre tract, at 146.79 feet, pass a 4" Iron
- 8 Pipe called and found for reference, continuing on course a total
- 9 distance of 177.14 feet to a 5/8" Iron Rod called and found in the
- 10 centerline of County Road 405 (measures 64' wide), for the
- 11 Southeast corner of Survey No. 37, the Northeast corner of Survey
- 12 No. 36, the Northeast corner of a called 80.020 acre tract of land
- 13 conveyed to Joseph John Kocurek in Volume 396, Page 602 in Deed
- 14 Records of Wharton County, Texas, same being the upper Southeast
- 15 corner of said 540.95 acre tract, and for the upper Southeast corner
- 16 of this herein described tract;
- 17 THENCE: S $87^{\circ}25'51''$ W along and with the centerline of
- 18 County Road 405, the North line of said 80.020 acre tract, same
- 19 being the upper South line of said 540.95 acre tract, a distance of
- 20 1,098.24 feet to a 5/8" Iron Rod called and found for an interior
- 21 corner of said 540.95 acre tract, same being the Northwest corner of
- 22 said 80.020 acre tract, and for an interior corner of this herein
- 23 described tract, from which, a 5/8" Iron Rod bears: N $51^{\circ}06'58$ " W -
- 24 1.42 feet;
- 25 THENCE: S 02°33'37" E along and with the lower East line of
- 26 said 540.95 acre tract, same being the West line of said 80.020 acre
- 27 tract, at 3,140.72 feet, pass a 4" Iron Pipe called and found for

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- 1 reference, continuing on course a total distance of 3,172.25 feet
- 2 to a 5/8" Iron Rod called and found in the centerline of County Road
- 3 400 (measures 64' wide), in the South line of Survey No. 36, same
- 4 being in the North line of a called 82.125 acre tract of land
- 5 conveyed to Rebekkah Jean Jones, et al, in Volume 1007, Page 19 in
- 6 Official Records of Wharton County, Texas, for the lower Southeast
- 7 corner of said 540.95 acre tract, and for the lower Southeast corner
- 8 of this herein described tract from which, a 5/8" Iron Rod bears: N
- 9 $44^{\circ}18'47''$ W 3.80 feet;
- 10 THENCE: S $87^{\circ}26'24''$ W along and with the centerline of
- 11 County Road 400, the North line of said 82.125 acre tract, same
- 12 being the lower South line of said 540.95 acre tract, a distance of
- 13 1,689.69 feet to a point at the centerline intersection of County
- 14 Road 400 and County Road 407 (measures 64' wide), for an angle point
- 15 of said 540.95 acre tract, and for an angle point of this herein
- 16 described tract, from which, a 5/8" Iron Rod bears: N $02^{\circ}19'43"$ E -
- 17 3.85 feet;
- 18 THENCE: S 87°26'36" W along and with the centerline of
- 19 County Road 400, same being the lower South line of said 540.95 acre
- 20 tract, a distance of 507.08 feet to a point for the lower Southwest
- 21 corner of said 540.95 acre tract, same being the Southeast corner of
- 22 a called 78.821 acre tract of land conveyed to the Watz Family Trust
- 23 in Volume 730, Page 17 in Official Records of Wharton County, Texas,
- 24 and for the lower Southwest corner of this herein described tract;
- 25 THENCE: N 02°35'11" W along and with the West line of said
- 26 540.95 acre tract, same being the East line of said 78.821 acre
- 27 tract, at 10.17 feet, pass a 3/4" Iron Shaft called and found for

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- 1 reference, at 32.00 feet, pass a 5/8" Iron Rod set in the North line
- 2 of County Road 400, continuing on course a total distance of
- 3 3,174.10 feet to a 2" Iron Pipe (bent) called and found in the
- 4 centerline of County Road 405, for an interior corner of said 540.95
- 5 acre tract, same being the Northeast corner of said 78.821 acre
- 6 tract, and for an interior corner of this herein described tract;
- 7 THENCE: S 87°25'24" W along and with the centerline of
- 8 County Road 405, the upper South line of said 540.95 acre tract,
- 9 same being the North line of said 78.821 acre tract, a distance of
- 10 444.85 feet to a point for the Southeast corner of a 113.44 acre
- 11 tract of land surveyed by this firm January 14, 2019, and for the
- 12 upper Southwest corner of this herein described tract;
- 13 THENCE: N 02°32'31" W along and with the East line of said
- 14 113.44 acre tract, at 32.00 feet, pass a 5/8" Iron Rod set in the
- 15 North margin of County Road 405, continuing a total distance of
- 16 555.41 feet to a 5/8" Iron Rod set for an angle point of said 113.44
- 17 acre tract, and for an angle point of this herein described tract;
- THENCE: N 36°43'40" W along and with the East line of said
- 19 113.44 acre tract, a distance of 1,932.86 feet to a 5/8" Iron Rod
- 20 set for the North corner of said 113.44 acre tract, same being in
- 21 the Southeast line of a 16.75 acre tract of land surveyed by this
- 22 firm January 14, 2019, and for the West corner of this herein
- 23 described tract;
- 24 THENCE: N 53°16'28" E along and with the Southeast line of
- 25 said 16.75 acre tract, a distance of 1,543.43 feet to a point at the
- 26 PC of a non-tangent curve to the left, for an angle point of said
- 27 16.75 acre tract, and for an angle point of this herein described

