## **RESOLUTION 2012-02**

## A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WESTON LAKES, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SUBMIT A LETTER TO THE STATE COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS DETAILING THE CITY'S LEGAL AUTHORITY TO EXERCISE THE POWER OF EMINENT DOMAIN, AS REQUIRED BY SENATE BILL 18 ENACTED BY THE 82<sup>ND</sup> LEGISLATURE.

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 18, enacted by the 82<sup>nd</sup> Legislature, requires all public and private entities that are authorized to exercise the power of eminent domain to submit a letter to the Comptroller of Public Accounts detailing their legal authority to exercise this power; and

WHEREAS, entities that fail to provide this letter by December 31, 2012, will cause that

entity's power of eminent domain to expire; and

WHEREAS, the City of Weston Lakes is authorized to exercise the power of eminent domain through multiple provisions of state law, and

WHEREAS, to preserve this power the City Council deems it in the best interest of the City to authorize the Mayor to submit a letter to the Comptroller of Public Accounts detailing the City's authority as provided by law; NOW THEREFORE,

## BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WESTON LAKES, TEXAS:

Section 1. That the City Council hereby approves the letter to the Comptroller of Public Accounts detailing the City's legal authority to exercise the power of eminent domain in substantially the same form as Exhibit A hereto and incorporated herein.

Section 1. That the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to submit the letter and any other needed documentation, to Susan Combs, the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, to preserve the City's power of eminent domain, as required by Senate Bill 18.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 20 day of <u>lugust</u>, 2012.

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Mary Rose Zdunkewicz Mayor City of Weston Lakes

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Marlee Freeman, City Secretary



August 20, 2012

## CERTIFIED MAIL, RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED #77011 0470000331126875

Susan Combs Texas State Comptroller P. O. Box 13528, Capitol Station Austin, TX 78711-3528

Re: Eminent Domain Authority of the City of Weston Lakes, Texas.

Dear Ms. Combs:

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This letter is being provided pursuant to Senate Bill 18 amending Chapter 2206 of the Texas Government Code. Senate Bill 18, enacted by the  $82^{nd}$  Legislature, requires all public and private entities that are authorized to exercise the power of eminent domain to submit a letter to the Comptroller of Public Accounts detailing their legal authority to exercise this power.

The City of Weston Lakes, Texas (the "City") is a Type B general-law municipality. The City has the power of eminent domain expressly pursuant to Chapter 251 of the Texas Local Government Code. This power specifically derives from Section 251.001 and the exercise of this power is governed by Chapter 21 of the Texas Property Code.

Additionally, the following citations grant the City additional general and specific authority to exercise the power of eminent domain:

Citation	Title
	Authority of a Special-Law Municipality to Annex for Limited Purposes
Tex. Loc. Gov't Code § 43.136	along Navigable Stream
Tex. Loc. Gov't Code § 251.001	Right of Eminent Domain
Tex. Loc. Gov't Code § 214.136	Condemnation of Property
Tex. Loc. Gov't Code § 241.903	Acquisition of Air Rights or Other Property
Tex. Loc. Gov't Code § 273.001	Acquisition of Property; Exercise of Police Power
Tex. Loc. Gov't Code § 280.001	Land for Use of United States
Tex. Loc. Gov't Code § 281.050	Acquisition of Land and Other Property
Tex. Loc. Gov't Code § 281.051	Eminent Domain

Tex. Loc. Gov't Code § 331.001 General Authority Tex. Loc. Gov't Code § 331.003 **Eminent Domain** Tex. Loc. Gov't Code § 335.071 General Powers of District Tex. Loc. Gov't Code § 374.015 General Municipal Powers Relating to Urban Renewal Tex. Loc. Gov't Code § 379B.0045 Eminent Domain Tex. Loc. Gov't Code § 392.056 Acquisition, Use, and Disposition of Real and Personal Property Tex. Loc. Gov't Code § 392.061 **Eminent Domain** Tex. Loc. Gov't Code § 504.106 **Eminent Domain** Tex. Loc. Gov't Code § 505.105 Eminent Domain Tex. Loc. Gov't Code § 507.103 **Eminent Domain** Tex. Loc. Gov't Code § 552.002 Certain Public Services & Utility Systems in Home-Rule Municipality Tex. Loc. Gov't Code § 552.011 Use of Eminent Domain Power Tex. Loc. Gov't Code § 552.012 Municipalities in or Contracting with a Water District Tex. Loc. Gov't Code § 552.013 Water System in Municipalities with Population of More Than 1,000 Tex. Loc. Gov't Code § 552.102 Eminent Domain by Municipal Sewer Providers Tex. Loc. Gov't Code § 552.123 Authority of Board of Trustees Tex. Loc. Gov't Code § 571.004 Acquisition of Property, Eminent Domain Tex. Loc. Gov't Code § 572.013 Use of Eminent Domain Tex. Loc. Gov't Code § 601.027 Powers of Authority Tex. Loc. Gov't Code § 601.040 Acquisition of Real Property Tex. Gov't Code § 1505.114 **Eminent Domain** Tex. Gov't Code § 1506.060 Eminent Domain Tex. Health & Safety Code § 262.028 **Eminent Domain** Tex. Health & Safety Code § 265.052 **Eminent Domain** Tex. Transp. Code § 22.011 General Powers Regarding Airports & Air Navigation Facilities Tex. Transp. Code § 173.159 Eminent Domain Tex. Transp. Code § 224.002 Acquisition by County or Municipality Generally Tex. Transp. Code § 311.032 Establishment of Freeway Assessment for Opening, Extending, or Widening of Street or Alley in Tex. Transp. Code § 311.092 Home-Rule Municipality Tex. Transp. Code § 314.011 Acquisition of Property for Highway Improvements by Municipality Tex. Transp. Code § 317.007 **Eminent Domain** Tex. Transp. Code § 451.069 Use and Acquisition of Property by Others Construction and Maintenance of Utility, Common Carrier, Cable Tex. Util. Code § 186.054 Operator, and Energy Transporter Facilities Tex. Water Code § 11.033 **Eminent Domain** Tex. CONST. Art. XI, § 5 Adoption or amendment of home rule charter

In addition to the provisions identified above, the City reserves the right, if ever it is a homerule municipality, to exercise the power of eminent domain as authorized by the Constitution of the State of Texas unless a prohibition of the City's use of said power is set forth in unmistakably clear language in the Constitution, general laws or special laws of this State. Further, the City has the authority to exercise the power of eminent domain through entities that the laws of the State of Texas authorize the City to create, control, and/or participate in, that have been or in the future will be created by the City and that are or will be granted eminent domain power through general and special statutes adopted by the Legislature for that purpose, none of which are waived or abandoned by the City, directly or indirectly.

Sincerely,

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Mary Rose Zdunkewicz Mayor, City of Weston Lakes