



City of Hitchcock

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MAY 7, 2022 SPECIAL ELECTION: PROPOSITION A

Authorization the Hitchcock Economic Development Corporation (HEDC) to Undertake Any Project Under Chapter 505 of the Texas Local Government Code

With changes on the horizon for the City of Hitchcock, the Hitchcock Economic Development Corporation (HEDC) has decided that a shift in its operations is necessary to better provide for its community members. The HEDC has operated as a Type A Development Corporation since its inception in 1982. As a Type A, the HEDC is required to use its sales tax revenue for specific projects which bring primary jobs to the community.

Type A projects include: manufacturing and industrial facilities, recycling facilities, distribution centers, small warehouse facilities, research and development facilities, regional or national corporate headquarters facilities, primary job training facilities operated by higher education institutions, job training classes, telephone call centers and career centers, certain infrastructure improvements, aviation and port facilities, as well as a few others.

While these types of projects have been the main focus of the HEDC since its founding, the HEDC has also noticed that much of the city’s commercial and small business market has lapsed due to a number of factors over time. In an effort to remediate this issue, as well as bring about community enhancement projects that would benefit the city, its citizens, and the HEDC’s business recruitment efforts, **the Hitchcock HEDC is seeking authority to allow the HEDC to perform any project under Chapter 505 of the Texas Local Government Code in an election to be held in May.**

If Proposition A is adopted, it will grant the HEDC the ability to perform a wider range of projects which are aimed at quality-of-life improvements and commercial development usually granted to Type B Development Corporations.

Type B Development Corporations have the same authority of a Type A, as well as the ability to spend funds on projects related to: professional and amateur sports and athletic facilities, tourism and entertainment facilities, convention facilities and public parks, public safety facilities, general municipally owned improvements, commercial development, and other similar items.

How Does this Effect Sales Tax Collection?

With the adoption of Proposition A and the increase in authority of the HEDC, sales tax collection within the city will not be impacted whatsoever. The HEDC currently collects 0.5% of 1 cent in sales tax revenue. With the change to increase the scope of applicable projects, the sales tax collection rate will remain the same.

What Types of Projects are the HEDC Planning to Undertake?

The HEDC would like to focus on projects which provide an enhancing feature to the general quality-of-life of the community, provide new job opportunities, and increase sales tax revenues for the city and HEDC to fund operations as the city grows. One of our major focuses will be the redevelopment of Hitchcock’s downtown district. By creating a place for the community to come together, we will develop a space for small business to thrive while acting as a recruitment tool for larger industries. In addition to this, the HEDC would personally spearhead missing commercial markets within the community, the foremost effort being the recruitment of grocery stores and food eateries (both restaurant and fast-food options).

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DATES TO REMEMBER

- 2/21/2022 Regular City Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
- 2/22/2022 Planning and Zoning Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

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COVID-19 has greatly expedited the migration of families and businesses across the nation. By creating a unique and attractive commercial center that pulls interest from inside, as well as outside our community, we stand a better chance of attracting larger job creating industries. The HEDC still stands committed to the growth of our industrial and manufacturing sectors. By raising the bar for commercial development, we anticipate that the city of Hitchcock will thrive in the coming years as a major destination within Galveston County and the Greater Houston Area.

If you have any questions, please reach out to hedc@cityofhitchcock.org.

Thank You,

Tyler Robert
HEDC Executive Director

*Don't forget to vote on Saturday, May 7, 2022, on the ballot issue authorizing the Hitchcock Economic Development Corporation to undertake any projects authorized under Chapter 505 of the Texas Local Government Code. **Early voting starts April 25-29 from 8am to 5pm & May 2-3 from 7am to 7pm, 2022, at City Hall.***

