

City of Copperas Cove Information Item No.

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State of Texas Highway Beautification Act

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SUBJECT: UPDATE ON CITIZEN CONCERNS AND THE APPLICATION OF THE STATE OF TEXAS HIGHWAY BEAUTIFICATION ACT REGULATIONS.

1. BACKGROUND/HISTORY

Over the past several years, the City and the City's elected officials have received a number of verbal complaints regarding the appearance of the property located at 513 E. Highway 190. Citizens were told the complaints were required to be placed in writing so the complaints could be forwarded to the Texas Department of Transportation. As such, each received written complaint was forwarded to the Texas Department of Transportation.

2. FINDINGS/CURRENT ACTIVITY

On September 17, 2014, the City Manager received written notification from the Texas Department of Transportation and the response received was that the property was zoned by the City for the type of activity that is conducted at the location thus the business is not required to be screened according to the Highway Beautification Act (HBA) regulations. The HBA only requires screening if the activity is inconsistent with the zoning or inconsistent with the use of an unzoned area.

3. FINANCIAL IMPACT

No financial impact is associated with the preparation of the update.

4. STAFF RECOMMENDATION

N/A.