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# **BOARD OF ALDERMEN**

## **REGULAR MEETING**

### **March 12, 2013**



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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING  
TOWN OF RANCHO VIEJO  
BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 12, 2013

6:00 P.M.

NOTICE is hereby given of a REGULAR MEETING of the BOARD OF ALDERMEN of the TOWN OF RANCHO VIEJO, TEXAS, to be held on MARCH 12, 2013 at 6:00 P.M., in the TOWN MUNICIPAL OFFICE, 3301 CARMEN AVENUE, RANCHO VIEJO, TEXAS to consider the following items:

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Invocation and Pledge
4. Public Comment
5. Approval of Minutes - February 12, 2013
6. Presentation by Rancho Viejo Resort & Country Club on Painting Club Logo on Water Tower
7. Consideration/Action on Authorizing Funds for Painting of Current Logo on Water Tower - \$12,997; Funds to be moved from General Reserve
8. Public Hearing To Receive Final Recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission of the Town of Rancho Viejo, Texas on an Ordinance of the Town of Rancho Viejo, Texas Amending the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance, Establishing Procedure for Obtaining a Specific Use Permit, Providing for an Effective Date and Publication in Caption Form

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9. Consideration, Discussion and Action on Final Recommendation to the Board of Aldermen on whether to enact an Ordinance of the Town of Rancho Viejo, Texas Amending the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance, Establishing Procedure for Obtaining a Specific Use Permit, Providing for an Effective Date and Publication in Caption Form
10. Consideration/Action on Resolution Supporting the Adoption of Legislation to Consolidate the Facilities and Programs at the University of Texas-Pan American, The University of Texas at Brownsville and the Regional Academic Health Center into a Single Institution
11. Public Comment
12. Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 to seek the advice of the Town's attorney about litigation
13. Possible action on matters or items discussed in Executive Session
14. Adjourn

  
Cheryl J. Kretz  
Town Administrator

# #1 Call to Order

by Mayor Medrano

# #2 Roll Call

by Isabel Perales

Alderwoman Carr

Alderwoman Hager

Alderwoman Guerrero

Alderwoman Rathbun

Alderwoman Truan

Legal Counsel, Daniel Rentfro, Jr.

Town Administrator, Cheryl J. Kretz.

# #3 Invocation and Pledge

The pledge of allegiance to the United States Flag:

*“I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.”*

And the pledge of allegiance to the Texas State Flag is,

*“Honor the Texas Flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible.”*

# #4 Public Comment

Approval of Minutes  
February 12, 2013



MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
TOWN OF RANCHO VIEJO  
FEBRUARY 12, 2013

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Rancho Viejo, Texas was held on February 12, 2013, at the Town Municipal Office, 3301 Carmen Avenue, Rancho Viejo, Texas, the same being open to the public. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Roberto Medrano at 6:00 P.M. Roll call was made by Isabel Perales, Assistant Town Secretary. Members present at the meeting were:

Mrs. Lupita Carr  
Mrs. Jean Hager  
Mrs. Cyndie Rathbun

Mrs. Bitty Truan arrived at 6:10 P.M. and Mrs. Maribel Guerrero arrived at 6:12 P.M.

Mr. Daniel Rentfro, Jr., legal counsel, was present. Town Administrator Cheryl J. Kretz was also present.

Those present in the audience were:

Arnulfo Montano	Lydia Montano
Mack Sterling	Richard P. Lewis
Chief M. Cruz, Jr.	Andres Espinoza, TXDOT
Juan Bosquez, Jr., TXDOT	Matthew Wyatt
Rafferty Wyatt	Gladys Cummins
Xavier Montemayor	Kelly Cuff
Janie Alvarado	

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE:

Alderwoman Carr led the group in the invocation and pledge of allegiance to the American and Texas flags.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Alderwoman Rathbun stated that a Neighborhood Watch group meeting was held on January 23 for the residents of Alvarado. Mayor Medrano noted that Alderwoman Carr and 2 other residents who have volunteered to place traps in different areas of the town to try to capture the stray dogs.

PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF AUDIT  
REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2012:

Mr. Quentin Anderson of Long Chilton, LLC made a presentation on the audit report for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012.

After the presentation by TXDOT the Board returned to this item, and motion was made by Alderwoman Guerrero, seconded by Alderwoman Hager, to approve the Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2012 as presented. Motion passed with the following vote:

AYES: Alderwoman Carr, Alderwoman Guerrero, Alderwoman Hager and Alderwoman Rathbun.

NAYES: None

ABSTAINING: Alderwoman Truan

F.M. 803 UPDATE BY TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION:

Mr. Juan Bosquez, Jr. and Mr. Andres Espinoza from the Texas Department of Transportation updated the Board on the realignment of FM 803 and answered questions from the members.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion was made by Alderwoman Hager, seconded by Alderwoman Carr, and unanimously carried, that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 8, 2013 at 6:00 P.M. be approved as written.

CONSIDERATION/ACTION ON A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF RANCHO  
VIEJO BOARD OF ALDERMEN REQUESTING THE MEMBERS OF THE 83<sup>RD</sup>  
LEGISLATION SESSION OF THE STATE OF TEXAS SUPPORT  
LEGISLATION THAT INCREASES FUNDING FOR THE TEXAS RECREATION  
& PARKS ACCOUNT LOCAL PARK GRANT PROGRAMS, AND THE TEXAS  
STATE PARK SYSTEM:

Motion was made by Alderwoman Guerrero, seconded by Alderwoman Rathbun, and unanimously carried, to approve Resolution No. 252 - A Resolution of the Town of Rancho Viejo Board of Aldermen Requesting the Members of the 83<sup>rd</sup> Legislation Session of the State of Texas Support Legislation that Increases Funding for the Texas Recreation & Parks Account Local Park Grant Programs, and the Texas State Park System.

CONSIDERATION/ACTION TO MOVE \$20,000 FROM THE GENERAL RESERVE TO STREET REHABILITATION:

Motion was made by Alderwoman Guerrero, seconded by Alderwoman Hager, and unanimously carried, to move \$20,000 from the General Reserve to Street Rehabilitation for crack sealing.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

ADJOURNMENT:

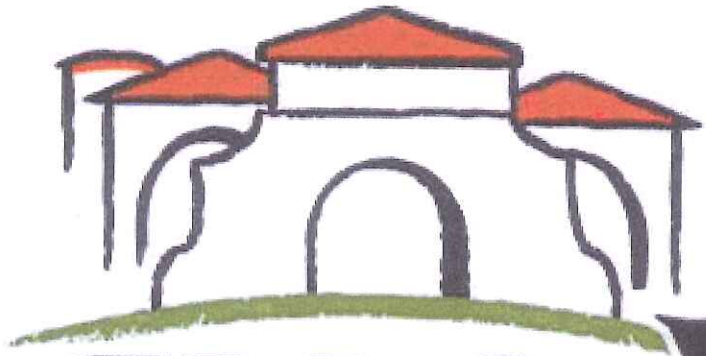
Motion was made by Alderwoman Hager, seconded by Alderwoman Guerrero, and unanimously carried, to adjourn the meeting at 6:33 P.M.

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cheryl J. Kretz, Town Secretary

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Roberto Medrano, Mayor

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Presentation by Rancho Viejo  
Resort & Country Club on  
Painting Club Logo on Water  
Tower



# RANCHO VIEJO

RESORT & COUNTRY CLUB

Consideration/Action on  
Authorizing Funds for Painting  
of Current Logo on Water Tower -  
\$12,997; Funds to be moved from  
General Reserve

## Tank Reservoir Elevation

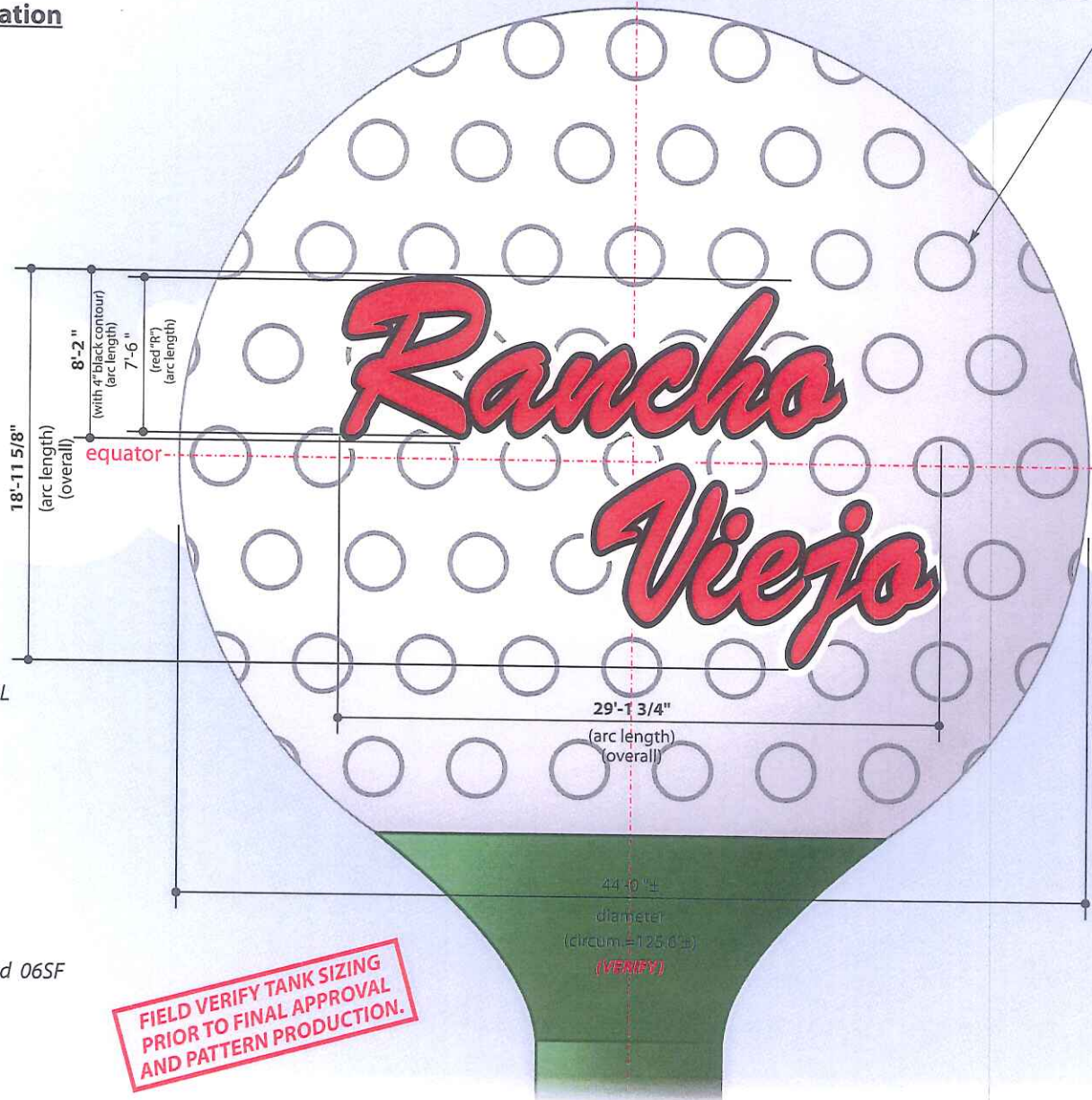
Tank size based on typical 300KG CB&I Pedisphere and client-provided approximate tank sizing.

Contractor shall verify all measurements prior to final approvals and production.

Quantity: (2) sides.  
Orientation to be located / verified in the field by Owner.

