Chapter 275. Relocation Assistance

275.001 Definitions

(a) "County buyout" means Travis County's acquisition of real property, including the acquisition of real property in a floodplain through voluntary transfer for the primary purpose of mitigation or abatement of flood hazards to residences or businesses.

(b) "Relocation assistance" means moving expenses and rental supplements, relocation payments, financial assistance to acquire replacement housing, and compensation for expenses incidental to the transfer of property as required by section 21.046(b) of the Texas Property Code.

(c) "URA" means the Federal Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, 42 United States Code Annotated section 4601 et seq.

275.002 Eligibility and Payment

(a) State or Federally-assisted County Buyout. For a County buyout that will be funded in part or in full with state, federal, or other outside funds, the County will provide the level of relocation assistance required by the administering, state, federal, or other agency.

(b) For a County buyout that is funded either wholly by the County or with outside funds not conditioned on providing a certain level of relocation assistance:

   (1) The County will provide relocation assistance in accordance with Section 21.046(b) of the Texas Property Code,

   (2) The County Commissioners Court will determine the level of relocation assistance to be provided for that particular County buyout project based on the availability of County funds, the number of properties that are planned for acquisition, and any other factors the County Commissioners Court deems pertinent in determining how to allocate scarce resources equitably to achieve the purpose of the County buyout, and

1 Chapter 115 was replaced Travis County Commissioners Court on 12/17/2013 (Item 2.D). Chapter 115 was renumbered as Chapter 275 on June 1, 2018 (approved May 15, 2018, Item 7).
(3) The County will not authorize expenditures that exceed payments authorized under the URA.

(c) A person that occupies, leases, or owns a property in a floodplain and who is displaced through a County buyout may receive relocation assistance from Travis County only if the person relocates to a property that is located outside the regulatory floodplain.