H.B. No. 2439

1	AN ACT		
2	relating to certain regulations adopted by governmental entities		
3	for the building products, materials, or methods used in the		
4	construction or renovation of residential or commercial buildings.		
5	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:		
6	SECTION 1. Title 10, Government Code, is amended by adding		
7	Subtitle Z to read as follows:		
8	SUBTITLE Z. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS PROHIBITING CERTAIN		
9	GOVERNMENTAL ACTIONS		
10	CHAPTER 3000. GOVERNMENTAL ACTION AFFECTING RESIDENTIAL AND		
11	COMMERCIAL CONSTRUCTION		
12	Sec. 3000.001. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:		
13	(1) "National model code" has the meaning assigned by		
14	Section 214.217, Local Government Code.		
15	(2) "Governmental entity" has the meaning assigned by		
16	Section 2007.002.		
17	Sec. 3000.002. CERTAIN REGULATIONS REGARDING BUILDING		
18	PRODUCTS, MATERIALS, OR METHODS PROHIBITED. (a) Notwithstanding		
19	any other law and except as provided by Subsection (d), a		
20	governmental entity may not adopt or enforce a rule, charter		
21	provision, ordinance, order, building code, or other regulation		
22	that:		
23	(1) prohibits or limits, directly or indirectly, the		
24	use or installation of a building product or material in the		

- 1 construction, renovation, maintenance, or other alteration of a
- 2 residential or commercial building if the building product or
- 3 material is approved for use by a national model code published
- 4 within the last three code cycles that applies to the construction,
- 5 renovation, maintenance, or other alteration of the building; or
- 6 (2) establishes a standard for a building product,
- 7 material, or aesthetic method in construction, renovation,
- 8 maintenance, or other alteration of a residential or commercial
- 9 building if the standard is more stringent than a standard for the
- 10 product, material, or aesthetic method under a national model code
- 11 published within the last three code cycles that applies to the
- 12 construction, renovation, maintenance, or other alteration of the
- 13 building.
- 14 (b) A governmental entity that adopts a building code
- 15 governing the construction, renovation, maintenance, or other
- 16 <u>alteration of a residential or commercial building may amend a</u>
- 17 provision of the building code to conform to local concerns if the
- 18 amendment does not conflict with Subsection (a).
- 19 <u>(c)</u> This section does not apply to:
- 20 (1) a program established by a state agency that
- 21 requires particular standards, incentives, or financing
- 22 <u>arrangements in order to comply with requirements of a state or</u>
- 23 federal funding source or housing program;
- 24 (2) a requirement for a building necessary to consider
- 25 the building eligible for windstorm and hail insurance coverage
- 26 under Chapter 2210, Insurance Code;
- 27 (3) an ordinance or other regulation that regulates

- outdoor lighting that is adopted for the purpose of reducing light
 pollution and that:
- 3 (A) is adopted by a governmental entity that is
- 4 certified as a Dark Sky Community by the International Dark-Sky
- 5 Association as part of the International Dark Sky Places Program;
- 6 or
- 7 (B) applies to outdoor lighting within five miles
- 8 of the boundary of a military base in which an active training
- 9 program is conducted;
- 10 <u>(4) an ordinance or order that:</u>
- 11 (A) regulates outdoor lighting; and
- 12 (B) is adopted under Subchapter B, Chapter 229,
- 13 Local Government Code, or Subchapter B, Chapter 240, Local
- 14 Government Code;
- 15 (5) a building located in a place or area designated
- 16 for its historical, cultural, or architectural importance and
- 17 significance that a municipality may regulate under Section
- 18 211.003(b), Local Government Code, if the municipality:
- 19 (A) is a certified local government under the
- 20 National Historic Preservation Act (54 U.S.C. Section 300101 et
- 21 <u>seq.</u>); or
- (B) has an applicable landmark ordinance that
- 23 meets the requirements under the certified local government program
- 24 as determined by the Texas Historical Commission;
- 25 (6) a building located in a place or area designated
- 26 for its historical, cultural, or architectural importance and
- 27 significance by a governmental entity, if designated before April