Proposition A

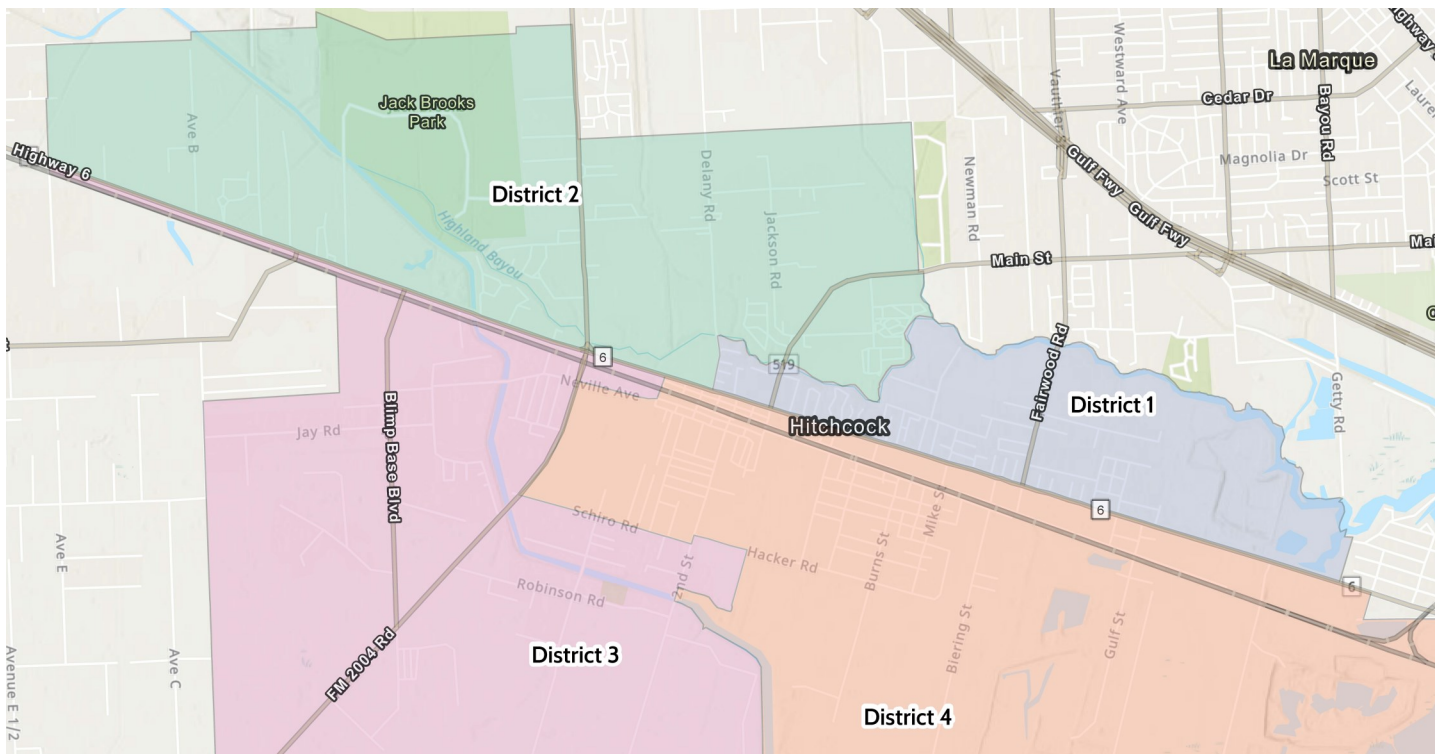
Authorizing the City of Hitchcock Economic Development Corporation to undertake any project authorized under Chapter 505 of the Texas Local Government Code including a sports venue project; and to undertake any maintenance and operating costs of a facility when legally allowed.

FOR _____ AGAINST _____

NEW VOTING DISTRICT BOUNDARIES

On January 10, 2021, City Council adopted the new voting district reapportionment map revising the Council Member District Boundaries based on the 2020 Census data. The redistricting process happens after every decennial census.

In December 2021, a special council workshop was conducted on redistricting. City Council received an initial assessment regarding whether redistricting was required considering the 2020 Census data. The City Council's review of the 2020 Census population and demographic data for the city showed that the City's councilmember districts were sufficiently out of population balance to require redistricting. The new districts will be in effect for the upcoming May 2022 general election.





CITY OF HITCHCOCK SPRING CLEAN-UP

MARCH 12TH, 2022, 7:00AM—2:00PM

**This year, the disposal site for non-hazardous clean-up will be at The City Barn.
8401 Schiro Hitchcock, Texas 77563**

Waste disposal at this event will be free of charge to residents as a service provided by the City of Hitchcock. The drop off site will be open **ONE DAY ONLY, MARCH 12th, 2022**. Disposals may be made at AmeriWaste Services temporary collection point of The City Barn – 8401 Schiro, Hitchcock, Texas 77563, between 7:00am to 2:00pm.