- 1 tract;
- 2 THENCE: Northeasterly along and with the Southeast line of
- 3 said 16.75 acre tract and with said non-tangent curve to the left,
- 4 having a radius of 800.49 feet, an arc length of 72.72 feet, a chord
- 5 bearing of N 50°40'19" E and a chord distance of 72.69 feet to a
- 6 point for an angle point of said 16.75 acre tract, and for an angle
- 7 point of this herein described tract;
- 8 THENCE: N $48^{\circ}04'10''$ E along and with the Southeast line of
- 9 said 16.75 acre tract, a distance of 184.07 feet to a point for an
- 10 angle point of said 16.75 acre tract, and for an angle point of this
- 11 herein described tract;
- 12 THENCE: N $53^{\circ}16'28''$ E along and with the Southeast line of
- 13 said 16.75 acre tract, a distance of 179.76 feet to a point at the PC
- 14 of a non-tangent curve to the left, for an angle point of said 16.75
- 15 acre tract, and for an angle point of this herein described tract;
- 16 THENCE: Northeasterly along and with the Southeast line of
- 17 said 16.75 acre tract and with said non-tangent curve to the left,
- 18 having a radius of 800.49 feet, an arc length of 225.66 feet, a
- 19 chord bearing of N 45°11'55" E and a chord distance of 224.91 feet to
- 20 a point for an angle point of said 16.75 acre tract, and for an angle
- 21 point of this herein described tract;
- THENCE: N $37^{\circ}07'22''$ E along and with the Southeast line of
- 23 said 16.75 acre tract, a distance of 157.22 feet to a point at the PC
- 24 of a non-tangent curve to the right, for an angle point of said
- 25 16.75 acre tract, and for an angle point of this herein described
- 26 tract;
- 27 THENCE: Northeasterly along and with the Southeast line of

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- 1 said 16.75 acre tract and with said non-tangent curve to the right,
- 2 having a radius of 728.49 feet, an arc length of 156.81 feet, a
- 3 chord bearing of N $43^{\circ}17'22''$ E and a chord distance of 156.51 feet to
- 4 a point for an angle point of said 16.75 acre tract, and for an angle
- 5 point of this herein described tract;
- 6 THENCE: N 49°27'22" E along and with the Southeast line of
- 7 said 16.75 acre tract, a distance of 80.15 feet to a point in the
- 8 Northwest line of said 540.95 acre tract, same being in the
- 9 Southeast right-of-way of the Texas Mexican Railway, for the East
- 10 corner of said 16.75 acre tract, and for an angle point of this
- 11 herein described tract;
- 12 THENCE: N $53^{\circ}16'20''$ E along and with the Northwest line of
- 13 said 540.95 acre tract, same being in the Southeast right-of-way of
- 14 the Texas Mexican Railway, at 445.29 feet, pass a 5/8" Iron Rod
- 15 (slightly bent) called and found in the Southwest margin of County
- 16 Road 421, continuing on course a total distance of 477.29 feet to
- 17 the POINT OF BEGINNING, containing within these metes and bounds
- 18 410.73 Acres, more or less.
- 19 SECTION 3. (a) The legal notice of the intention to
- 20 introduce this Act, setting forth the general substance of this
- 21 Act, has been published as provided by law, and the notice and a
- 22 copy of this Act have been furnished to all persons, agencies,
- 23 officials, or entities to which they are required to be furnished
- 24 under Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, and Chapter 313,
- 25 Government Code.
- 26 (b) The governor, one of the required recipients, has
- 27 submitted the notice and Act to the Texas Commission on

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- 1 Environmental Quality.
- 2 (c) The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality has filed
- 3 its recommendations relating to this Act with the governor,
- 4 lieutenant governor, and speaker of the house of representatives
- 5 within the required time.
- 6 (d) All requirements of the constitution and laws of this
- 7 state and the rules and procedures of the legislature with respect
- 8 to the notice, introduction, and passage of this Act have been
- 9 fulfilled and accomplished.
- 10 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
- 11 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
- 12 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
- 13 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
- 14 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.