

AN ACT

relating to the collection of costs incurred by certain municipalities in remedying substandard conditions on a property.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 342, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 342.0075 to read as follows:

Sec. 342.0075. COLLECTION OF EXPENSES AND INTEREST. (a) On the request of a municipality, the person who assesses the ad valorem taxes for the municipality shall include on the ad valorem tax bill sent under Section 31.01, Tax Code, to the owner of a property a separate item for the expenses imposed by the municipality, including accrued interest, under Section 342.007. The tax bill must show the total amount due, and that amount must include the ad valorem taxes, expenses incurred, and interest accrued.

(b) At the time the property owner pays the ad valorem taxes on the property to the person who collects the ad valorem taxes for the municipality, the property owner shall pay to that collector those expenses incurred and the interest accrued.

(c) If the person who assesses or collects taxes for a municipality is not an officer or employee of the municipality, the municipality shall negotiate with the person a reasonable fee to be paid to the person for services performed by the person under this section.

1 SECTION 2. Section 342.0075, Health and Safety Code,
2 applies only to a county with two or more municipalities each with a
3 population of 300,000 or more.

4 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003, and
5 applies to the collection of an expense incurred by a municipality
6 and the related interest accrued before, on, or after the effective
7 date of this Act.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 3232 was passed by the House on May 2, 2003, by the following vote: Yeas 126, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 3232 on May 30, 2003, by the following vote: Yeas 142, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 3232 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 28, 2003, by a viva-voce vote.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor