



Travis County ESD No. 9

Westlake Fire Department

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IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO OUR NEIGHBORS ALONG THE LAKE

Public Meeting for Affected Property Owners

The District will hold an informational meeting for all affected property owners regarding recent disannexations.

Date&Time:

Monday evening, March 23, 2026, at 6:30 pm.

Location:

Bridgepoint Elementary Cafeteria
6401 Cedar Street
Austin, Texas 78746

You are strongly encouraged to attend so that you can make informed decisions regarding the continued protection of your property.

Dear Property Owner:

If you have received this letter, it is because your property may be located within both the City of Austin (the City) and Travis County Emergency Services District No. 9 (the District), within the District only, within the City only, or only in Travis County. For your convenience, we have attached a map of the District that identifies the lake properties.

As you will see on the map, properties along Lake Austin may lie entirely within the City of Austin, entirely within the District, or—most commonly—within both jurisdictions. In many cases, the official Austin city limits run directly through the middle of a property, with the 504.9-foot elevation contour serving as the legal boundary line.

Important Information Regarding DisAnnexation and Emergency Services

As part of our due diligence obligations and public safety mission, we want to ensure that all affected owners of property located in the City of Austin clearly understand the implications of any potential disannexation from the City of Austin.

If you disannex your property from the City without establishing appropriate arrangements, emergency services such as **fire protection, rescue services, or first responder emergency medical services** may not be provided by the City or the District.

The District is not taking a position for or against any potential disannexation from the City. Our intent is solely to ensure that property owners understand that disannexation **does not** automatically make their property part of Travis County Emergency Services District 9.

Legal Limitations on District Services

The Texas Constitution prohibits the District from expending taxpayer funds except in furtherance of services provided in the territory of the District, or pursuant to an interlocal agreement with one or more other jurisdictions for the sharing of services. Under Article III, Section 52, and other applicable constitutional and statutory provisions, the District cannot legally provide fire protection, rescue services, or first responder emergency medical services to property located outside the District except pursuant to such an interlocal agreement. The District is not a party to any such agreement(s) to provide services to your property following any disannexation from the City of Austin unless your property is already located in the territory of the District. Therefore, any portion of your property that becomes disannexed from the City and is not included within the District's boundaries will not be served by the District.

Consequences for Insurance and Property Value

Failure to secure fire-protection and emergency services coverage can have serious consequences:

- Insurance carriers typically require confirmation that a recognized fire protection provider serves the property.
- Without such coverage, insurance premiums may increase sharply, coverage may be reduced, or insurers may decline to underwrite the property.
- The absence of guaranteed emergency services will almost certainly pose significant challenges during any future sale of the property.

The Good News:

- 1) The route to being included in the District is relatively simple and is well-known: you and any others that wish to be annexed into the territory of the District can petition the District for annexation of your properties.

The statutory procedures are outlined in Texas Health & Safety Code § 775.051 (Subchapter D Expansion of District Territory), which is available at:

<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/HS/htm/HS.775.htm>.

- 2) State law caps the ad valorem tax an Emergency Services District can assess to your property at \$0.10 per \$100 – less than a tenth of the City's tax rate. Furthermore, your Travis County ESD 9 Commissioners, through fiscally responsible budgeting, have reduced this rate to \$0.0758 per \$100 of valuation.

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Contact Information

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our Fire Chief, David Wilson, at dwilson@westlakefd.org or 512-539-3401.

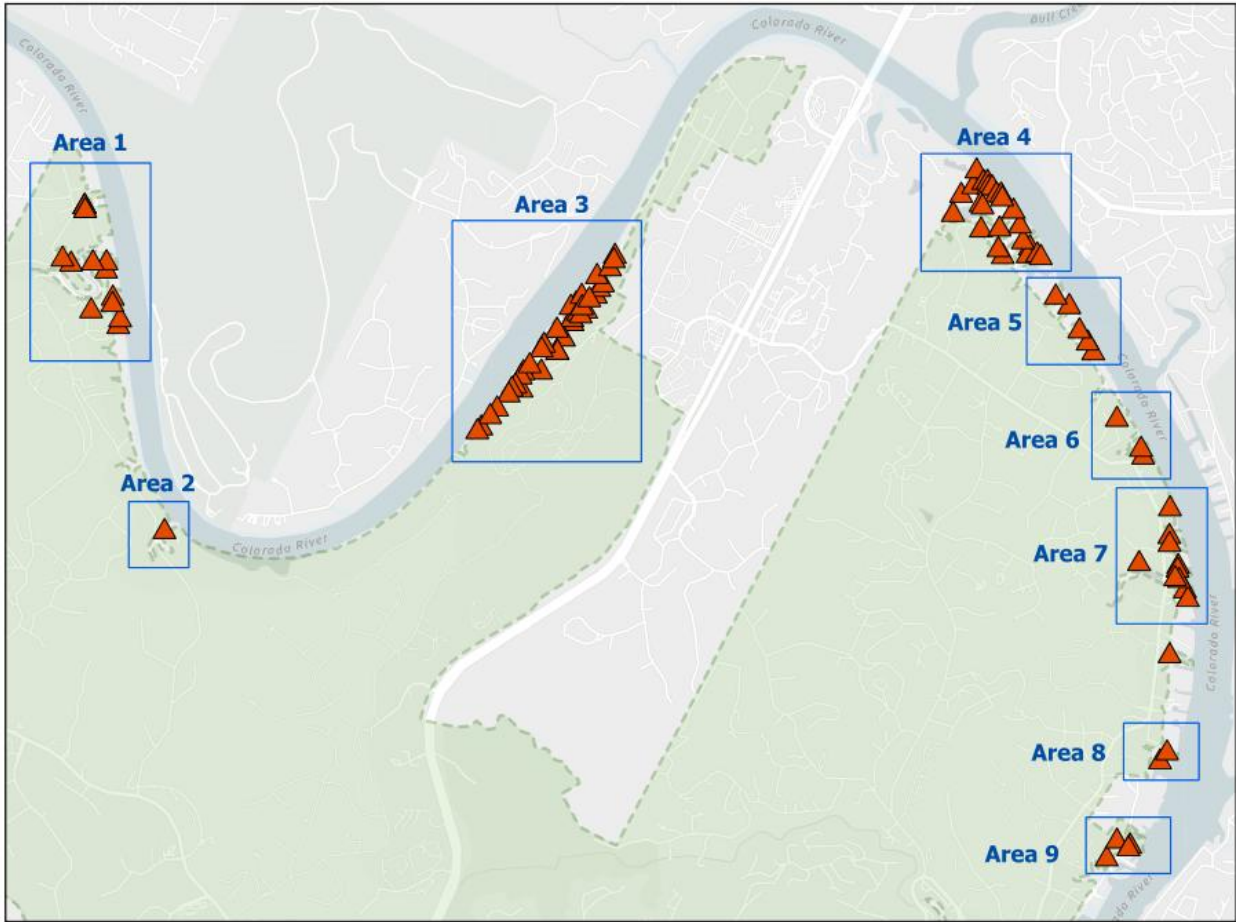
On behalf of the District, thank you for your attention to this important matter. We look forward to assisting you in understanding your options and ensuring the continued safety of your property, as well as rescue and first responder emergency medical services.

Sincerely,

Virgil Flathouse
Travis County ESD 9/
Westlake Fire Department
President, Board of Commissioners

City of Austin Disannexations

▲ Addresses disannexed by COA □ Area Labels for ESD 9 Notification
▣ Disannexed lots within ESD 9 ■ ESD 9 Territory







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