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- 2 (7) a building located in an area designated as a
- 3 historic district on the National Register of Historic Places;
- 4 (8) a building designated as a Recorded Texas Historic
- 5 Landmark;
- 6 (9) a building designated as a State Archeological
- 7 <u>Landmark or State Antiquities Landmark;</u>
- 8 (10) a building listed on the National Register of
- 9 Historic Places or designated as a landmark by a governmental
- 10 entity;
- 11 (11) a building located in a World Heritage Buffer
- 12 Zone; and
- 13 (12) a building located in an area designated for
- 14 development, restoration, or preservation in a main street city
- 15 under the main street program established under Section 442.014.
- 16 (d) A municipality that is not a municipality described by
- 17 Subsection (c)(5)(A) or (B) may adopt or enforce a regulation
- 18 described by Subsection (a) that applies to a building located in a
- 19 place or area designated on or after April 1, 2019, by the
- 20 municipality for its historical, cultural, or architectural
- 21 importance and significance, if the municipality has the voluntary
- 22 consent from the building owner.
- 23 (e) A rule, charter provision, ordinance, order, building
- 24 code, or other regulation adopted by a governmental entity that
- 25 conflicts with this section is void.
- Sec. 3000.003. INJUNCTION. (a) The attorney general or an
- 27 aggrieved party may file an action in district court to enjoin a

- 1 violation or threatened violation of Section 3000.002.
- 2 (b) The court may grant appropriate relief.
- 3 (c) The attorney general may recover reasonable attorney's
- 4 fees and costs incurred in bringing an action under this section.
- 5 (d) Sovereign and governmental immunity to suit is waived
- 6 and abolished only to the extent necessary to enforce this chapter.
- 7 Sec. 3000.004. OTHER PROVISIONS NOT AFFECTED. This chapter
- 8 does not affect provisions regarding the installation of a fire
- 9 sprinkler protection system under Section 1301.551(i), Occupations
- 10 Code, or Section 775.045(a)(1), Health and Safety Code.
- 11 Sec. 3000.005. SEVERABILITY. If any provision of a rule,
- 12 charter provision, ordinance, order, building code, or other
- 13 regulation described by Section 3000.002(a) is held invalid under
- 14 this chapter, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or
- 15 applications of the rule, charter provision, ordinance, order,
- 16 building code, or other regulation that can be given effect without
- 17 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the
- 18 provisions of the rule, charter provision, ordinance, order,
- 19 building code, or other regulation are severable.
- 20 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

President of the Sena	Speaker of the House
I certify that H.B	. No. 2439 was passed by the House on April
30, 2019, by the followir	ng vote: Yeas 124, Nays 21, 2 present, not
voting; and that the Hou	se concurred in Senate amendments to H.B.
No. 2439 on May 23, 2019,	by the following vote: Yeas 133, Nays 9,
1 present, not voting.	
	Chief Clerk of the House
I certify that H.B	. No. 2439 was passed by the Senate, with
amendments, on May 19, 20	019, by the following vote: Yeas 26, Nays
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	Secretary of the Senate
APPROVED:	
Date	
Governor	

- 1 AN ACT
- 2 relating to county and municipal approval procedure for land
- 3 development applications.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
- 5 SECTION 1. Section 212.001, Local Government Code, is
- 6 amended by amending Subdivision (2) and adding Subdivision (3) to
- 7 read as follows:
- 8 (2) "Plan" means a subdivision development plan,
- 9 including a subdivision plan, subdivision construction plan, site
- 10 plan, land development application, and site development plan.
- 11 (3) "Plat" includes a preliminary plat, general plan,
- 12 final plat, and replat.
- SECTION 2. Subchapter A, Chapter 212, Local Government
- 14 Code, is amended by adding Section 212.0085 to read as follows:
- 15 Sec. 212.0085. APPROVAL PROCEDURE: APPLICABILITY. The
- 16 approval procedures under this subchapter apply to a municipality
- 17 regardless of whether the municipality has entered into an
- 18 interlocal agreement, including an interlocal agreement between a
- 19 municipality and county under Section 242.001(d).
- SECTION 3. The heading to Section 212.009, Local Government
- 21 Code, is amended to read as follows:
- Sec. 212.009. APPROVAL PROCEDURE: INITIAL APPROVAL.
- 23 SECTION 4. Section 212.009, Local Government Code, is
- 24 amended by amending Subsections (a), (b), (c), and (d) and adding