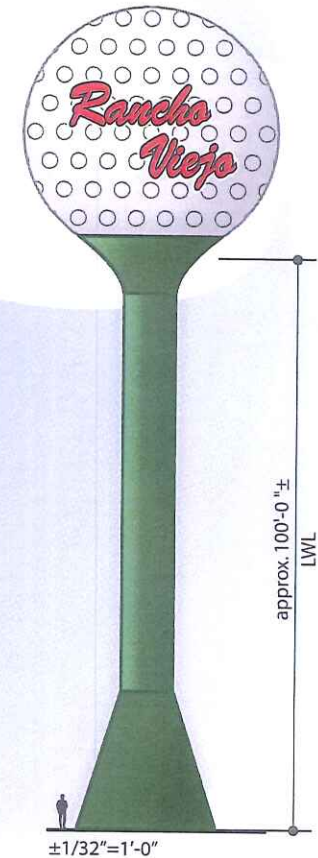
Only "Rancho Viejo" logo portion to be produced as a pattern.  
"Dimples" by contractor.

-  Tnemec Tank White 15BL
-  Tnemec Gray 33GR
-  Tnemec Black 35GR
-  Tnemec Candy Apple Red 06SF
-  Tnemec Fairway 21GN



**Dimples:**  
Approx. size shown for illustration only, .36" outer/.30" inner dia. (std. gasket size if approved to be used). Final size and spacing to be determined. (Acquire existing sizing/spacing and/or actual tracing in the field prior to removal/overcoating.)

FIELD VERIFY TANK SIZING PRIOR TO FINAL APPROVAL AND PATTERN PRODUCTION.



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**Client:** Dunham Engineering  
**Design:** Rancho Viejo TX VMUD No2 300KG PED A0  
**Revision Date:**  
**First Print Date:** 01-23-13  
**Scale:** 1/8"=1'-0"±

Please sign copy(s) of this drawing and accompanying estimate if approved and return or fax to begin work.

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**APPROVED**  **DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

**APPROVED AS NOTED**  **DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

**REVISE + RESUBMIT**  **DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

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Public Hearing To Receive Final Recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission of the Town of Rancho Viejo, Texas on an Ordinance of the Town of Rancho Viejo, Texas Amending the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance, Establishing Procedure for Obtaining a Specific Use Permit, Providing for an Effective Date and Publication in Caption Form



Consideration, Discussion and  
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Amending the Comprehensive  
Zoning Ordinance, Establishing  
Procedure for Obtaining a  
Specific Use Permit, Providing  
for an Effective Date and  
Publication in Caption Form

The Planning and Zoning Commission, at their March 7, 2013 meeting, made a unanimous final recommendation to the Board of Aldermen to approve the Ordinance of the Town of Rancho Viejo, Texas, Amending the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance, Establishing Procedure for Obtaining a Specific Use Permit, Providing for an Effective Date and Publication in Caption Form.

**ORDINANCE NO.**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF RANCHO VIEJO, TEXAS, AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE, ESTABLISHING PROCEDURE FOR OBTAINING A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE, AND PUBLICATION IN CAPTION FORM

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Chapter 211 of the Texas Local Government Code, the Town of Rancho Viejo, Texas, has the authority to adopt a comprehensive zoning ordinance and map regulating the location and use of buildings, other structures, and land for business, industrial, residential, and other purposes; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Rancho Viejo, Texas, adopted a comprehensive zoning ordinance and map as found in Chapter 70 of the Town's Ordinances pursuant to Chapter 211 of the Texas Local Government Code, which was made in accordance with a comprehensive plan for the purpose of promoting health, safety, peace, morals, and the general welfare of the Town of Rancho Viejo, Texas; and,

**WHEREAS**, section 70-1 of the Town's Ordinances provides that the comprehensive zoning ordinance is designed to lessen congestion in the streets; to secure safety from fire, panic, and other dangers; to provide adequate light and air; to prevent the overcrowding of land; to avoid undue concentration of population; and, to facilitate adequate provisions for transportation, water, sewage, schools, parks, and other public requirements; and,

**WHEREAS**, the comprehensive zoning ordinance makes zoning regulations and districts with reasonable consideration, among other things, for the character of the district, and its peculiar suitability for the particular uses; and, with a view of conserving the value of buildings and encouraging the most appropriate use of land throughout the Town of Rancho Viejo, Texas; and,

**WHEREAS**, from time to time there may be a use that is sufficiently unusual in character as to not properly conform to the respective zoning districts, and may need special regulation; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Aldermen wish to supplement Chapter 70 of the Town's Ordinances by providing authority for such special regulation in order to ensure the protection of the comprehensive plan of Chapter 70, which was adopted for the purpose of promoting health, safety, peace, morals, and the general welfare of the Town of Rancho Viejo, Texas;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, pursuant to the authority granted by the Constitution, laws of the State of Texas, and Chapter 211 of the Texas Local Government Code, **BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF RANCHO VIEJO, TEXAS, THAT:**

**SECTION 1.** All of the above premises are hereby found to be true and correct legislative and factual findings of the Town of Rancho Viejo and they are hereby approved and incorporated into the body of this Ordinance as if copied in their entirety.

**SECTION 2.** When special regulation is necessary in order to allow a use that is sufficiently unusual in character as to not properly conform to the respective zoning districts, an application may be made for a specific use permit. Any specific use permit shall not alter a zoning district classification except by adding a particular use or uses for a designated period of time, subject to conditions and regulations in addition to those of the base zoning district as the Board of Aldermen may deem necessary.

**SECTION 3.** In general, and subject to any regulations proposed under Section 4 herein, the following conditions must be met before a specific use permit may be issued:

- (a) The specific use shall be compatible with and not injurious to the use and enjoyment of other property, nor significantly diminish or impair property values within the immediate vicinity of the specific use;
- (b) The establishment of the specific use will not impede the normal and orderly development and improvement of surrounding vacant property;
- (c) Adequate utilities, access roads, drainage, and other necessary supporting facilities have been or will be provided;
- (d) The design, location, and arrangement of all driveways and parking spaces provides for the safe and convenient movement of vehicular and pedestrian traffic without adversely affecting the general public or adjacent development;
- (e) Adequate nuisance prevention measures have been or will be taken to prevent or control offensive odor, fumes, dust, noise, and vibration;
- (f) Directional lighting will be provided so as not to disturb or adversely affect neighboring properties; and,
- (g) There are sufficient landscaping and screening to insure harmony and compatibility with adjacent property.

**SECTION 4.** Any application for a specific use permit must be made pursuant to the Specific Use Permit Application Form attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** and incorporated by reference. The Board of Aldermen and the Planning and Zoning Commission shall only approve a request for a specific use permit after they have each determined, after a public hearing, that the use or uses allowed will not be detrimental to the neighborhood around the area of request or to the Town of Rancho Viejo, Texas, as a whole, or comprehensive plan for the health, safety, peace, morals, and the general welfare of the Town of Rancho Viejo, Texas as set forth in the comprehensive zoning ordinance. Furthermore, in the course of considering any application for a specific use permit, the Board of Aldermen shall not grant any such application until the Planning and Zoning Commission has made a final recommendation on the advisability of said permit, and has had an opportunity to propose necessary regulations to accompany said permit. The Board of Aldermen and the Planning and Zoning Commission may require from the applicant any plans, including but not limited to site plans, information, operational data, and expert evaluation concerning the location, function, and characteristics of the proposed use or building.

**SECTION 5.** The Board of Aldermen when awarding a specific use permit, and the Planning and Zoning Commission when making a final recommendation concerning an application for a specific use permit, shall establish conditions and regulations, in addition to

those of the base zoning district, necessary to comply with the comprehensive plan for the health, safety, peace, morals, and the general welfare of the Town of Rancho Viejo, Texas.

**SECTION 6.** Failure to comply with regulations, restrictions, and conditions of a specific use permit, or with any provisions of this Ordinance, or with County, State, and Federal laws, shall constitute adequate reason for revocation of a specific use permit at the sole discretion of the Board of Aldermen, after public hearing and final recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission.

