

By: King of Parker

H.B. No. 2835

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the powers and duties of the Morningstar Ranch  
Municipal Utility District No. 1 of Parker County; providing  
authority to impose a tax and issue bonds.

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

SECTION 1. Subtitle F, Title 6, Special District Local Laws  
Code, is amended by adding Chapter 8490 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 8490. MORNINGSTAR RANCH MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1  
OF PARKER COUNTY

SUBCHAPTER A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Sec. 8490.0101. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

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

(2) "District" means the Morningstar Ranch Municipal  
Utility District No. 1 of Parker County.

Sec. 8490.0102. NATURE AND PURPOSES OF DISTRICT. (a) The  
district is a municipal utility district created under Section 59,  
Article XVI, Texas Constitution.

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

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

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

1                   SUBCHAPTER B. POWERS AND DUTIES

2           Sec. 8490.0201. GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES. The district  
3 has the powers and duties necessary to accomplish the purposes for  
4 which the district is created.

5           Sec. 8490.0202. MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT POWERS AND  
6 DUTIES. The district has the powers and duties provided by the  
7 general law of this state, including Chapters 49 and 54, Water Code,  
8 applicable to municipal utility districts created under Section 59,  
9 Article XVI, Texas Constitution.

10          Sec. 8490.0203. AUTHORITY FOR ROAD PROJECTS. Under Section  
11 52, Article III, Texas Constitution, the district may design,  
12 acquire, construct, finance, issue bonds for, improve, operate,  
13 maintain, and convey to this state, a county, or a municipality for  
14 operation and maintenance macadamized, graveled, or paved roads, or  
15 improvements, including storm drainage, in aid of those roads.

16          Sec. 8490.0204. ROAD STANDARDS AND REQUIREMENTS. (a) A  
17 road project must meet all applicable construction standards and  
18 regulations of each municipality in whose corporate limits or  
19 extraterritorial jurisdiction the road project is located.

20          (b) If a road project is not located in the corporate limits  
21 or extraterritorial jurisdiction of a municipality, the road  
22 project must meet all applicable construction standards and  
23 regulations of each county in which the road project is located.

24          (c) If the state will maintain and operate the road, the  
25 Texas Transportation Commission must approve the plans and  
26 specifications of the road project.

27          Sec. 8490.0205. AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH DEFINED AREAS OR

1 DESIGNATED PROPERTY. Notwithstanding the acreage requirement  
2 under Section 54.801(a), Water Code, the district may define areas  
3 or designate certain property of the district as provided by  
4 Subchapter J, Chapter 54, Water Code.

5 SUBCHAPTER C. BONDS AND OTHER OBLIGATIONS

6 Sec. 8490.0301. AUTHORITY TO ISSUE BONDS AND OTHER  
7 OBLIGATIONS FOR ROAD PROJECTS. (a) The district may issue bonds or  
8 other obligations payable wholly or partly from ad valorem taxes,  
9 revenue, contract payments, grants, or other district money, or any  
10 combination of those sources, to pay for a road project authorized  
11 by Section 8490.0203.

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

16 (c) At the time of issuance, the total principal amount of  
17 bonds or other obligations issued or incurred to finance road  
18 projects and payable from ad valorem taxes may not exceed  
19 one-fourth of the assessed value of the real property in the  
20 district.

21 Sec. 8490.0302. TAXES FOR BONDS. At the time the district  
22 issues bonds payable wholly or partly from ad valorem taxes, the  
23 board shall provide for the annual imposition of a continuing  
24 direct ad valorem tax, without limit as to rate or amount, while all  
25 or part of the bonds are outstanding as required and in the manner  
26 provided by Sections 54.601 and 54.602, Water Code.

27 SECTION 2. The Morningstar Ranch Municipal Utility District

1 No. 1 of Parker County retains all rights, powers, privileges,  
2 authority, duties, and functions that it had before the effective  
3 date of this Act.

4 SECTION 3. (a) The legal notice of the intention to  
5 introduce this Act, setting forth the general substance of this  
6 Act, has been published as provided by law, and the notice and a  
7 copy of this Act have been furnished to all persons, agencies,  
8 officials, or entities to which they are required to be furnished  
9 under Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, and Chapter 313,  
10 Government Code.

11 (b) The governor, one of the required recipients, has  
12 submitted the notice and Act to the Texas Commission on  
13 Environmental Quality.

14 (c) The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality has filed  
15 its recommendations relating to this Act with the governor, the  
16 lieutenant governor, and the speaker of the house of  
17 representatives within the required time.

18 (d) All requirements of the constitution and laws of this  
19 state and the rules and procedures of the legislature with respect  
20 to the notice, introduction, and passage of this Act are fulfilled  
21 and accomplished.

22 SECTION 4. 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.