



# City of Galveston

NOTICE TO OWNER  
- INVOLUNTARY ACQUISITION -  
(Threat/Use Of Eminent Domain)

January 8, 2024

Dear Property Owner(s):

The City of Galveston is interested in acquiring a temporary easement on property you own at 41 South Shore Drive, Galveston TX, 77551 for a proposed project which has received funding assistance from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) under the Texas General Land Office Hurricane Harvey Statewide Mitigation Competition. A temporary easement is a property interest granted to the City of Galveston for a limited period of time and which provides the City of Galveston or its agents the legal right to enter onto and/or use a portion of your land during the existence of the easement.

The purpose of this notice is to inform you of your rights under a federal law known as the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act (URA). Enclosed is a HUD brochure entitled "When A Public Agency Acquires Your Property". This brochure provides useful information about the public acquisition of real property (real estate) under the URA. As required by state law, you will also find a copy of the Texas Landowners Bill of Rights enclosed.

At this stage, your property is only under consideration for acquisition of an easement. This notice is not a contractual offer or commitment to purchase your property.

If your property is selected for easement acquisition, under the URA, you will have the right to receive just compensation for the easement. In order to determine the amount of just compensation to be offered to you, an appraisal of your property will be required. In such a case, an appraiser will contact you to provide you an opportunity to accompany him or her on the inspection of your property. It would be in your best interest to accompany the appraiser during the property inspection so that you can point out any unique features of your property which should be considered in the valuation process and so that you can also answer any questions the appraiser may have.

At this time, we are requesting that you inform as to any residential or commercial tenants occupying the property. This is not a notice to vacate the property and therefore, you should





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not move out of the property and you must not evict or otherwise force any tenants out of the property for reasons other than a breach of the written lease agreement.

For your information, the City of Galveston possesses eminent domain authority to acquire the property needed for this project, however, our goal is to attempt to negotiate amicable agreements for all property easement acquisitions prior to its use. If negotiations fail, acquisition under eminent domain may be considered.

If you have any questions about this notice or the proposed project, please contact Robert L Winiecke, PE, CFM, Director Infrastructure & Engineering, P.O. Box 779, Galveston, TX 77553, (409)-797-3664.

Sincerely,

Robert L Winiecke, PE, CFM

**Enclosures:** HUD Brochure  
Texas Landowners Bill of Rights