- 1 Subsections (b-1) and (b-2) to read as follows:
- 2 (a) The municipal authority responsible for approving plats
- 3 shall approve, approve with conditions, or disapprove [act on] a
- 4 plan or plat within 30 days after the date the plan or plat is filed.
- 5 A plan or plat is [considered] approved by the municipal authority
- 6 unless it is disapproved within that period <u>and in accordance with</u>
- 7 Section 212.0091.
- 8 (b) If an ordinance requires that a plan or plat be approved
- 9 by the governing body of the municipality in addition to the
- 10 planning commission, the governing body shall approve, approve with
- 11 conditions, or disapprove [act on] the plan or plat within 30 days
- 12 after the date the plan or plat is approved by the planning
- 13 commission or is [considered] approved by the inaction of the
- 14 commission. A plan or plat is [considered] approved by the
- 15 governing body unless it is disapproved within that period and in
- 16 accordance with Section 212.0091.
- 17 (b-1) Notwithstanding Subsection (a) or (b), if a
- 18 groundwater availability certification is required under Section
- 19 212.0101, the 30-day period described by those subsections begins
- 20 on the date the applicant submits the groundwater availability
- 21 <u>certification to the municipal authority responsible for approving</u>
- 22 plats or the governing body of the municipality, as applicable.
- 23 (b-2) Notwithstanding Subsection (a) or (b), the parties
- 24 may extend the 30-day period described by those subsections for a
- 25 period not to exceed 30 days if:
- 26 (1) the applicant requests the extension in writing to
- 27 the municipal authority responsible for approving plats or the

- 1 governing body of the municipality, as applicable; and
- 2 (2) the municipal authority or governing body, as
- 3 applicable, approves the extension request.
- 4 (c) If a plan or plat is approved, the municipal authority
- 5 giving the approval shall endorse the plan or plat with a
- 6 certificate indicating the approval. The certificate must be signed
- 7 by:
- 8 (1) the authority's presiding officer and attested by
- 9 the authority's secretary; or
- 10 (2) a majority of the members of the authority.
- 11 (d) If the municipal authority responsible for approving
- 12 plats fails to approve, approve with conditions, or disapprove [act
- 13 on a plan or plat within the prescribed period, the authority on
- 14 the applicant's request shall issue a certificate stating the date
- 15 the plan or plat was filed and that the authority failed to act on
- 16 the plan or plat within the period. The certificate is effective in
- 17 place of the endorsement required by Subsection (c).
- 18 SECTION 5. Subchapter A, Chapter 212, Local Government
- 19 Code, is amended by adding Sections 212.0091, 212.0093, 212.0095,
- 20 212.0096, 212.0097, and 212.0099 to read as follows:
- Sec. 212.0091. APPROVAL PROCEDURE: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL OR
- 22 DISAPPROVAL REQUIREMENTS. (a) A municipal authority or governing
- 23 body that conditionally approves or disapproves a plan or plat
- 24 under this subchapter shall provide the applicant a written
- 25 statement of the conditions for the conditional approval or reasons
- 26 for disapproval that clearly articulates each specific condition
- 27 for the conditional approval or reason for disapproval.

- 1 (b) Each condition or reason specified in the written
 2 statement:
 3 (1) must:
 4 (A) be directly related to the requirements under
 5 this subchapter; and
 6 (B) include a citation to the law, including a
- (B) include a citation to the law, including a

 7 statute or municipal ordinance, that is the basis for the

 8 conditional approval or disapproval, if applicable; and
- 9 (2) may not be arbitrary.
- Sec. 212.0093. APPROVAL PROCEDURE: APPLICANT RESPONSE TO 10 CONDITIONAL APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL. After the conditional 11 12 approval or disapproval of a plan or plat under Section 212.0091, the applicant may submit to the municipal authority or governing 13 body that conditionally approved or disapproved the plan or plat a 14 written response that satisfies each condition for the conditional 15 approval or remedies each reason for disapproval provided. The 16 municipal authority or governing body may not establish a deadline 17
- for an applicant to submit the response.

 Sec. 212.0095. APPROVAL PROCEDURE: APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL

 OF RESPONSE. (a) A municipal authority or governing body that

 receives a response under Section 212.0093 shall determine whether

 to approve or disapprove the applicant's previously conditionally
 approved or disapproved plan or plat not later than the 15th day

 after the date the response was submitted.
- (b) A municipal authority or governing body that conditionally approves or disapproves a plan or plat following the submission of a response under Section 212.0093:

1 (1) must comply with Section 212.0091; and 2 (2) may disapprove the plan or plat only for a specific 3 condition or reason provided to the applicant under Section 4 212.0091. 5 (c) A municipal authority or governing body that receives a response under Section 212.0093 shall approve a previously 6 7 conditionally approved or disapproved plan or plat if the response 8 adequately addresses each condition of the conditional approval or each reason for the disapproval. 9 10 (d) A previously conditionally approved or disapproved plan or plat is approved if: 11 12 (1) the applicant filed a response that meets the requirements of Subsection (c); and 13 14 (2) the municipal authority or governing body that 15 received the response does not disapprove the plan or plat on or before the date required by Subsection (a) and in accordance with 16 17 Section 212.0091. Sec. 212.0096. APPROVAL PROCEDURE: ALTERNATIVE APPROVAL 18 19 PROCESS. (a) Notwithstanding Sections 212.009, 212.0091, 212.0093, and 212.0095, an applicant may elect at any time to seek approval 20 for a plan or plat under an alternative approval process adopted by 21 a municipality if the process allows for a shorter approval period 22 than the approval process described by Sections 212.009, 212.0091, 23

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alternative approval process described by Subsection (a) is not:

(b) An applicant that elects to seek approval under the

(1) required to satisfy the requirements of Sections

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- 1 212.009, 212.0091, 212.0093, and 212.0095 before bringing an action
- 2 challenging a disapproval of a plan or plat under this subchapter;
- 3 and
- 4 (2) prejudiced in any manner in bringing the action
- 5 <u>described by Subdivision (1), including satisfying a requirement to</u>
- 6 exhaust any and all remedies.
- 7 Sec. 212.0097. APPROVAL PROCEDURE: WAIVER PROHIBITED. A
- 8 municipal authority responsible for approving plats or the
- 9 governing body of a municipality may not request or require an
- 10 applicant to waive a deadline or other approval procedure under
- 11 <u>this subchapter.</u>
- 12 Sec. 212.0099. JUDICIAL REVIEW OF DISAPPROVAL. In a legal
- 13 action challenging a disapproval of a plan or plat under this
- 14 subchapter, the municipality has the burden of proving by clear and
- 15 convincing evidence that the disapproval meets the requirements of
- 16 this subchapter or any applicable case law. The court may not use a
- 17 deferential standard.
- 18 SECTION 6. Section 212.014, Local Government Code, is
- 19 amended to read as follows:
- Sec. 212.014. REPLATTING WITHOUT VACATING PRECEDING PLAT.
- 21 A replat of a subdivision or part of a subdivision may be recorded
- 22 and is controlling over the preceding plat without vacation of that
- 23 plat if the replat:
- 24 (1) is signed and acknowledged by only the owners of
- 25 the property being replatted;
- 26 (2) is approved[, after a public hearing on the matter
- 27 at which parties in interest and citizens have an opportunity to be

- 1 heard, by the municipal authority responsible for approving plats;
- 2 and
- 3 (3) does not attempt to amend or remove any covenants
- 4 or restrictions.
- 5 SECTION 7. Section 212.015, Local Government Code, is
- 6 amended by adding Subsections (a-1), (f), and (g) and amending
- 7 Subsection (b) to read as follows:
- 8 <u>(a-1)</u> If a proposed replat described by Subsection (a)
- 9 requires a variance or exception, a public hearing must be held by
- 10 the municipal planning commission or the governing body of the
- 11 municipality.
- 12 (b) Notice of the hearing required under Subsection (a-1)
- 13 [Section 212.014] shall be given before the 15th day before the date
- 14 of the hearing by:
- 15 (1) publication in an official newspaper or a
- 16 newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the
- 17 municipality is located; and
- 18 (2) by written notice, with a copy of Subsection (c)
- 19 attached, forwarded by the municipal authority responsible for
- 20 approving plats to the owners of lots that are in the original
- 21 subdivision and that are within 200 feet of the lots to be
- 22 replatted, as indicated on the most recently approved municipal tax
- 23 roll or in the case of a subdivision within the extraterritorial
- 24 jurisdiction, the most recently approved county tax roll of the
- 25 property upon which the replat is requested. The written notice may
- 26 be delivered by depositing the notice, properly addressed with
- 27 postage prepaid, in a post office or postal depository within the