**SECTION 7.** The various guidelines approved by the Board of Aldermen, which are not part of this Ordinance, shall serve as the guidelines when establishing regulations for specific use permits for the respective uses. The Planning and Zoning Commission may recommend, and the Board of Aldermen may modify, alter, change, add to, and delete from the guidelines as they find necessary to fit the needs at the location. The conditions and regulations of the base zoning district shall apply in addition to any special conditions or regulations that the Board of Aldermen may impose.

**SECTION 8.** The Planning and Zoning Commission shall, prior to holding a hearing to provide, change, revise, or modify a specific use permit, send notice of the hearing to all owners of property, or persons rendering the same for taxes, within such specific use permit, and to the owners within 200 feet of the specific use permit not less than ten (10) days before the hearing is held, and must send notice by one publication in an official newspaper, or a newspaper of general circulation, in the Town of Rancho Viejo, Texas, not less than fifteen (15) days before the hearing is held. After the Board of Aldermen receive the final recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission, the Board of Aldermen shall, prior to holding a hearing to take action on the final recommendation, provide notice of the time and place of the hearing by publishing the notice at least fifteen (15) days prior to the date of the hearing in an official newspaper, or a newspaper of general circulation, in the Town of Rancho Viejo, Texas.

**SECTION 9.** Any and all ordinances, orders, resolutions, rules, regulations, policies or provisions in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed and rescinded to the extent of any conflict herewith.

**SECTION 10.** If any section, subsection, clause, phrase or provision of this Ordinance, or the application thereof to any person or circumstance, shall to any extent be held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, void or unconstitutional, the remaining sections, subsections, clauses, phrases or provisions of this Ordinance, or the application thereof to any person or circumstances, shall remain in full force and effect and shall in no way be affected, impaired or invalidated.

**SECTION 11.** This Ordinance shall become effective from and after the date of its passage and publication, and it is accordingly so ordained.

**SIGNATURE PAGE TO FOLLOW:**

PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED on this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2013.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Roberto Medrano, Mayor

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Cheryl Kretz, Town Secretary

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**SPECIFIC USE PERMIT APPLICATION FORM**

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**Town of Rancho Viejo, Texas**

Planning and Zoning Commission  
Board of Aldermen

Tentative Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tentative Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Name (if different from Owner): \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_  
State: \_\_\_\_\_  
Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Property

Property Tax ID #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Property Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Current Zoning: \_\_\_\_\_ Overlay District: \_\_\_\_\_  
Proposed Use: \_\_\_\_\_ Gross Acreage: \_\_\_\_\_

**For properties not in a recorded subdivision, submit a copy of a current survey or plat showing the properties proposed for a specific use permit, and a complete legal field note description.**

Upon submitting this form to the Town of Rancho Viejo, Texas, I have enclosed the following items, which are not to be appended to the specific use ordinance, as follows:

1. No Filing fee;
2. Proof of title for each owner of record site;
3. Duly notarized authorization form of any said owner(s) who have not signed;
4. Letter describing all processes and activities involved with the proposed use;
5. Site plan drawn to scale with the information required by **Exhibit 1**; as determined by Town Hall.
6. 8 ½" x 11" photocopy of the site plan;
7. Map showing boundaries of site covered by this application; and,
8. Concept site plan, signage plans, and elevations of the building.
9. Inspection required yearly or as determined by Town. Inspection Fee \$50.00.