For questions, please contact – AmeriWaste 281-331-8400 OR City of Hitchcock 409-986-5591

What you need to know:

- This service is **free of charge** during the designated clean-up days and times for **City of Hitchcock Residents Only**.
- Waste delivered must be separated by type of material by the resident.
- Clean Up activities do not apply to commercial/rental property clean ups, large property clean ups, lot or acreage clean up, or lot and property land clearing.
- Commercial tree trimmers are not eligible for this service.

Requirements for Participation:

- A current City of Hitchcock utility bill showing that you are a City of Hitchcock Resident.
- Proper identification is required at time of disposal; Texas Driver's License or Identification Card.
- All materials must be sorted by the customer, NOT by the AmeriWaste Service or City of Hitchcock employees.

Accepted Items:

- ✓ Batteries (car batteries only)
- ✓ BBQ grills that DO NOT HAVE HOT ASH
- ✓ Mattresses
- ✓ Furniture, Appliances
- ✓ Tires (Car Tires Only, 4 or Fewer), No Rims
- ✓ Water Heaters

Limits:

- Maximum of 2 pick-up truck loads per household or a maximum of 1 trailer load per household.
- Trailers are not to exceed 16' long x 4' high in size.
- No household hazardous waste. No glass or mirrors, No roofing materials, No construction or demolition debris.
- No Paint, Pool Chemicals, or Chemical Items
- No Propane Tanks, Microwaves, Washers, Dryers, or Air conditioners
- NO HAZARDOUS MATERIALS; including automotive oils, cooking oils, filters, fluorescent light bulbs, insecticides, pesticides, herbicides, fertilizers.
- NO Commercial or Heavy Equipment Tires
- Mercury WILL NOT be accepted.
- Explosives and ammunition WILL NOT be accepted.
- Computer monitors and box style televisions WILL NOT be accepted.

The City of Hitchcock and AmeriWaste Services are NOT responsible for damage to vehicles or injury to citizens during this event. The City of Hitchcock and AmeriWaste Services reserve the right to refuse service to anyone for not following the rules of the clean-up. Any items brought that are not listed/accepted or are over the established limits, are subject to a fee (at AmeriWaste Services discretion).

SPRING E-CYCLE EVENT

Saturday, April 30th, 2022, 9am-1pm
The City Barn 8401 Schiro Road Hitchcock, Texas 77563



Hitchcock Residents ONLY are invited to drop off selected items free of cost.

Acceptable Materials: computers, routers, hubs, switches, laptops, power cords, cables, UPS, cellular phones, VCR's, scrap metal wire, monitors, printers, scanners, fax machines, servers, DVD players, cable boxes, ink jet cartridges, TV's (CRT TV's up to 36") mice and keyboards, telephones. Toner cartridges, desktop copiers, flat panel TV's up to 55".

Unacceptable Materials: vacuum cleaners, CRT TV's larger than 36", weed eaters, radios, thermostats (any type), smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, fluorescent light bulbs, appliances, refrigerators, stoves, washer and dryers. Clocks, paint cans, kitchen appliances, freezers, microwaves, medical/biohazards, household alkaline batteries, AA, AAA, C, D, 9V, home appliances, space heaters, rice cookers, air conditioners and oil waste.

Disclaimer: The City of Hitchcock and CompuCycle are NOT responsible for damage to vehicles or injury to any citizen during this event. Both, the City of Hitchcock and CompuCycle reserve the right to refuse services to anyone not following protocol for this event.

For more information contact Sergeant Natalie Wilson @ (409) 795-1517 or nwilson@hitchcockpd.com.

HURRICANE HARVEY DAMAGED HOMES

In August of 2017, Hurricane Harvey caused significant water damage to homes throughout the city. Most of the damage was caused by flooding of properties in low-lying areas of the city. Fortunately, most residents had NFIP flood insurance policies and the damage was covered by payments to the policy holders.

Following the disaster, FEMA conducted a Community Assistance Visit (CAV) to help the city develop an inventory of these Substantially Damaged structures. FEMA required homeowners to provide documentation of cost to repair to support insurance claims and completion of work. Many homeowners provided the requested information, but others did not. As a result, the city is conducting a survey of these properties in order to provide FEMA with assurance of completed repairs.

If we have any questions about the information provided on your home, you may expect the City to contact you to help us complete the FEMA survey. Please help the City the best you can so we can maintain our status in the National Flood Insurance Program.



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