- 1 boundaries of the municipality.
- 2 <u>(f) If a proposed replat described by Subsection</u> (a) does
- 3 not require a variance or exception, the municipality shall, not
- 4 later than the 15th day after the date the replat is approved,
- 5 provide written notice by mail of the approval of the replat to each
- 6 owner of a lot in the original subdivision that is within 200 feet
- 7 of the lots to be replatted according to the most recent
- 8 municipality or county tax roll. This subsection does not apply to
- 9 a proposed replat if the municipal planning commission or the
- 10 governing body of the municipality holds a public hearing and gives
- 11 notice of the hearing in the manner provided by Subsection (b).
- 12 <u>(g) The notice of a replat approval required by Subsection</u>
- 13 (<u>f</u>) <u>must include</u>:
- 14 (1) the zoning designation of the property after the
- 15 replat; and
- 16 (2) a telephone number and e-mail address an owner of a
- 17 lot may use to contact the municipality about the replat.
- 18 SECTION 8. Subchapter A, Chapter 232, Local Government
- 19 Code, is amended by adding Section 232.0023 to read as follows:
- 20 <u>Sec. 232.0023.</u> <u>APPROVAL PROCEDURE: APPLICABILITY.</u> The plat
- 21 application approval procedures under this subchapter apply to a
- 22 county regardless of whether the county has entered into an
- 23 interlocal agreement, including an interlocal agreement between a
- 24 municipality and county under Section 242.001(d).
- 25 SECTION 9. The heading to Section 232.0025, Local
- 26 Government Code, is amended to read as follows:
- Sec. 232.0025. APPROVAL PROCEDURE: TIMELY APPROVAL OF PLATS

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- 2 SECTION 10. Section 232.0025, Local Government Code, is
- 3 amended by amending Subsections (d), (f), (g), (h), and (i), and
- 4 adding Subsection (d-1) to read as follows:
- 5 (d) Except as provided by Subsection (f), the commissioners
- 6 court or the court's designee shall approve, approve with
- 7 conditions, or disapprove [take final action on] a plat
- 8 application[, including the resolution of all appeals,] not later
- 9 than the 30th [60th] day after the date the [a] completed [plat]
- 10 application is received by the commissioners court or the court's
- 11 designee. An application is approved by the commissioners court or
- 12 the court's designee unless the application is disapproved within
- 13 that period and in accordance with Section 232.0026.
- 14 <u>(d-1) Notwithstanding Subsection</u> (d), if a groundwater
- 15 availability certification is required under Section 232.0032, the
- 16 <u>30-day period described by that subsection begins on the date the</u>
- 17 applicant submits the groundwater availability certification to
- 18 the commissioners court or the court's designee, as applicable.
- 19 (f) The 30-day [60-day] period under Subsection (d):
- 20 (1) may be extended for a [reasonable] period not to
- 21 exceed 30 days, if:
- (A) requested and agreed to in writing by the
- 23 applicant and approved by the commissioners court or the court's
- 24 designee; or
- 25 (B) [(2) may be extended 60 additional days if]
- 26 Chapter 2007, Government Code, requires the county to perform a
- 27 takings impact assessment in connection with the $[\frac{a}{a}]$ plat

- 1 application; and
- 2 (2) $[\frac{(3)}{(3)}]$ applies only to a decision wholly within the
- 3 control of the commissioners court or the court's designee.
- 4 (g) The commissioners court or the court's designee shall
- 5 make the determination under Subsection (f)(1) $[\frac{(f)(2)}{(2)}]$ of whether
- 6 the 30-day [60-day] period will be extended not later than the 20th
- 7 day after the date a completed plat application is received by the
- 8 commissioners court or the court's designee.
- 9 (h) The commissioners court or the court's designee may not
- 10 require [compel] an applicant to waive the time limits or approval
- 11 procedure contained in this <u>subchapter</u> [section].
- 12 (i) If the commissioners court or the court's designee fails
- 13 to approve, approve with conditions, or disapprove a plat
- 14 <u>application</u> [take final action on the plat] as required by this
- 15 <u>subchapter</u> [Subsection (d)]:
- 16 (1) the commissioners court shall refund the greater
- 17 of the unexpended portion of any [plat] application fee or deposit
- 18 or 50 percent of an [a plat] application fee or deposit that has
- 19 been paid;
- 20 (2) the [plat] application is granted by operation of
- 21 law; and
- 22 (3) the applicant may apply to a district court in the
- 23 county where the tract of land is located for a writ of mandamus to
- 24 compel the commissioners court to issue documents recognizing the
- 25 plat application's [plat's] approval.
- 26 SECTION 11. Subchapter A, Chapter 232, Local Government
- 27 Code, is amended by adding Sections 232.0026, 232.0027, 232.0028,

- 1 232.00285, and 232.0029 to read as follows:
- 2 Sec. 232.0026. APPROVAL PROCEDURE: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL OR
- 3 DISAPPROVAL REQUIREMENTS. (a) A commissioners court or designee
- 4 that conditionally approves or disapproves of a plat application
- 5 under this subchapter shall provide the applicant a written
- 6 statement of the conditions for the conditional approval or the
- 7 reasons for disapproval that clearly articulates each specific
- 8 condition for the conditional approval or reason for disapproval.
- 9 (b) Each condition or reason specified in the written
- 10 statement:
- 11 <u>(1) must:</u>
- 12 (A) be directly related to the requirements of
- 13 this subchapter; and
- 14 (B) include a citation to the law, including a
- 15 statute or order, that is the basis for the conditional approval or
- 16 <u>disapproval</u>, if applicable; and
- 17 (2) may not be arbitrary.
- 18 <u>Sec. 232.0027.</u> <u>APPROVAL PROCEDURE: APPLICANT RESPONSE TO</u>
- 19 CONDITIONAL APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL. After the conditional
- 20 approval or disapproval of a plat application under Section
- 21 232.0026, the applicant may submit to the commissioners court or
- 22 designee that conditionally approved or disapproved the
- 23 application a written response that satisfies each condition for
- 24 the conditional approval or remedies each reason for disapproval
- 25 provided. The commissioners court or designee may not establish a
- 26 deadline for an applicant to submit the response.
- Sec. 232.0028. APPROVAL PROCEDURE: APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL

- 1 OF RESPONSE. (a) A commissioners court or designee that receives a
- 2 response under Section 232.0027 shall determine whether to approve
- 3 or disapprove the applicant's previously conditionally approved or
- 4 disapproved plat application not later than the 15th day after the
- 5 date the response was submitted under Section 232.0027.
- 6 (b) A commissioners court or designee that conditionally
- 7 approves or disapproves a plat application following the submission
- 8 of a response under Section 232.0027:
- 9 <u>(1) must comply with Section 232.</u>0026; and
- 10 (2) may disapprove the application only for a specific
- 11 condition or reason provided to the applicant for the original
- 12 application under Section 232.0026.
- (c) A commissioners court or designee that receives a
- 14 response under Section 232.0027 shall approve a previously
- 15 conditionally approved or disapproved plat application if the
- 16 applicant's response adequately addresses each condition for the
- 17 conditional approval or each reason for the disapproval.
- 18 (d) A previously conditionally approved or disapproved plat
- 19 application is approved if:
- 20 (1) the applicant filed a response that meets the
- 21 requirements of Subsection (c); and
- 22 (2) the commissioners court or designee that received
- 23 the response does not disapprove the application on or before the
- 24 date required by Subsection (a) and in accordance with Section
- 25 232.0026.
- Sec. 232.00285. DEVELOPMENT PLAN REVIEW. (a) In this
- 27 section, "development plan" includes a preliminary plat,

- 1 preliminary subdivision plan, subdivision construction plan, site
- 2 plan, general plan, land development application, or site
- 3 development plan.
- 4 (b) Unless explicitly authorized by another law of this
- 5 state, a county may not require a person to submit a development
- 6 plan during the plat approval process required by this subchapter.
- 7 If a county is authorized under another law of this state to require
- 8 approval of a development plan, the county must comply with the
- 9 approval procedures under this subchapter during the approval
- 10 process.
- 11 Sec. 232.0029. JUDICIAL REVIEW OF DISAPPROVAL. In a legal
- 12 action challenging a disapproval of a plat application under this
- 13 subchapter, the county has the burden of proving by clear and
- 14 convincing evidence that the disapproval meets the requirements of
- 15 this subchapter or any applicable case law. The court may not use a
- 16 <u>deferential standard</u>.
- 17 SECTION 12. Section 232.0025(e), Local Government Code, is
- 18 repealed.
- 19 SECTION 13. The change in law made by this Act applies only
- 20 to a plat application filed on or after the effective date of this
- 21 Act. A development or plan application filed before the effective
- 22 date of this Act is governed by the law in effect immediately before
- 23 the effective date of this Act, and that law is continued in effect
- 24 for that purpose.
- 25 SECTION 14. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

Presider	nt of the Senate	Speaker of the House
I cert	tify that H.B. No. 316	7 was passed by the House on May 2,
2019, by th	e following vote: Y	eas 119, Nays 18, 1 present, not
voting.		
		Chief Clerk of the House
I cert	tify that H.B. No. 316	67 was passed by the Senate on May
21, 2019, by	the following vote:	Yeas 27, Nays 3, 1 present, not
voting.		
		Secretary of the Senate
APPROVED: _		-
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-	Governor	