Furthermore, I understand that all conditions in **Exhibit 1** must be met in order to formally request a specific use permit from the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Rancho Viejo, Texas, and that obtaining such permit is subject to formal approval by the Board of Aldermen.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

# Exhibit 1



**EXHIBIT 1**

The site plan must be drawn to scale, and must include the following information:

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Boundaries of the area covered by the site plan;
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. The location of each existing and proposed building and structure in the area covered by the site plan and the number of stories, height, roof line, gross floor area, and location of building entrances and exits;
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. The location of existing and proposed drainage ways and significant natural features;
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Proposed required landscaping and screening buffers;
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. The location and dimensions of all curb cuts, public and private streets, required parking and loading areas, pedestrian walks, lighting facilities, and outside trash storage facilities;
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. The location, height, and type of each existing or required wall, fence, and all other types of screening;
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Off street parking, loading, and traffic circulation;
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Refuse collection;
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. Narrative detailing the specific use, operating data, conditions of operation, and the enforceable conclusions of impact statement(s) (expert if necessary) concerning the location, function, and characteristics of any building or use to be included in the completed project; and,
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. The location, height, and size of all proposed signs.

The following conditions must be met before a specific use permit may be issued:

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. That the specific use will be compatible with and not injurious to the use and enjoyment of other property, nor significantly diminish or impair property values within the immediate vicinity;
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. That the establishment of the specific use will not impede the normal and orderly development and improvement of surrounding vacant property;
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. That adequate utilities, access roads, drainage, and other necessary supporting facilities have been or will be provided;
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. The design, location, and arrangement of all driveways and parking spaces provides for the safe and convenient movement of vehicular and pedestrian traffic without adversely affecting the general public or adjacent development;
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. That adequate nuisance prevention measures have been or will be taken to prevent or control offensive odor, fumes, dust, noise, and vibration;
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. That directional lighting will be provided so as not to disturb or adversely affect neighboring properties;
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. That there are sufficient landscaping and screening to insure harmony and compatibility with adjacent property; and,
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Any other conditions established by the Specific Use Ordinance, and/or by the Planning and Zoning Commission or the Board of Aldermen.

Other Comments Not Addressed: \_\_\_\_\_

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Consideration/Action on  
Resolution Supporting the  
Adoption of Legislation to  
Consolidate the Facilities and  
Programs at the University of  
Texas-Pan American, The  
University of Texas at  
Brownsville and the Regional  
Academic Health Center into a  
Single Institution

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, The University of Texas System Board of Regents has unanimously endorsed the creation of a new institution to serve the Lower Rio Grande Valley through the consolidation of The University of Texas-Pan American, The University of Texas at Brownsville, and a transformed Regional Academic Health Center; and,

WHEREAS, envisioned as an emerging research university with Tier One potential, this noteworthy addition to the UT System would incorporate a long-anticipated independent, comprehensive South Texas medical school; the combined university would be located in Brownsville, Edinburg, Harlingen, and McAllen, greatly expanding educational opportunities, health care access, and economic development throughout the region; and,

WHEREAS, the institution would incorporate many existing facilities, including the UT Brownsville and UT Pan Am campuses, and would build on prior investments by the Texas Legislature and the UT System in medical education in Cameron, Hidalgo, Starr, and Willacy Counties; it would realize some \$6 million in savings annually by eliminating duplicative administrative functions, and at the same time bring in millions of dollars in public and private investment; equally important as the widespread economic benefits that would result from the new institution is the capacity for a medical school to address the region's critical need for health care; and,

WHEREAS, with a projected enrollment of almost 28,000 students, the new university would rank as one of the two largest Hispanic-serving institutions in the nation; it would be exceptionally well-positioned to capitalize on the area's bicultural heritage, rapid population growth, and strategic border location, strengthening the state's ability to compete in an increasingly global economy; and,

WHEREAS, the establishment of this emerging research university and school of medicine in the Lower Rio Grande Valley will be an engine of prosperity and will benefit all Texans now and in the years to come; in order for the proposed merger and related plans to take final effect and for the institution to gain access to the Permanent University Fund, the Texas Legislature must take action, and measures are being introduced to complete the approval process.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF RANCHO VIEJO, TEXAS that legislation to consolidate the facilities and programs of The University of Texas-Pan American, The University of Texas at Brownsville, and the Regional Academic Health Center into a single institution within and as proposed by The University of Texas System be enacted and that all those involved with the approval of the plan be commended for taking action.

PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED on the 12<sup>TH</sup> day of MARCH , 2013.

