

1-1 By: Smith of Tarrant (Senate Sponsor - Brimer) H.B. No. 3232
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 5, 2003;
1-3 May 7, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Intergovernmental Relations; May 20, 2003, reported favorably by
1-5 the following vote: Yeas 3, Nays 0; May 20, 2003, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the collection of costs incurred by a municipality in
1-9 remedying substandard conditions on a property.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 342, Health and Safety
1-12 Code, is amended by adding Section 342.0075 to read as follows:

1-13 Sec. 342.0075. COLLECTION OF EXPENSES AND INTEREST. (a) On
1-14 the request of a municipality, the person who assesses the ad
1-15 valorem taxes for the municipality shall include on the ad valorem
1-16 tax bill sent under Section 31.01, Tax Code, to the owner of a
1-17 property a separate item for the expenses imposed by the
1-18 municipality, including accrued interest, under Section 342.007.
1-19 The tax bill must show the total amount due, and that amount must
1-20 include the ad valorem taxes, expenses incurred, and interest
1-21 accrued.

1-22 (b) At the time the property owner pays the ad valorem taxes
1-23 on the property to the person who collects the ad valorem taxes for
1-24 the municipality, the property owner shall pay to that collector
1-25 those expenses incurred and the interest accrued.

1-26 (c) If the person who assesses or collects taxes for a
1-27 municipality is not an officer or employee of the municipality, the
1-28 municipality shall negotiate with the person a reasonable fee to be
1-29 paid to the person for services performed by the person under this
1-30 section.

1-31 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003, and
1-32 applies to the collection of an expense incurred by a municipality
1-33 and the related interest accrued before, on, or after the effective
1-34 date of this Act.

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