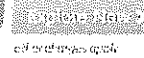
Roberto Medrano  
Mayor

ATTEST:

Cheryl J. Kretz  
Town Secretary

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Resolution in Support of a Consolidated UT Campus in the LRGV

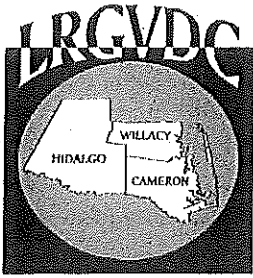
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Dear County/City Representative,
Attached please find a memo from Mr. Ken Jones, LRGVDC Executive Director regarding consideration of a resolution of support for a consolidated University of Texas institution in the Lower Rio Grande Valley.
Also attached is LRGVDC Resolution 2013-01 passed at the January Board meeting, and a sample resolution available for consideration and modification by your governing body.
Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

Best regards,
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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** LRGVDC Local Governments  
**FROM:** Ken Jones, Executive Director  
**SUBJ:** Consideration of Resolution  
**DATE:** February 12, 2013

At the last LRGVDC Board of Directors meeting, the Board unanimously approved the attached resolution supporting the adoption of legislation to consolidate the facilities and programs of the University of Texas – Pan American, The University of Texas at Brownsville, and the Regional Academic Health Center into a single institution.

The Board of Directors also requested this resolution to be distributed to local governments throughout the region encouraging each to consider adoption of a similar resolution. Please feel free to utilize the attached LRGVDC resolution as a "model" for consideration by your city/county, and please do not hesitate to contact me should there be any questions.

Upon adoption please send a copy to my attention here at the LRGVDC so we can forward to our Rio Grande Valley State Legislative Delegation.

Thank you for consideration of this request.

## RESOLUTION 2013 - 1

WHEREAS, The University of Texas System Board of Regents has unanimously endorsed the creation of a new institution to serve the Lower Rio Grande Valley through the consolidation of The University of Texas--Pan American, The University of Texas at Brownsville, and a transformed Regional Academic Health Center; and

WHEREAS, envisioned as an emerging research university with Tier One potential, this noteworthy addition to the UT System would incorporate a long-anticipated independent, comprehensive South Texas medical school; the combined university would be located in Brownsville, Edinburg, Harlingen, and McAllen, greatly expanding educational opportunities, health care access, and economic development throughout the region; and

WHEREAS, the institution would incorporate many existing facilities, including the UT Brownsville and UT Pan Am campuses, and would build on prior investments by the Texas Legislature and the UT System in medical education in Cameron, Hidalgo, Starr, and Willacy Counties; it would realize some \$6 million in savings annually by eliminating duplicative administrative functions, and at the same time bring in millions of dollars in public and private investment; equally important as the widespread economic benefits that would result from the new institution is the capacity for a medical school to address the region's critical need for health care; and

WHEREAS, with a projected enrollment of almost 28,000 students, the new university would rank as one of the two largest Hispanic-serving institutions in the nation; it would be exceptionally well-positioned to capitalize on the area's bicultural heritage, rapid population growth, and strategic border location, strengthening the state's ability to compete in an increasingly global economy; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of this emerging research university and school of medicine in the Lower Rio Grande Valley will be an engine of prosperity and will benefit all Texans now and in the years to come; in order for the proposed merger and related plans to take final effect and for the institution to gain access to the Permanent University Fund, the Texas Legislature must take action, and measures are being introduced to complete the approval process;

Now, therefore, be it RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL that legislation to consolidate the facilities and programs of The University of Texas--Pan American, The University of Texas at Brownsville, and the Regional Academic Health Center into a single institution within and as proposed by The University of Texas System be enacted and that all those involved with the approval of the plan be commended for taking action.

Dated: January 23, 2013



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve Brewer".

Mayor Steve Brewer, President

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Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, 2013

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(signature)



# Public Comment

Executive Session pursuant to  
Texas Government Code Section  
551.071 to seek the advice of  
the Town's attorney about  
litigation

Possible action on matters or  
items discussed in Executive  
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Adjourn